

Details on new board members

Aseena Allurut -- (Iqaluit)

Ms. Allurut has worked with the Municipal Training Organization (MTO) since its inception 2 ½ years ago and is now the Manager of Community Training. She maintains the MTO's large website in both English and Inuktitut, and sees the potential of broadband clearly, as she has struggled to help hamlet employees access documents through dial-up services. Broadband services will mean that Hamlets will be able to access large documents on policy, by-laws, etc., information and materials they need. Ms. Allurut believes its very important that every community is connected properly - both large and small. She sees email and websites as very effective tools for people operating in different time zones so they can better stay in touch. She sees excellent potential for people to take courses on line, as they will be faster than correspondence and can connect with other people, without costly travel. Ms. Allurut wants to see more Inuktitut on line, as she has seen that as people see materials in Inuktitut, they get more interested, and get more involved in training opportunities. Ms. Allurut is originally from Arctic Bay, and now lives in Iqaluit.

Joe Aupaluktuk -- (Baker Lake)

Mr. Aupaluktuk was one of the people who started a high speed service for the residents of Baker Lake in 2001—the first high speed service in Nunavut. While that service was discontinued in 2004, Mr. Aupaluktuk gained a great deal of experience with computers, software, hardware, and knows the potential of broadband first hand. He attended the first Nunavut Broadband Advisory committee meeting in the spring of 2003, and today, wants to see broadband's potential realized. He wants to ensure technical reception is the best it can be, investigating outdoor antennas where required. Mr. Aupaluktuk wants to see more opportunities for teenagers for learning more about computers and broadband. He is a lifelong resident of Baker Lake, and currently is the foreman at the Housing Corporation. He is the Baker Lake board member for Kivalliq Inuit Association, is part of the local District Education Authority, and is the Chair for the Clark Committee. Mr. Aupaluktuk is involved with young people in sports and various committees, and very involved in the community.

Adamee Itorcheak - (Iqaluit)

Mr. Itorcheak served on the previous NBDC board, and is President of Nunanet Worldwide Communications Ltd., a company he founded in 1995. Nunanet is the Community Service Provider for Iqaluit for the new broadband network, and was the first and largest Internet Service Provider (ISP) in Nunavut. Now that the network is launching, Mr. Itorcheak sees many new opportunities emerging, and wants to explore ways to better use the technologies effectively. He wants to ensure bandwidth is managed well, and make sure Nunavut residents know about broadband developments and how they can benefit. He sees the importance in involving new people in technology, and wants to see users in Nunavut drive the direction of NBDC to ensure broadband is shaped to meet Nunavummiut needs. His goal this year is to stabilize NBDC core funding, and ensure people across Nunavut have appropriate access. He believes access to communication tools must be a fundamental right, and wants NBDC to help ensure this dream. Mr. Itorcheak began his career with Bell Canada in the early 1980's and has remained involved ever since in all aspects of the communications industry. He sat on

the National Broadband Task Force in 2001, and sat on the initial Advisory Committee to the NBDC in 2003.

Bob McLean -- (Sanikiluaq)

Mr. McLean was an active participant with the previous NBDC Board of Directors, and prior to that, served on the NBDC Advisory Committee. He is manager of a Sanikiluaq-based Inuit owned company supplying local dial up access since 1998 and is the Community Service Provider for the new QINIQ broadband network in Sanikiluaq. He has acted as the "voice of small businesses from a small community" on the board, and provided insight into a variety of important subjects at NBDC meetings concerning the problems with living in a small, remote Northern community and doing business on an online web store selling locally produced, world-class, handcrafted soapstone carvings. Mr. McLean would like to continue being a member of the Board of Directors for the Nunavut Broadband Development Corporation to pass on his experience working with computers and using the Internet. He adds that he has met some of the nicest people in the North and had a pleasurable time getting to know them.

Darrell Ohokannoak - (Cambridge Bay)

As Manager of Polarnet, Mr. Ohokannoak now heads up the delivery of the new broadband network in all the communities of the Kitikmeot, with Polarnet as the Community Service Provider. He was contracted by SSI Micro (the company who built the new QINIQ broadband network) to conduct training for all the Community Service Providers in all the regions. Mr. Ohokannoak was one of the principal people who started Polarnet in 1997 - providing local dial-up services to the 5 Kitikmeot communities. Today, he wants to see broadband technologies available in Nunavut at the same level as technologies in southern Canada. He sees a huge potential to help Nunavummiut improve ways of communicating - including VoIP, videoconferencing, and various forms of real-time communication. A life long resident of Cambridge Bay, he is very experienced in working on various boards of organizations. He sat on Nunavut Trust as a Trustee, and been a director the Nunavut Liquor Licensing Board. He volunteers on the Cambridge Bay Justice Committee, and runs the local cadet corps. Mr. Ohokannoak negotiated for Polarnet to be the Globalstar Dealership reseller for satellite phones. In addition to being technically competent, he also has a great deal of experience working with people.

Mike Perry - (Cape Dorset)

Mr. Perry is the Community Service Provider of the new QINIQ broadband network, providing services to the residents of Cape Dorset. He wants to see broadband services extended to as many people as possible, and ensure people receive the support they need to use broadband effectively. With broadband, Nunavummiut will be able to define a new Nunavut - as people can more easily communicate with each other across the territory. He has experienced watching people go on line for the first time, and the priority they have given to using broadband to talk to others. So in the next year, Mr. Perry wants to see attention paid to broadband applications that make communicating with others easier and more accessible. Mr. Perry currently works at the Hamlet as the inventory manager, and operates the local cable company. A long-time resident of Nunavut, he first moved to

Iqaluit in 1978 and relocated to Cape Dorset for the West Baffin Coop in 1983. He then worked with the Dept. of Public Works, GNWT, and is currently employed by the Hamlet.

Gavin Wilkinson -- (Arviat)

Mr. Wilkinson has been using the Internet since the late 1980's, and has advanced knowledge of IT systems and various computing platforms. He has been involved with various .com businesses for over 10 years. He has been working for the Arviat Development Corporation for the past two years, and is the Community Service Provider for the new broadband network for Arviat. Mr. Wilkinson is interested in volunteering on the NBDC board to offer innovative ideas regarding technology and information that will benefit Nunavut. He believes the new broadband network will be the driving force behind economic growth for the territory, and will be one of the most significant, positive socio-economic powers ever to affect Nunavut. He has a history of volunteering for various economic initiatives, and is keen to volunteer his time with NBDC.