

Annual Report 1996-97

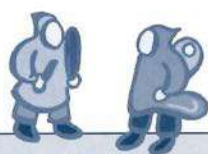
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Our efforts had resulted in Inuit models and Inuit-produced clothing being seen in a number of Canadian cities. Our work on economic development and related issues has evolved to begin addressing the intellectual property rights of Inuit women. Without adequate protection, any designer could copy our traditional and contemporary designs for their own benefit, and our clothing producers would end up with nothing. This will be a major issue of concern and one which Pauktuutit will continue to address.

Pauktuutit has also been active in the area of justice. During the past year, I attended a justice workshop in Iqaluit and was concerned that there was not adequate grassroots representation. I would like to see law-makers undertake a real and meaningful consultation with violators, victims and community workers to see what would work better in our justice system. I hope Pauktuutit will be able to continue to participate in these processes in the future.

Pauktuutit has completed its Justice Project that looked at the levels of unreported crimes and levels of policing in Labrador coastal communities. The results indicated that there were high levels of unreported crime, much of it directed against Inuit women. Another important issue that was addressed was the fact that there was a lack of permanent police presence in the communities which exacerbated the level of crime. Such work underscores the value of having an organization such as Pauktuutit involved in research and consultation. The results of the project, and recommendations for improving community policing, were presented to the Newfoundland government.

I am also proud of Pauktuutit's role in ensuring Inuit women and their families have access to adequate and affordable child care through its participation in the



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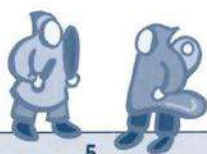
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PAUKTUUTIT'S AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Pauktuutit is the national non-profit association representing all Inuit women in Canada. Our mandate is to foster a greater awareness of the needs of Inuit women, and to encourage their participation in community, regional and national concerns in relation to social, cultural and economic development.

THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF PAUKTUUTIT ARE TO:

- 👉 unite the Inuit women of Canada;
- 👉 act and be recognized as the official representative for Inuit women;
- 👉 familiarize our children with Inuit values, heritage, culture and language;
- 👉 work towards better conditions for all Inuit women;
- 👉 motivate Inuit women to realize their potential as individuals and as a group;
- 👉 promote self-confidence and self-reliance amongst Inuit women;
- 👉 encourage Inuit women to take their rightful place in society;
- 👉 work for the betterment of individual, family and community conditions through health, social, and economic action;
- 👉 promote the rights of Inuit women and children;
- 👉 promote the equality of Inuit women in all levels of Canadian governmental and non-governmental structures;
- 👉 encourage the involvement of Inuit women in all levels of Canadian society; and,
- 👉 encourage communication between Inuit women and all aboriginal peoples.



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PAUKTUUTIT INUIT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION 1996-1997

EXECUTIVE:

Martha Flaherty President
Martha Greig Vice-President
Mary Nashook Secretary-Treasurer

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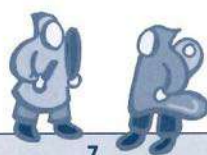
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REPORT ON ISSUES

TOBACCO USE REDUCTION PROJECT

Pauktuutit's *Aniqsaattiarniq-Breathing Easy* Project began with funding in 1994 under Health Canada's Tobacco Demand Reduction Strategy. The Strategy was designed to enable organizations to develop programs and produce and distribute resource materials concerning tobacco use reduction. After the initial consultation and research phase of our project was completed, educational and promotional materials were produced for distribution to Inuit communities. These included two kits, the Community Resource Kit, and the School Kit. In addition to spreading general awareness, the kits can be used to encourage children and youth not to take up tobacco use and to assist smokers who want to quit. Most of the past year has been spent completing these resources and their distribution to schools, health centres, and other interested organizations, as well as reporting to our funders. The project has proven to be a great success but unfortunately funding for the project has ended with the distribution of the kits as of March 31, 1997. There is a great need for further work in the area of tobacco use reduction for Inuit. Pauktuutit will continue to seek funds to train people on how to make use of the kits in their communities.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

Sally Webster has continued to follow a number of issues related to substance abuse. Pauktuutit has placed a high priority on this issue and continues to seek out funding opportunities to enable it to continue to combat substance abuse in Inuit communities.

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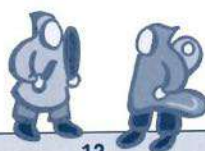
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from all the Inuit regions and is supported by two consultants with extensive knowledge of the issues. Pauktuutit is encouraging the regions to develop their own strategies as to how they will utilize the funds and our staff is available to provide support and assistance in the development of proposals.

JUSTICE

Pauktuutit also completed its research and consultation project looking into the rates of unreported crime and levels of policing in Labrador Inuit communities. The study found that there were high levels of unreported crimes, particularly against women, and many victims were often pressured by others not to report the crime. Another key issue identified was the fact that there was no permanent police presence in three of the communities, limiting the ability of police to adequately deal with violence and other crimes in a timely manner. Pauktuutit was particularly concerned with the attitude of policing officials who assumed that because there were low levels of crimes being reported, that few crimes were being committed. This study has reinforced our belief that many people do not report crimes because of the lack of permanent police in the communities. Pauktuutit has forwarded the final report to the government of Newfoundland and Labrador and will continue to advocate on behalf of Inuit women in the region to try to ensure this basic community need is met.



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REPORT ON THE 13TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1996-1997

Pauktuutit's 13th Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place in Puvirnituq, Nunavik, from March 17-21, 1997. The AGM provides delegates from across the Arctic the opportunity to discuss local, regional and national issues, review Pauktuutit's activities over the past year, and provide direction for the year to come. The theme for the 13th AGM was Reconnecting the Inuit Family, and delegates examined possible uses of telecommunications on work related to social, health and other issues.

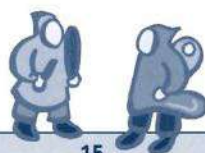
The meeting was opened with a prayer from a Puvirnitug elder, followed by opening remarks by Pauktuutit's president, Martha Flaherty, the Mayor of Puvirnitug and local Co-op President, Peter Ittukallak.

Martha Flaherty reported on her activities over the past year. She indicated she had attended several meetings across Canada and in other countries. Pauktuutit has increasingly been recognized by indigenous groups internationally as a role model and an organization with significant accomplishments. This visibility and increased profile is a measure of Pauktuutit's success and was based upon the hard work of many people. She stated Pauktuutit should be acknowledged for their efforts as a non-profit organization in responding to the constant and growing requests for information about the Inuit way of life. Every year, however, Pauktuutit has faced funding cuts. She thanked the many people who worked hard to raise money, and the staff for their determination.

Martha stated that a new organizational structure was being considered for Pauktuutit and that a Finance Committee had been created to focus upon the budget

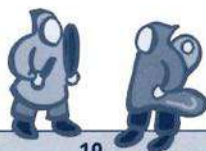


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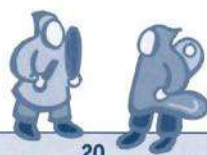
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curriculum should be introduced into the Kitikmeot schools. With respect to family violence, the need for healing and grieving workshops in all communities was expressed. The problem of increased suicides was raised along with the hope that Hamlet Councils would become more involved in dealing with this issue. Gjoa Haven required more training for Inuit counsellors for both men and women as well as additional education about the problem of suicide. The sewing centre in Taloyoak needed to be replaced so that young girls could con-



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FINANCIAL REPORT

ANNUAL SUMMARY
FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1997

Activities	Core Operations	Special Projects	Total 1997	Total 1996
Revenues	\$340,357	\$2,563,772	\$2,904,129	\$2,300,987
Expenses	\$277,076	\$2,563,272	\$2,840,348	\$2,341,173
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$63,281	\$500	\$63,781	(\$40,186)

Surplus/(Deficit) Analysis

April 1 - 95	(\$53,690)
April 1 - 96	(\$40,186)
Surplus for 1997	\$63,281
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Transferred from Special Projects Fund	\$500
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- 🕒 Correctional Services of Canada
- 🕒 Health Canada
- 🕒 Canadian Heritage
- 🕒 Human Resources Development Canada
- 🕒 Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- 🕒 Industry Canada
- 🕒 Justice Canada
- 🕒 Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
- 🕒 Status of Women Canada
- 🕒 Status of Women, GNWT
- 🕒 First Air, Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services and the many individuals, firms, agencies and Hamlet Councils who contributed to the 1997 AGM in Puvirnituk

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resolves that Pauktuutit work to build international information and skill-sharing networks among indigenous women in such areas as craft commercialization, intellectual property rights, leadership training, and other development areas, and to oblige the government of Canada to provide the resources necessary to pursue these capacity-building efforts.



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calls upon the federal government to fund Inuit regions at a comparable level with that provided First Nations regarding alcohol and drug treatment centres.

97-08

directs Pauktuutit to encourage the establishment of, and work in partnership with, Inuit men's groups to promote social issues and healing in Inuit communities and that such partnerships recognize the equal rights of women in all aspects of Inuit life.

97-09

resolves that Pauktuutit, as part of the International Decade of Indigenous Peoples, inform the federal government of the interest to work in partnership on issues related to teenage pregnancy and young mothers, and further resolves that Canada first develop with Pauktuutit a plan of action on this and other international decade related issues prior to announcing these resolutions at international forums.

97-10

resolves to support the Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; resolves to express the need for an Inuktitut version of the Declaration; resolves to express the need to fund Pauktuutit for a gender analysis of the Declaration and a presentation of the results at the next UN session Working Group studying the Declaration; and further resolves that Pauktuutit's mandate be understood to encompass work at the international level provided adequate funding is available.

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resolves to work in partnership with the Inuit Circumpolar Conference with respect to the United Nations' *Convention on Biological Diversity* and other



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international forums addressing sustainable development and the environment that affect the interests of Inuit women, and further resolves to seek more information in plain language regarding the Arctic Council.

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directs Pauktuutit to continue working on the issue of substance abuse and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effects.

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resolves to seek funding to prepare information on options for Inuit parents who must seek child support from a separated spouse/partner.

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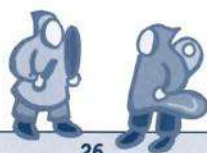
resolves to seek funding for healing and grieving workshops to facilitate the communication between elders, youth, and couples in crisis.

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resolves that Pauktuutit consult with communities in Labrador and NWT that lack local police services on the steps necessary to prevent the need for ordinary citizens to intervene in potentially dangerous situations and to arrange meetings with officials and political leaders, and further resolves that Pauktuutit seek funds to research what legal recourse may be available to force the recognition of national and international human rights to equality and personal security.

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directs the Board of Directors to review Pauktuutit's by-laws, articles of incorporation, mandate, and aims and objectives to recommend revisions at the next AGM.



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resolves to promote public access to telecommunication tools within Inuit communities; to encourage youth to develop Internet skills; to continue the use of telecommunication tools on behalf of Inuit women; and to promote community input and local control over access.

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resolves to support the Kivalliq Inuit Association's proposal for a pilot project on non-insured health benefits.

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directs the amendment of Pauktuutit's eighth aim and objective to include reference to community health.

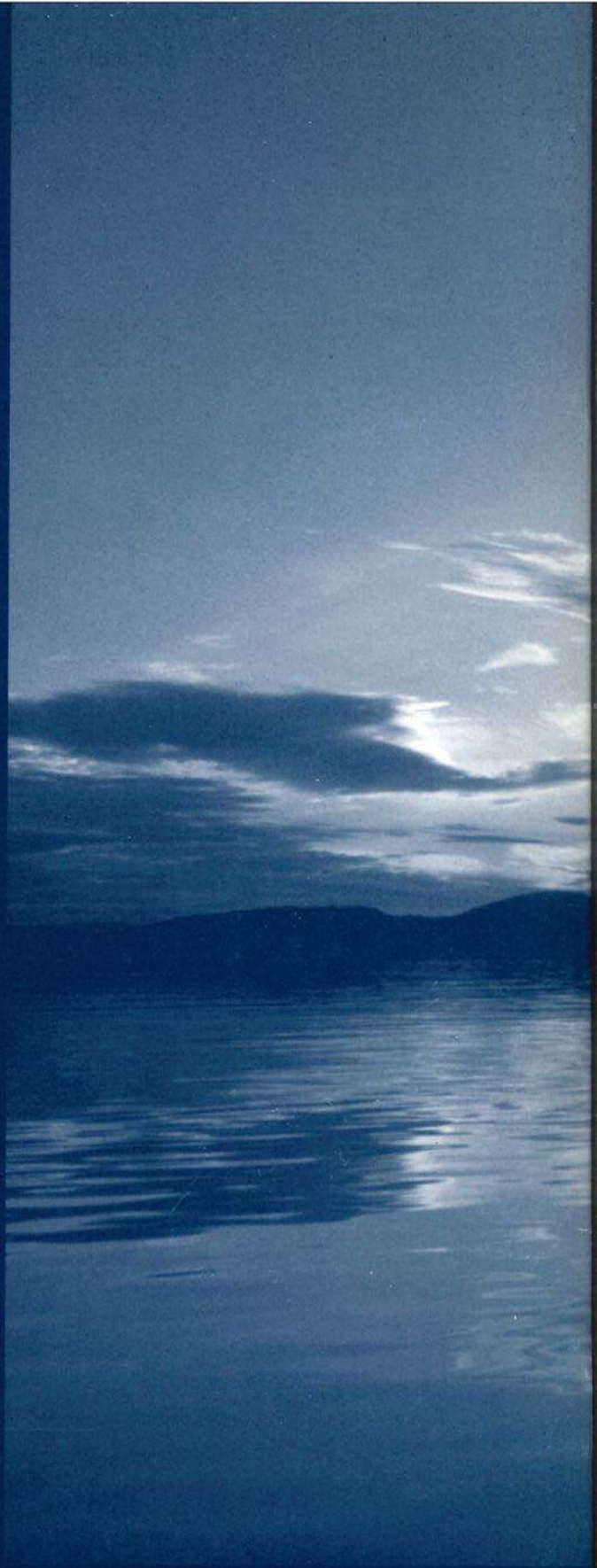
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resolves to explore with the Bowden Institution, and other potential partners with treatment programs for sex offenders, the design, development and delivery of treatment programs for Inuit sex offenders to ensure the involvement of Inuit women, families, victims and the community.

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resolves that the substance abuse project seek funds to encourage research into the health implications of increased abuse of home-brew in Northern communities.





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