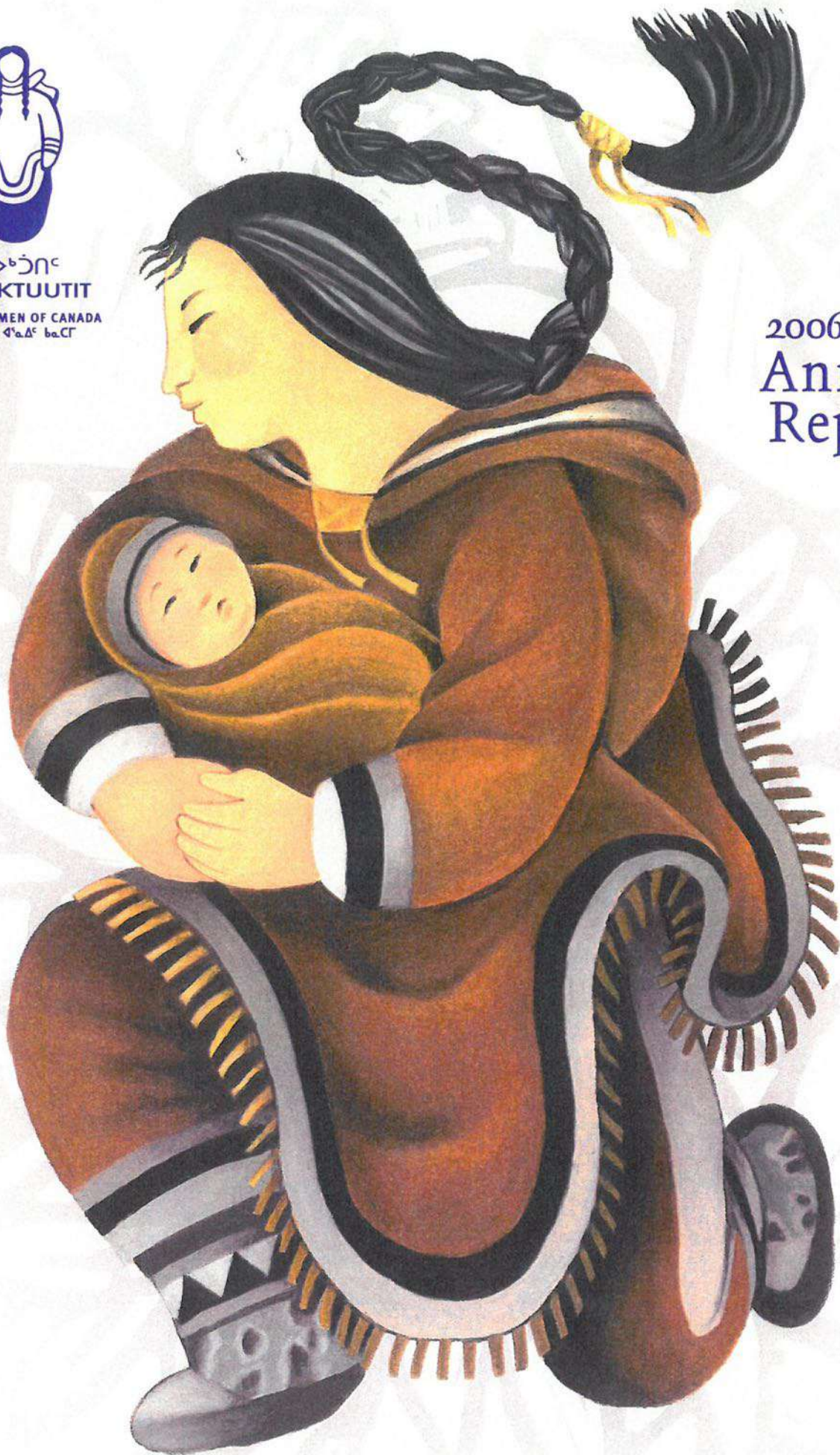




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2006-2007
Annual
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President's Message



*Welcome once again to Pauktuutit's Annual Report. During 2006–2007, we have accomplished much despite the fact that time seems to have just flown by. This past year has been a challenging one, both on a personal level and for the organization. Challenges in funding and working with a federal government that has not yet considered our **Keepers of the Light** priorities have been only a few of the difficulties that have faced Pauktuutit. Despite this, our staff, partners and our Board of Directors have worked very hard to ensure the needs and priorities of Inuit women continue to be addressed and remain our most important commitment.*

A continual challenge with writing our annual report is how to capture the essence of what we have accomplished in so short a document. While we do endeavor to put as much as possible in our reports, I would encourage everyone to visit our website www.pauktuutit.ca to access the most comprehensive and current information on our activities.

keepers of the light

I think one of our most important accomplishments for the year was the development of an action plan to guide the federal government and Pauktuutit towards addressing the priority needs of Inuit women. The document, *Keepers of the Light*, will, I believe, stand as a landmark document for our organization. It clearly and concisely lays out specific areas the federal government needs to focus upon to help lift the status of Inuit women and our

families in Canada. Developed in consultation with Inuit women from across the country, the document focuses upon four key areas—equity and empowerment, health and safety, strengthening Inuit families, and strengthening Inuit women's voices on global issues. These issues are not new—they are very much the same commitments Pauktuutit has been working on for many years. What is important is that the federal government now has clear and definable steps it can take, working closely with Pauktuutit, to address the many challenges that Inuit continue to face in our efforts to become true and equal participants in this great country of ours. I am optimistic that the document will prove to be an important tool in forging a new partnership with the federal government.



I was also pleased that our new Board structure was so well received at our Annual General meeting. By extending Board representation to Yellowknife and Iqaluit, and by increasing the number of youth and urban Directors, Pauktuutit is ensuring that we continue to maintain a strong grass-roots basis that reflects the changing realities of Canadian Inuit. The stronger representation our Board has, the stronger will be our connection to the Inuit communities across the north. This has always been, and will continue to be, a unique strength for Pauktuutit.

On a more personal note, our organization handled several personnel crises over the year. Our Executive Director, Jennifer Dickson, faced a serious health issue and was forced to take a two-month leave of absence while she healed. The absence of her enormous contribution and dedication to the organization was keenly felt during this period. On behalf of our Board and staff, I would personally like to thank Jennifer for her fortitude and strength of will. She has been a steady hand during stormy times.

I would also like to thank our incredible staff. The absence of a senior staff person can be a major source of stress for any organization. I must say that I was very impressed with the way our staff rose to the occasion and worked even harder to ensure Pauktuutit did not falter for an instant. As an Inuit woman, I am proud of their effort and their abilities.

On another sad note, it was with tears in our eyes that we bade farewell to two of our longest serving and dearest Board members. Mary Qulitalik, our 'movie star' from Igloodik, did not stand for reelection. Mary's wisdom and sense of humour will be missed by all who had the pleasure of working with her.

As well, Minnie Etidlui, representing Nunavik (Hudson Coast), also felt it was time she gave up her seat. Minnie was a reliable and strong representative of her region and her compassion and strength will remain an inspiration to all of us.

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Pauktuutit's Mission and Vision

PAUKTUUTIT MISSION

Pauktuutit fosters greater awareness of the needs of Inuit women, advocates for equity and social improvements, and encourages their participation in the community, regional and national life of Canada.

Pauktuutit leads and supports Canadian Inuit women in policy development and community projects in all areas of interest to them, for the social, cultural, political and economic betterment of the women, their families and communities.

PAUKTUUTIT VISION

Pauktuutit's vision is to be a dynamic, visible, influential organization, supporting Inuit women and providing leadership, voice and excellence for the betterment of Inuit women, their families and communities.

Pauktuutit is the national non-profit charitable organization representing all Inuit women in Canada. Its 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.



Pauktuutit's Aims and Objectives

1. To promote the rights of Inuit women and children;
2. To provide the Inuit women of Canada with a united voice;
3. To work towards better social, economic and political conditions for Inuit women;
4. To work for the betterment of individual, family and community health conditions through advocacy and program action;
5. To encourage Inuit women to take their rightful place in society;
6. To promote equity for the views of Inuit women in all levels of Canadian governmental and non-governmental structures;
7. To motivate Inuit women to realize their potential as individuals and as a group;
8. To promote self-confidence and self-reliance amongst Inuit women;
9. To provide resources to ensure that our children are raised with Inuit values, heritage, culture and language;
10. To encourage the involvement of Inuit women in all levels of Canadian society;
11. To facilitate collaboration between Inuit women and other aboriginal peoples.





Pauktuutit Board of Directors 2006–2007

EXECUTIVE

Martha Greig
President, from Kuujjuaq,
NUNAVIK

Mary Matoo
Vice-President, from
CORAL HARBOUR, KIVALLIQ

Annie Buchan
Secretary-Treasurer, from
TALOYOAK, KITIKMEOT

BOARD MEMBERS

Annie Lidd
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Kitty Pearson
NUNAVIK—UNGAVA COAST—representing the communities of Kangiqsualujjuaq,
Kuujjuaq, Kangiqsujjuaq, Aupaluk, Kangiqsuk, Quaqtuaq and Tasiujaq

Leena Metuq
NUNAVIK—HUDSON COAST—representing the communities of Salluit, Ivujivik,
Akulivik, Puvirnituq, Inukjuaq, Umiujaq, Kuujjuarapik

Leesee Qaqasiq
QIKIQTANI SOUTH—representing the communities of Kingait, Kimmirut,
Iqaluit, Pangnirtung, Qikiqtarjuaq, Clyde River, Sanikiluaq

Anne Curley
QIKIQTANI NORTH—representing the communities of Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay,
Grise Fiord, Resolute Bay, Igloodik, Hall Beach

Becky Kudloo
KIVALLIQ—representing the communities of Arviat, Whale Cove, Rankin Inlet,
Chesterfield Inlet, Baker Lake and Coral Harbour, Repulse Bay

Jeannie Evalik
KITIKMEOT—representing the communities of Kuugaaruk, Taloyoak, Gjoa Haven,
Cambridge Bay, Bathurst Inlet, Kugluktuk, Umingmaktok

Anita Pokiak
INUVALUIT—representing the communities of Holman Island, Paulatuk,
Sachs Harbour, Aklavik, Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk and Yellowknife

Rhoda Innuksuk
OTTAWA, ONTARIO—representing urban Inuit women

Jane Autut
CHESTERFIELD, KIVALLIQ—representing Youth, Nunavut

Project Reports





Project Reports

During the fiscal year 2006–2007, Pauktuutit's Board and staff once again worked hard to address the priorities of Canadian Inuit women. Areas of focus included equity and empowerment, health and safety, strengthening Inuit families and Inuit women's voice on global issues. Following is a summary of key projects undertaken over this past year.

DIABETES AWARENESS

As part of a two-year project funded by the Lawson Family Foundation, Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada completed diabetes awareness-raising campaigns in Aklavik, Pangnirtung, Puvirnituq and Hopedale.

As part of each campaign, a resource was developed that described the life experiences of an Inuk living with diabetes. Radio shows, school visits, community fairs were some of the methods used to increase public education and awareness. In all communities visited, meetings were convened with front line health workers to involve them in the project and to discuss diabetes prevention and treatment.

The goal was to 'increase awareness of diabetes and its preventions and treatment by the Inuit public and Inuit health workers in Inuit communities'. Additional activities included the printing and distribution of Inuit-specific diabetes prevention and awareness posters to health centers in 53 Inuit communities and the dissemination of 'Drink Water Instead' water bottles.

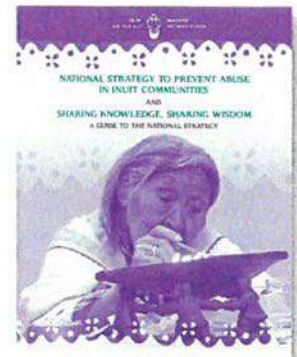
INUIT FAMILY CAREGIVERS

RESPITE STRATEGY

Pauktuutit successfully completed the *Inuit Family Caregivers Respite Strategy*. The project undertook a campaign to raise awareness on the importance of respite for Caregivers by establishing an Advisory Committee comprised of representatives from across the Arctic, and through the development of promotional materials, public service announcements, website and information sheets. Generously supported by the J. W. McConnell Family Foundation, the project has provided a greater voice for Caregivers, ensuring they receive the support they require, and has increased public awareness of respite options.

VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

A priority for Pauktuutit is the development and implementation of solutions to the various forms of violence and abuse within Inuit communities. The *2006 National Strategy to Prevent Abuse in Inuit Communities* was created through consultation and collaboration with those affected by abuse and those





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agencies whose mandate includes abuse prevention and treatment, safe shelters, justice and corrections. The strategy identifies priorities in abuse prevention and sets a direction for improved development and delivery of abuse prevention services.

The action-oriented Strategy and its companion guide—*Sharing Knowledge, Sharing Wisdom*—are filled with principles, best practices and resources to guide effective joint actions to prevent abuse and promote healing.

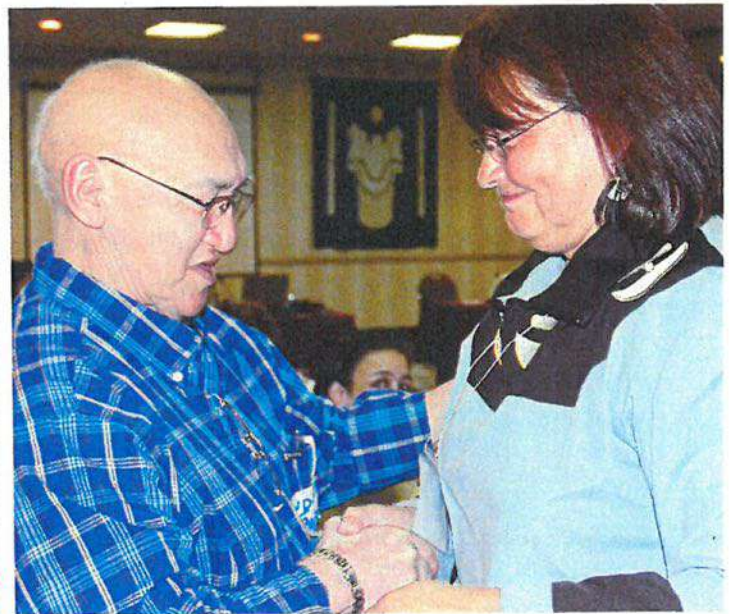
The priorities chosen by the National Advisory Committee to pursue over the next several years include:

1. Make abuse in Inuit communities a priority issue.
2. Raise awareness and reduce tolerance of abuse.
3. Invest in training and capacity development.
4. Sustain front-line workers and community services.
5. Deliver services that heal the Inuit.
6. Expand programs that build on Inuit strengths and prevent abuse.

**VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

Pauktuutit is now implementing the *National Strategy to Prevent Abuse in Inuit Communities*. Year 1 of implementation includes:

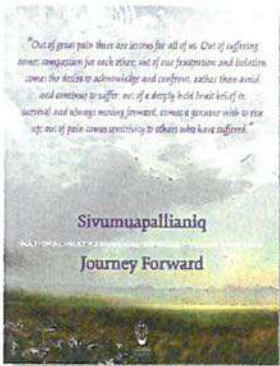
1. *Supporting Communities to Achieve Wellness*. Pauktuutit is working with Cape Dorset, Nain, Inukjuaq and Paulatuk to develop community-driven alternatives to mainstream abuse prevention strategies in an effort to reduce the tolerance and incidence of abuse and family violence in communities.
2. A research project identifies information on community services/programs that were available for abusive Inuit men. The report will guide the preparation for a proposed men’s forum on abuse prevention.
3. National Inuit Women’s Shelter Association (NIWSA). Pauktuutit brought together shelter directors/coordinators from Inuit communities across Canada to discuss the challenges and future directions for shelters and their staff. One of the pressing needs identified was training for staff. As a result of the meeting NIWSA was formed. Work continues on supporting women shelters in Inuit communities. Pauktuutit provided technical support to the newly incorporated NIWSA. A meeting of all NIWSA shelter directors and coordinators took place in March.
4. Pauktuutit, under the guidance of a National Advisory Committee, also developed a training module for shelter workers. The pilot of the workshop *Making Our Shelters Strong* will be delivered in early 2008 in Nunavut.





RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS LEGACY

Sivumuapallianiq—Journey Forward. In 2004, Pauktuutit was approached by Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada (IRSRC) to establish a partnership to enable Pauktuutit to undertake a substantive program to address the legacy of Residential Schools among Inuit. Phase 1 of the project



focused upon the development of a strategy to address the serious intergenerational impacts of residential schools upon Inuit in Canada. Input was gathered from Inuit via interviews, research and workshops, the first of which was conducted in Inuvik.

In addition to the development of the strategy, Pauktuutit anticipated additional results from this work including:

- Increased awareness of the history and legacy of residential schools;
- Increased readiness to discuss the issues;
- Empowerment and healing;
- Identification of best approaches for healing and resolution;
- Increased readiness for action on issues related to the legacy of residential schools and
- New and stronger linkages focused on the Strategy.

In 2005, Pauktuutit and IRSRC entered into a five-year commitment to develop and implement the Strategy. A project Advisory Committee comprised of resource persons, experts, community members and IRSRC (ex officio) has been established to provide

ongoing advice to the project. The work of *Sivumuapallianiq—Journey Forward* continued this year. The goal of the project is to develop and implement a national Inuit Residential Schools healing strategy. A consultation meeting was held in Ottawa, November 28–29, 2006.

MIDWIFERY

Over the past year, Pauktuutit has been involved re-visiting a set of interviews that Pauktuutit collected in 1992 and 1993. At that time, 77 interviews of Elders and traditional midwives were conducted in ten communities across the Arctic.

Many of the interviews

describe what it was like to give birth, or to assist pregnant women, before there were permanent Inuit settlements and nursing stations.

These interviews describe over 600 birthing stories and are a rich and unique collection of knowledge that Pauktuutit holds in trust for all Inuit women.

This year funds became available to capture this important information in a modern format. CDs of the original interviews were sent to the interviewees or their family members. Pauktuutit is negotiating funding partnerships



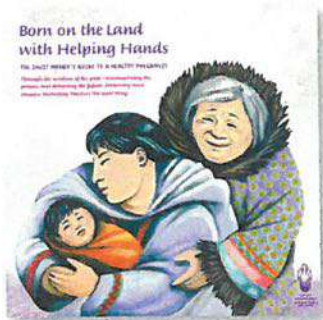
to make this data set accessible in formats that can be used in training modules for midwifery education, and health promotion materials and tools.

HEALTHY PREGNANCY CALENDAR

Pauktuutit was asked to provide cultural feedback to Health Canada's Healthy Pregnancy Public Awareness Campaign in 2006/07. The campaign focuses on Health Canada's key messages with respect to Healthy Pregnancy. FNIHB provided resources to begin Phase 1 of the project which included gathering information from midwifery data to be used to produce key messages and promotional items to support the Healthy Pregnancy campaign.

Pauktuutit has long been interested in producing a pregnancy calendar specifically for Inuit women. Staff and Board were delighted to hear that funding had been made available from FNIHB to develop such a calendar. Incorporating traditional knowledge, nutritional information that focuses upon northern foods, and other important pregnancy information,

the calendar will be a beautiful and practical tool for Inuit women who are, or will become, pregnant. The final product is expected in the fall of 2007.



TOBACCO REDUCTION

Pauktuutit has been committed to tobacco reduction among Inuit for over 10 years. There has been an enormous shift in public awareness about the lethal affects of tobacco

use over the years, thanks in part to educational work Pauktuutit has done. Projects for 2006–07 included:

1. *Aniqsaattiarniq—Breathing Easy Capacity Building Project*—In partnership with the Government of Nunavut (GN), Pauktuutit trained 6 Community Health Representatives as Smoking Counselors.
2. *Strengthening Capacity & Extending the Reach—Tobacco Control in Inuit Communities*. Health Canada (FNIHB) funded distance education of 20 Inuit tobacco workers from northern regions. A flip chart and facilitators' guide for *Our Ancestors Never Smoked* were developed and distributed, and workers received training in the use of these tools.

Pauktuutit is an observer of the Inuit Tobacco Network (ITN), formed to promote awareness and prevention of tobacco use in Inuit communities. ITN members share information about tobacco projects and advise the National Inuit Committee on Health on tobacco developments and efforts. Members and observers worked on the Inuit contribution to a successful Tobacco Control Strategy.

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER (FASD)

Pauktuutit, in partnership with the National Aboriginal Health Organization, and with advice from a National Advisory Committee, has designed an advanced FASD training workshop for front line workers and other health care providers. *Katujjiqatigiitsuni Sanngini: Working Together to Understand FASD*



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focuses on strategies to support women at risk. It was piloted in a national workshop in Iqaluit in partnership with the Government of Nunavut.

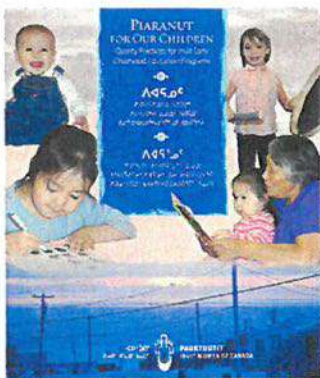
A *Katujjiqatigiitsuni Sannginiq* training module is part of an overall strategy to assist communities to examine the broad determinants of health that impact the lives of pregnant women and women in their child-bearing years who use alcohol or drugs. The module provides participants with strategies and solutions to support prevention programs for women with the overriding goal of reducing FASD in Inuit communities.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Pauktuutit, under the guidance of a National Advisory Committee and in collaboration with community partners, visited seven Early Childhood Development (ECD) sites in Inuit communities over the year. The purpose of the visits was to consult with program staff, parents, children and community members in regards to examples of quality practices that promote Inuit ECD.

Childcare programs in Inuit communities are distinct from those in the south of Canada and thus require their own indicators of quality. The importance of culture, language,

kinship, and community are paramount in delivering relevant and successful programming for young Inuit children.



The *Piarnut* project facilitated an examination of quality practices from mainstream sources, traditional Inuit child rearing, and quality practices in Inuit-specific childcare. This was consolidated into a guide *Piarnut: For Our Children: Quality Practices for Inuit Early Childhood Education* with resources and specific examples that can be used by all early childhood development programs to strive for and achieve quality practices. A DVD was also developed that highlights the language and culture portion of the guide.

SEXUAL HEALTH, HIV AND HEPATITIS C PROGRAM

Pauktuutit continues to be a leader in sharing information on sexual health topics that are relevant to Inuit. With the support of its Advisory Committee, the Canadian Inuit HIV/AIDS Network, Pauktuutit's sexual health team carries out community mobilization initiatives that empower front-line workers and other stakeholders to take action in spreading a positive sexual health message.



In early 2007, Pauktuutit held Building Supportive Communities meetings in Iqaluit and Ottawa to determine the care, treatment and support needs of Inuit diagnosed with HIV or AIDS. As a result, a number of original projects emerged for which funding options are being explored. Pauktuutit will also conduct a needs assessment to determine what resources are available and what are



the service gaps for those Inuit living with or affected by HIV/AIDS in urban centres.

Both the Kivalliq and Nunatsiavut regions played host to Sexual Health Symposia where front-line workers took part in skills-building, networking and success-sharing workshops. Iqaluit, Arviat and Montreal were visited as part of a community-based research project being proposed. As a result, a full proposal *Community-Based Approaches to HIV/AIDS Education, Prevention and Screening Among Canadian Inuit Youth* will be submitted to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research for a three-year operational grant.

Pauktuutit HIV/Hepatitis C fairs took place in: Kimmirut, Arviat, Cape Dorset and Grise Fiord. During these fairs, an Inuk living with/affected by either HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis C travels to the community to talk about their experiences. The presentation coincides with a community feast and a Health Fair where local students present their projects on HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C.

CULTURALLY RELEVANT GBA FRAMEWORK/HEALTH INDICATORS FOR INUIT WOMEN

Last year Pauktuutit completed work on developing culturally relevant Gender Based Analysis (GBA)/Inuit Women health indicators. The next step in the work will be to validate the Inuit GBA Framework and Culturally Relevant Inuit Women Health Indicators Report submitted to Health Canada March 2007.

The report captured the differences between existing health indicators for Inuit and other aboriginal women and mainstream Canadian

women such as; mortality, breast cancer and smoking. The report also includes culturally specific indicators that may not be comparable to indicators for other women in Canada.

Next steps may include Pauktuutit conducting regional consultation sessions across the North and in the largest urban Inuit center (Ottawa) to validate and provide input to the draft framework and the culturally relevant Inuit health indicators. A consultation with Inuit women and families is the only way to ensure that the draft framework and indicator report fairly represents the views and priorities of Inuit.

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JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS

Through hard work and in close cooperation with Correctional Services Canada, an Inuit Offenders Officer position was established within National Headquarters through an Interchange Agreement between Pauktuutit and CSC.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Pauktuutit has developed a strategy to deliver the *Inuit Women in Business* workshops across Canada's Arctic. The goal is to enable more Inuit women to become self-employed and thus increase their economic self-sufficiency.

Last year Pauktuutit received funding from INAC to deliver workshops in Nunavik. The Kativik Regional Government (KRG) and Makivik Corporation also supported the workshops. Seventeen participants in Inukjuak and Kuujjuaq learned how to start a business and about various contacts for advice and funding support. As well, training needs were identified and shared with the KRG.

Partnerships with stakeholder organizations are key to the success of the strategy. New partnerships with local Chambers of Commerce and trade shows, and regional development bodies are being established. Efforts are also underway nationally to create a common front on economic development issues. To this end Pauktuutit participated in the first pan-northern economic development meeting in December 2006. This was an initiative by the Nunavut CEDO, to improve relationships with government partners and Inuit community economic development groups across Arctic Canada.

SUVAGUUQ

An edition of *Suvaguuq*, Pauktuutit's newsletter, was published in August 2006. The newsletter provides Pauktuutit Board members and staff with another important communication tool to keep Inuit women across the country informed on the many activities and projects the organization is involved with. The August edition reviewed a number of projects including planning for the upcoming AGM and updates on *The Inuit Way* and *Keepers of The Light*, two major documents produced during the year. See www.pauktuutit.ca



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Pauktuutit continues to remain active on international issues, especially on matters about traditional knowledge and intellectual property rights.

Pauktuutit regularly receives requests to share the experiences of Inuit women to audiences from around the world. In addition to traditional knowledge, Pauktuutit is establishing a role in the areas of circumpolar health and climate change. Often this involves participation as observers during important meetings and events.

WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

In late 2006, Pauktuutit returned to high-level meetings taking place in Geneva, Switzerland organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). There has been slow progress towards international options that will reduce the unauthorized use of traditional knowledge about natural resources and ways to prevent the unauthorized copying of traditional arts, music, dance and clothing. Pauktuutit plans to continue participating at these ongoing meetings.

UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

In May 2006, Pauktuutit participated in a workshop held in New York City during the Fifth Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII). The workshop theme was protecting the creative arts of Indigenous women. Organizers were interested in learning more about Pauktuutit's experiences in promoting Inuit women's creative expression as an economic development option and about the problems encountered

when non-Inuit wanted to copy these creations. The UNPFII is an advisory body with a mandate to discuss Indigenous issues related to economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, health and human rights.

CANADIAN INDIGENOUS BIODIVERSITY NETWORK

As a member of the Canadian Indigenous Biodiversity Network (CIBN), Pauktuutit remains informed about meetings and issues related to the United Nations' Convention on Biological Diversity. Some discussions are closely linked to the work taking place at WIPO so it has been important for Pauktuutit to contribute to the debates. When Pauktuutit has been financially unable to attend these meetings, discussion papers have been prepared to ensure the voice of Inuit women is heard.

INDIGENOUS WOMEN OF THE AMERICAS (ENLACE)

As a member of the Intellectual Property Commission of the Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas (known



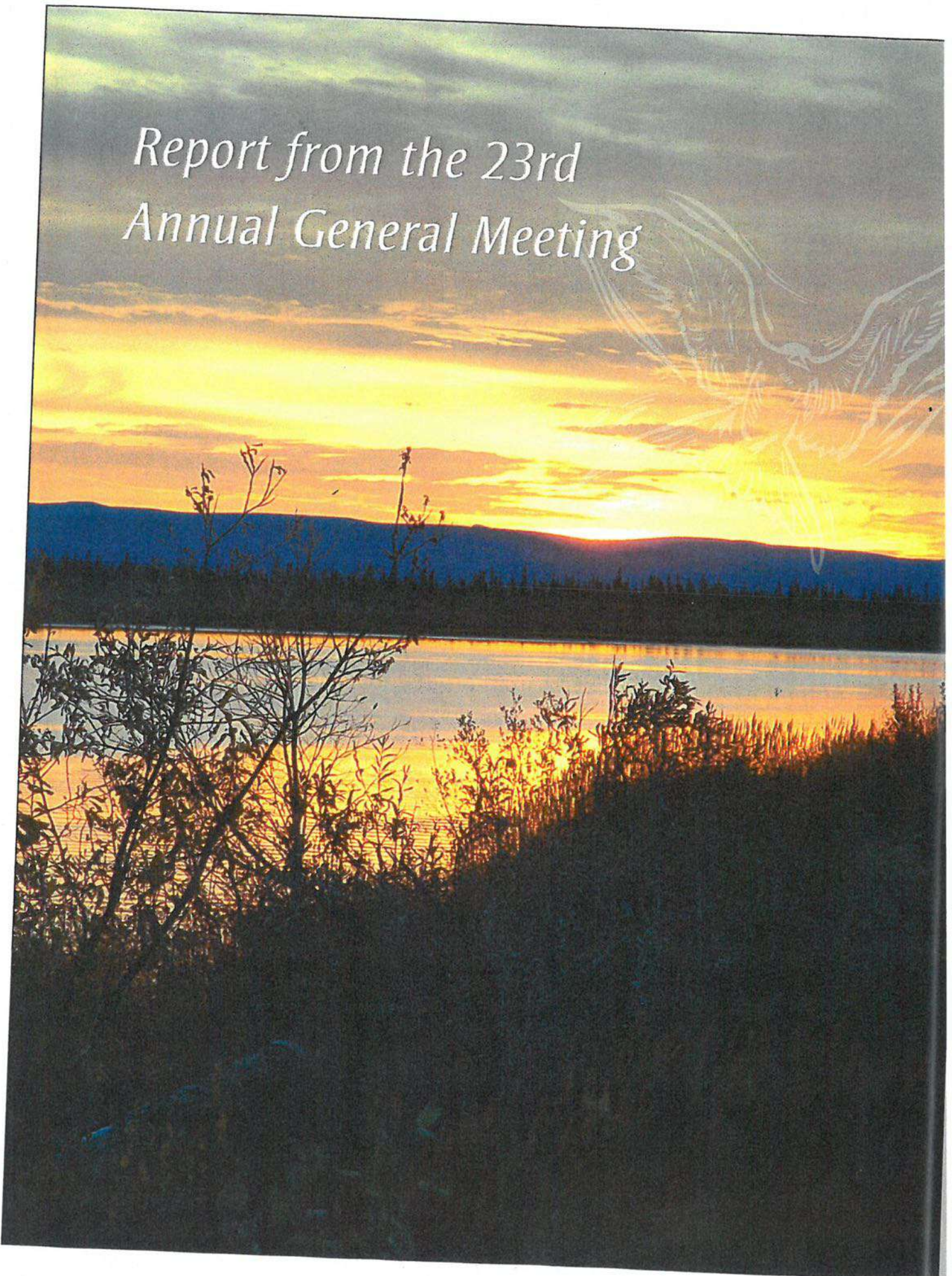
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as ENLACE—‘the Network’ in Spanish), Pauktuutit attend the Commission’s May 2006 meeting in Caracas, Venezuela. The Network is made up of representatives from Panama, Peru and Canada. The meeting was held in Venezuela to encourage more Indigenous women to become involved. In addition to participating at the meeting, Pauktuutit made presentations to Venezuelan Indigenous women and government officials about the importance of strengthening Indigenous knowledge and promoting intellectual property protection. Pauktuutit’s observer status with the UNPFII and at WIPO provide the Commission and ENLACE with important information about international activities.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON CIRCUMPOLAR HEALTH

In June 2006, Pauktuutit attended the thirteenth International Congress on Circumpolar Health that took place in Novosibirsk, Russia. Inuit in Canada, Greenland, Alaska, and Russia share similar health issues so it is important for Pauktuutit to participate in these events. Pauktuutit works hard to promote the health of Inuit women and their families and there is a need to promote an Inuit woman’s perspective during these types of discussions. It is expected Pauktuutit will continue to participate in these and other circumpolar health-related meetings.

*Report from the 23rd
Annual General Meeting*





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Pauktuutit's 23rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held March 7–9 2007 in Ottawa. Pauktuutit's Board of Directors and delegates representing Arctic communities, youth, and urban Inuit women convened to participate in this unique forum to provide Inuit women from across Canada an opportunity to get together, to review their national organization's activities over the preceding year, and to develop priorities and direction for the next year. Although Pauktuutit always strives to raise sufficient funding to hold the AGM in a northern community, the selection of Ottawa as the site of the AGM reflects the importance of the relationship between Inuit women and the federal government.

Every year an exceptional Inuit woman is recognized for her outstanding contribution to her community and to Inuit women. This year Pauktuutit's Woman of the Year Award was bestowed to Rhoda Inukpuk from Inukjuaq for her dedication and hard work to improve the lives of Inuit.

Pauktuutit's AGMs have always had a unique atmosphere—more of a family gathering where people exchange news, enjoy friendships both old and new, catching up on news and spending many hours talking about issues of concern to Inuit women. This year hit an emotional peak as the organization said farewell to two longstanding Board members, Mary Qulitalik representing Qikiqtaaluk North and Minnie Etidlui from Nunavik (Hudson coast).

In order to maximize the opportunities created by the presence of Inuit women from across the country, Pauktuutit organizes workshops during the AGM. These workshops provide

various funding agencies a unique opportunity to consult with a broad sampling of Inuit women.

This year's AGM workshop provided delegates with an opportunity to discuss an important document that is of critical concern to Inuit women. The workshop, 'Keepers of the Light', focused upon a key document that Pauktuutit developed to provide an action plan and roadmap for its future relationship with the federal government. Delegates provided important insights and direction for the document including recommendations on key issues such as equity and empowerment, health and

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An important discussion was also held with the delegates concerning a number of changes to Pauktuutit's by-laws. The three main changes to the by-laws approved by delegates were:

1. Board representation is extended to include directors from Yellowknife and Iqaluit and two youth and urban directors;
2. Board members who serve four consecutive 2-year terms must take a break of at least one term before running for the position again; and
3. Board members' terms are now staggered to allow for better continuity and experience at the Board level.

An important element of every Pauktuutit AGM are the special presentations made by a range of political leaders, government department representatives and special interest groups. This year's delegates heard from representatives from a wide range of agencies and organizations across the country.

Vicki Adams, Secretary-Treasurer of Tungasuvvingat Inuit, gave a presentation outlining TI and its history and activities. TI is an Ottawa-based Inuit organization that provides a wide range of services to the estimated 1,500 Inuit who are residents of Ottawa. Services include employment training, cultural and social activities, substance abuse counseling, and family and youth programming.

Lisa Koperqualik, with Makivik Corporation, made a presentation on the Association of Montreal Inuit (AIM). AIM provides services for the Inuit in Montreal and was trying to expand its funding base. Lisa also described the establishment of a Nunavik Inuit women's association in 2005. Key priorities for the organization were to form women's shelters in each community and to act as an advocate for women and children in the region.

Iga Atagootak, President of the Yellowknife Inuit Association and Deborah Tagornak, Executive Director, described efforts of Inuit in Yellowknife to establish an association to represent their needs. The agency is overseen by an 8 member Board and an Elder. The mandate of the organization focuses upon social activities and representing the interests of Inuit at the territorial and national level.



Mary Simon, President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, highlighted the fact that co-operation was a trait that many people attributed to Inuit. She stated that Inuit organizations and land claim organizations shared a common goal in promoting and protecting Inuit interests and needed to work together on behalf of all Inuit.

Andre Tautu gave a report on the Residential School project that Nunavut Tungavik Inc. established. The project involved a mobile treatment centre that moves to communities to help deal with the legacy of the residential school system. Andre stated that Inuit need to be inventive and resourceful to help those suffering from the legacy of the residential school system.

Nancy Peckford, Program Director, Feminist Alliance for International Action (FAFIA), gave a presentation that described FAFIA and the

role it plays in the promotion of the rights of women in the international sphere.

Beverly Jacobs, President of the Native Women's Association of Canada, described the efforts the two organizations had made to develop a Memorandum of Understanding to enable them to work together more closely. She also stated that she had voiced her support for funding additional groups, including Pauktuutit, at the National Aboriginal Women's Summit held in June 2007.

Honourable Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Member of Parliament (MP) for Nunavut, announced that she would not be running again for her seat. She had served as MP for 10 years and received a lot of support from Inuit women in Nunavut. She encouraged all Inuit women to run for political office to help improve the lives of Inuit families.





2006–2007 Resolutions



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Each year, resolutions developed and approved at the AGM provide a 'to do' list for Pauktuutit to accomplish in the following year. This year, delegates approved resolutions on the following topics.

2007–1—National Inuit Residential Schools Healing Strategy

2007–2—National Strategy to Prevent Abuse in Inuit Communities

2007–3—Fundraising Strategy

2007–4—Healthy Eating

2007–5—Volunteerism

2007–6—Environmental Issues

2007–7—Sexual Health and resource extraction in the North

2007–8—Updated Bylaws and Increased Representation

2007–9—Housing

2007–10—Injury Prevention

2007–11—Child Sexual Exploitation

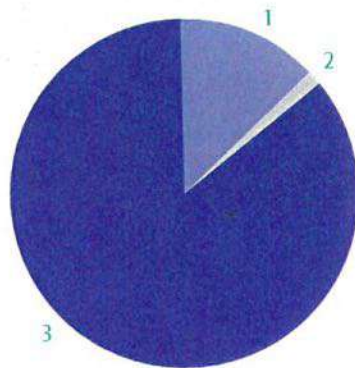


Financial Report

Revenues and Expenditures 2006-2007

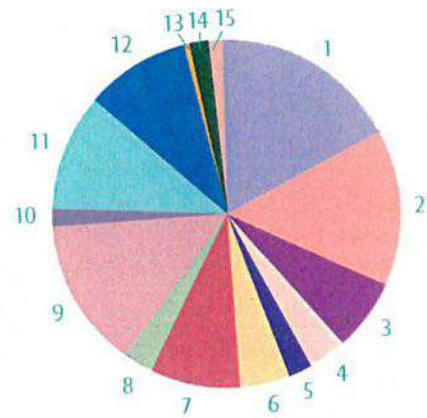
Revenues

Where the Money Comes From



- 1 Canadian Heritage
- 2 Other
- 3 Special Projects Funding

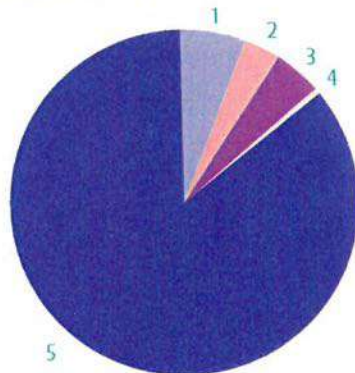
Special Projects



- 1 Sexual Health Programs
- 2 Abuse Issues
- 3 Tobacco Cessation
- 4 Self-Governance & Board Development
- 5 Keepers of the Light
- 6 Economic Development
- 7 Residential Schools
- 8 Environment and Fisheries
- 9 Community and Healthy Living
- 10 Justice and Corrections
- 11 Maternal and Child Health
- 12 Early Childhood Development
- 13 Gender Based Analysis
- 14 Health Policy & Programs
- 15 International Engagement

Expenditures

Where the Money Goes



- 1 Administration
- 2 Policy Development & Project Fundraising
- 3 Board Meetings/AGM
- 4 Amortization of Capital Assets
- 5 Special Projects

Balance Sheet at March 31, 2007

	2007	2006
ASSETS		
Cash and other working capital	932,409	1,139,078
Capital Assets	55,300	65,452
Total Assets	987,709	1,204,530
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	687,279	699,134
Deferred Revenue	43,738	204,856
Leasehold Inducements	11,019	12,167
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	190,373	222,921
Invested in capital assets	55,300	65,452
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	987,709	1,204,530

Revenues and Expenditures for Year ended March 31, 2007

	2007	2006
REVENUES		
Canadian Heritage—Aboriginal Women's Program	326,990	266,990
Other	37,624	57,143
Total Revenues	364,614	324,133
EXPENDITURES		
Administration	383,351	308,378
Policy Development and Project Fundraising	83,717	83,788
Board Meetings/AGM	110,969	95,802
Amortization of Capital Assets	16,507	18,725
Total Expenditures	594,544	506,693
Project Recoveries	187,230	221,950
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses	(42,700)	(39,390)

Program Revenue and Expenditures

	2007	2006
REVENUE		
Deferred Revenue, Beginning of Year	204,858	292,309
Contributions	1,957,202	2,073,014
Deferred Revenue, End of Year	(43,738)	(204,856)
Total Revenues—Special Projects	2,118,322	2,160,467
EXPENDITURES		
Total Expenditures—Special Projects	2,118,322	2,160,467

Map of Pauktuutit Project Activities for 2006-2007

