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NUNAVUT LAW FOUNDATION
LA FONDATION DU DROIT DU NUNAVUT

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 2014

INTRODUCTION

Inception The Nunavut Law Foundation (the “Foundation”) came into being on or about January 12, 2001 upon the transfer of the Nunavut share of capital assets of the Law Foundation of the Northwest Territories

Authority The Foundation is established by and derives its authority from Part VII of the *Legal Professions Act*, RSNWT 1988, and c. L-2, (the Act”) as amended for Nunavut pursuant to section 76.05 of the *Nunavut Act* (Canada).

Directors Pursuant to section 52 of the Act, the affairs of the Foundation are governed by a Board of Directors composed of four persons appointed by the Law Society of Nunavut (the “Society”) from among its members and one person who is not a member to be appointed by the Commissioner of Nunavut. Under the Act, the Directors have the authority to decide all aspects of its governance and are required annually to report on their activities to the Society.

The Directors of the Foundation at December 31, 2014:

Appointed by the Law Society:	Mandy Sammurtok, Iqaluit – Chair Cindy Kieu, Iqaluit Thomas Lemon, Toronto Marie Belleau, Iqaluit
Appointed by the Commissioner:	Wendy Kootoo-Wood, Cambridge Bay

Auditors The auditors of the Foundation are Lester, Landau, Chartered Accountants, Iqaluit.

Contact Persons interested in information about the affairs of the Foundation or about applying for a grant from the Foundation may direct enquires as follows:

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MANDATE

The Nunavut Law Foundation provides grants for the purpose of encouraging and supporting projects and initiatives that generally serve to advance greater awareness of the law and promote greater access to justice and Nunavut.

Pursuant to section 57(2) of the Act, all members of the Society are legally required to maintain an interest bearing trust account in a bank which is to hold monies held in trust for clients related to legal transactions in the Territory and to instruct the bank to remit interest earned on such trust monies to the Foundation. However, since the Foundation was established there have been very few Nunavut practitioners who remitted interest accruing from a trust account. The Foundation is taking steps to ensure members with a trust account in Nunavut are receiving the necessary information and documents to properly set up the transfer of IOLTA (Interest on Lawyer Trust Account) revenues.

As a necessary alternative, the Society collects from all of its members a special levy (Trust Account Levy) which currently represents the source of the Foundations revenues. The interest and capital from its fund are used for:

- I. conducting and contributing to research into law reform and improving the administration of justice,
- II. contributing to the establishment, maintenance and operation of law libraries,
- III. contributing to the legal education and knowledge of members and of the people of Nunavut and providing programs and facilities for that purpose,
- IV. awarding bursaries and scholarships for the study of law or related subjects, and
- V. providing assistance to legal aid programs, restorative justice programs and programs of a similar nature.

A) REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

As Chair of the Nunavut Law Foundation I am pleased to inform the stakeholders in the Foundation that we continue to actively fulfill our mandate. In 2014, the Foundation awarded grants in the amount of \$38,546.80. Although we received only \$33,293 in levies from the Law Society of Nunavut (LSN), the Foundation was able to use the revenues carried over from previous years and draw on our reserve fund in order to make up the difference. Our assets total approximately \$300,000.00.

The Foundation awarded six **Lucien Ukaliannuk Awards** for Law or Law-Related Studies, which provides awards to students wishing to pursue law-related studies and who qualify on the basis of need and a commitment to Nunavut.

Lucien Ukaliannuk was a respected Inuit Elder in the community, who passed away on September 29, 2007. Prior to his passing, Mr. Ukaliannuk worked as the Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit Advisor to the Department of Justice in Iqaluit. He had also been the Inuit Law Instructor and Mentor to the first cohort of Akitsiraq Law Students. Mr. Ukaliannuk shared his wisdom with a new generation – a generation committed to fulfilling the promise of Nunavut and to meeting the standards and ideals of the Law Society of Nunavut.

The amounts of the Awards were \$1000.00, \$2000.00, \$2500.00, \$5000.00, \$5000.00 and \$6000.00 and were given to two Nunavut based articling students; two law students who are residents of Nunavut; one summer intern and one former resident of Nunavut currently enrolled in a joint program at Osgoode Hall Law School (Juris Doctor and a Master's of Environmental Studies).

The Foundation was pleased to provide **Upinnaqtuq Awards** to eight young Nunavummiut who depending on their age category received an Award in the amount of \$500.00 each or a gift of their choice. The Upinnaqtuq Award honours Justice Beverly Browne who was the first senior judge in the Nunavut Court of Justice. She demonstrated great leadership in the community and had a strong commitment and passion for working with youth.

These young individuals were nominated by their principals, teachers, coaches and other people in the community in recognition of their commitment to leadership and peacemaking or their significant efforts at rehabilitation. The Foundation held a community event at the Frobisher Inn in Iqaluit that was well attended and well covered by the media.

**Sandra Omik
Receives Recognition**



A significant achievement for the Foundation was the adoption of the new revised Terms of Reference for this Award. The Foundation is indebted to its former Director, Ms. Sandra Omik, who was instrumental in initiating as well as undertaking extensive research to create these Terms of Reference. **Ms. Omik was the recipient of 2013 Neil Sharkey Volunteer Award** for her long-term service and invaluable contributions to the Nunavut Law Foundation. She received the Award during the LSN May 2014 Annual General Meeting.

Opening of the Upinnaqtuq Awards in Iqaluit
Lighting of the Qulliq by Annie,
grandmother of recipient Kaj Sandbakken



**May 2014 Launching of the
Upinnaqtuq Award logo**

The logo represents the inclusion of sports, community and school into a person's life. The symbols inside the circle represent these three aspects, showing how they are intertwined with each other. The circle represents both the world and a sun at the same time. Resting this on the shoulders of the person gives the logo an uplifting feeling, showing that accomplishments are within one's reach.

Thank you to Gillian Cummings (2014 summer student) for this beautiful art piece!



NUNATSIAQ NEWS 2014
Upinnaqtuq awards recognize young Nunavut leaders



Nalini Vaddapalli and Mandy Sammurtok, centre, of the Nunavut Law Foundation with three of this year's eight winners of the Upinnaqtuq Award, which the foundation gives annually to Nunavut youth who demonstrate qualities of leadership, conflict resolution, or "remarkable progress" in rehabilitation. Nanook Elementary School students Margaret Gauthier, left, and Kaj Sandbakken celebrated their win at the Frobisher Inn in Iqaluit, Nov. 14, with fellow Iqaluit resident Kiyanna Drachenberg, right, a student of Inuksuk High School. Each received \$500 with their certificates. Other winners for 2014 included Hayden Hickey and Aloka Wijesooriya of Iqaluit, Etuangat Akeeagok of Grise Fiord, Scott Kiluksishak of Pond Inlet, and Veronica Uttak of Repulse Bay. (PHOTO BY PETER VARGA).

Nunatsiaq News Online:

http://www.nunatsiaqonline.ca/stories/article/65674photo_upinnaqtuq_awards_recognize_young_nunavut_leaders/ (Accessed on November 17 2014)

In addition, the Foundation sponsored an event in Repulse Bay to celebrate and recognize the young Upinnaqtuq Recipient in that community.



Upinnaqtuq Award Celebrations
in Repulse Bay for Recipient Veronica Uttak
(Left) with teacher Julia MacPherson (Right)

The Foundation awarded **General Grants** to support the following various activities which include first time contributions for many:

- Canadian Bar Association – Nunavut Branch - Professional Development
- Faith Natunga c/o the Law Society of Nunavut- Access to Knowledge – Domestic Abuse (research and writing)
- Nunavut Status of Women - Access to Knowledge – Domestic Abuse (community partner)
- Nunavut Disability Society – Elder Day Celebration
- Kitikmeot Law Centre (Cambridge Bay) - Public Legal Education Project



Inuksuk High School Elder Celebrations (Iqaluit)

Nunavut RCMP Sgt. Yvonne Niego and Chairperson Mandy Sammurtok (far right) sit down with Elders Anne and Enoapik (far left) after morning presentations on Elder respect; middle Sarah Huxford (interpreter)



Inuksuk High School Elder Celebrations (Iqaluit)

Nunavut RCMP Sgt. Yvonne Niego speaks to the students about the importance of respecting your Elders

Finally, the Foundation recognized the importance of developing a **strategic plan** in order to meet all of its statutory objectives. As such, it began important discussions that are leading to the development of its first Strategic Plan. We are eager to report back to the stakeholders at the next Annual General Meeting and believe this road map will provide an enhanced vision and structure to better serve and meet the needs of Nunavummiut.

Respectfully submitted,


Mandy Sammurtok, Chairperson

B) SUMMARY - GRANTS MADE

Lucien Ukaliannuk Award for law or law related studies	21,500.00
Upinnaqtuq Award for youths and students	3,546.80
General Grants	13,500.00
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TOTAL	\$38, 546.80