
THE SELTZER-CHAN POND INLET FOUNDATION: 2007



HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

Deserving high school students from each grade received gift certificates as part of the Seltzer-Chan Pond Inlet Foundation's annual program to reward outstanding attendance, effort, attitude and academic achievement.



2007 Nasivvik High School graduates receiving awards

PRESERVING THE PAST

A grant from the Foundation financed transferring precious video footage into digital format and the purchase of a digital projector for use in the community centre. Archivist Philippa Ootoowak explains "The content included performances ... from 1988-1994. Others include films taken in the 1940s by an Anglican Missionary showing today's elders as children and community life as it was then. These films have brought so much enjoyment to people here and can now continue to do so into the future."



MUSIC CLUB SUPPORT

Funds from the Foundation were used to assist in purchasing 20 fiddles and host the first-ever Fiddle Workshop in Pond Inlet. The workshop, which was held from May 4-8, 2007, gave 24 youth ages 12-19 their first opportunity to play a fiddle. Guided by music teacher Julie Lohnes, master fiddler Gordon Stobbe and guitarist Greg Simm, the young participants showed dedication, perseverance, and talent through an intense weekend of practice and performances for the community and schools. Nasivvik Music Club members continue to meet each week and hope to hold another workshop in 2008.



Fiddle workshop participants perform on top of an iceberg as community members watch from below. Photo by Rachel Hanna.

The Inukshuk on our masthead overlooks Eclipse Sound at the base of Mount Herodier, Baffin Island. It is a memorial to Mark and Marilyn and was built with Pond Inlet community members.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Young people in Pond Inlet can now play baseball, football and basketball. A donation from the Foundation was used to purchase a variety of sports equipment suitable for different age groups. One set of equipment will be used for high school after-school programs and another set will be maintained by the recreation committee at the community centre.

THE 2007 GRANTS

The Seltzer-Chan Pond Inlet Foundation is proud to announce that a total of \$17,750 was distributed to the following organizations and students in 2007:

- Nasavvik High School for awards to 18 students
- Nasavvik Music Club for fiddles and workshop
- Pond Inlet Archives
- Recreation Committee for sports equipment
- Georgina Pewatoook: Algonquin College
- Alexandra Anaviapik: Nunavut Sivuniksivut Program, Ottawa
- Beverly Ootoova: Nunavut College, Rankin Inlet
- Rachel Ootoova: Nunavut College, Iqaluit

YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

100% of every donation made to the Seltzer-Chan Pond Inlet Foundation is used to support grant recipients. All administrative costs are donated by board members. It's hard to think of a charity where your money has a more direct effect on individuals. We're proud of this memorial to Mark and Marilyn and we hope you will continue to help us support education and Inuit culture in Pond Inlet.

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Fiddle workshop participants after their performance on top of an iceberg, May 2007. Photo by John Watson.