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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year has been one of growth and success for Pauktuutit. Among our major accomplishments during 2000/2001 was participating in domestic and international preparations for the United Nation's World Conference Against Racism, held in Durban South Africa. Racism is an issue that undermines the equality of Inuit women, and Pauktuutit remains committed to working with governments and others to address and resolve these serious problems in Canada.

There were also many projects undertaken by Pauktuutit and its staff, which we describe in detail in this report. While the Association may be spreading its wings within Canada and around the world, our core priorities are those that affect us on a daily basis such as violence, addictions, and our overall health and well-being.

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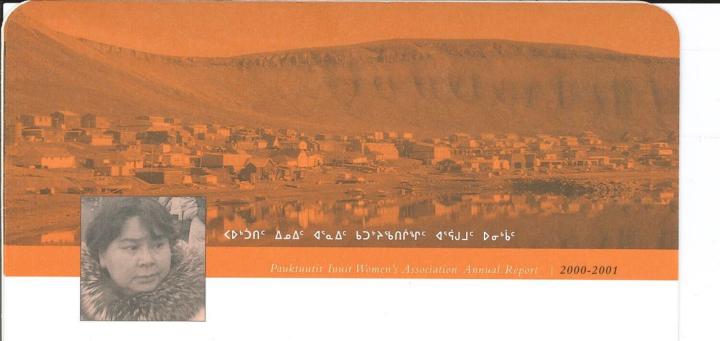
and vision at home and around the world.

Canada. We can truly take pride in Pauktuutit's reputation for strength, courage, commitment

Veronica Dewar President

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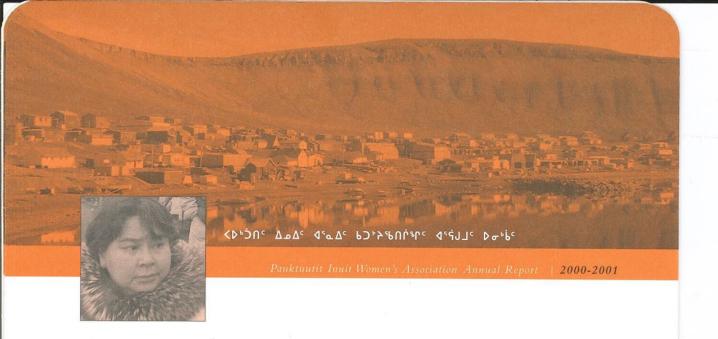
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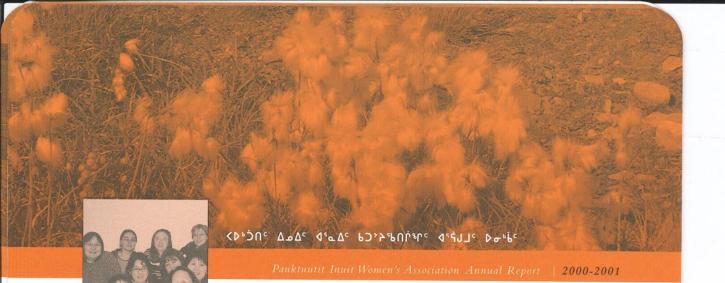
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- Promote the rights of Inuit women and children;
- Promote the equality of Inuit women in all levels of Canadian governmental and non-governmental structures;
- Encourage the involvement of Inuit women in all levels of Canadian society; and,
- Encourage communication between Inuit women and all aboriginal peoples.

Since our incorporation in 1984, Pauktuutit has addressed many of the serious social issues that affect Inuit communities.

Pauktuutit has undertaken comprehensive projects on family violence, child sexual abuse, housing, traditional Inuit midwifery and birthing practices, tobacco cessation, economic development and is active in a wide range of health issues.





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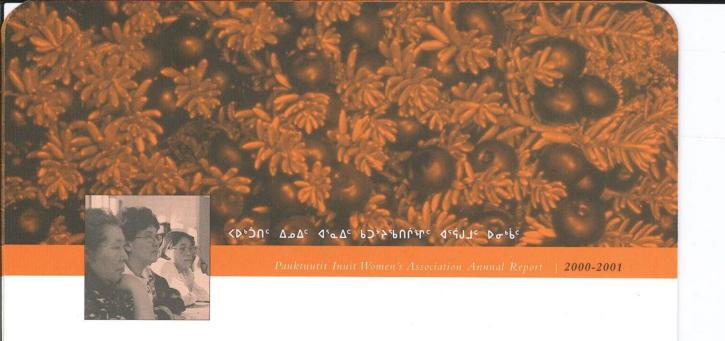
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#### REPORT ON ISSUES

Over the past year, the Board members and staff at Pauktuutit have worked tirelessly on a number of important projects on behalf of Inuit women. The following report provides an overview of the current projects that Pauktuutit's Board and staff members have worked on. Although funding has become more difficult to access for many projects, the dedication and hard work of the organization's Board and staff continue to achieve some notable successes and progress towards ensuring the needs and priorities of Inuit women are being recognized and met.

## **Family Violence Projects**

Since its inception over 17 years ago, a primary focus for Pauktuutit has been to address the high levels of family violence that occurs in many Inuit communities. While the causes of this tragic problem are diverse and complex, Pauktuutit has dedicated significant human and financial resources to trying to understand the issues impacting upon family violence. These efforts have helped ensure that the voices of Inuit women are heard and that their input contributes to the development of appropriate resources

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Over the past year, Pauktuutit has received funding to undertake a survey of the resources available to survivors of child sexual abuse in Inuit communities. A Steering Committee, comprised of six Inuit specialists in issues relating to child sexual abuse from across the North, was established to assist in refining the research methodology and to review research instruments. The initial research process has begun and, when completed, the results will be compiled into a final report and circulated to all Inuit communities. Gaps in the existing resources available to Inuit families will be identified and drawn to the attention of the appropriate government agencies. The second stage of the project will involve an in-depth study into the operations of four successful Inuitspecific projects addressing child sexual abuse. These "best practices" will serve as examples of how similar programs may be established across the North.

Another major initiative in the area of family violence has been the Aboriginal Women's Justice Consultation. Pauktuutit, the Native Women's Association of Canada and the Metis National Council of Women were



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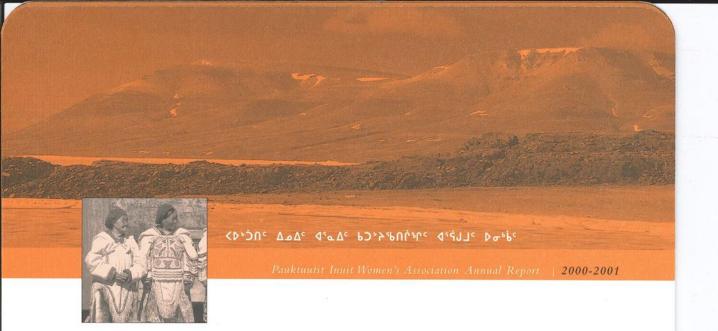
prior to and after their release, they will be able to once again become productive members of their communities. It is anticipated the funds will become available for a coordinator position on this file.

Pauktuutit also attended an Aboriginal Corrections Research meeting in Winnipeg where the issue of the need for Inuit-specific research was raised. Staff will continue to work towards ensuring this need is recognized and met by stakeholders.

Family violence continues to wreak a terrible toll on Inuit families and communities. Through projects such as those described, it is hoped that some of the harm inflicted by this violence can be mitigated through the development of Inuit-specific resources and programs.

The Amauti Project – Intellectual Property
As the global economy continues to expand,
even the most remote communities are
becoming affected. Inuit have already
encountered a number of specific instances
where their traditional designs and products
have been adopted, adapted or appropriated by non-Inuit businesses without receiving
any recognition, or financial compensation,
for their ideas. Pauktuutit has long promoted the greater participation of Inuit women
in the modern economy, particularly through





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 the preservation and development of their expertise in the area of clothing production. Their expertise and skill in this area is widely recognized and, on occasion, copied without their prior knowledge or consent.

To address this growing problem, Pauktuutit developed a proposal to explore the issue of how to define and protect Inuit intellectual property using the amauti as a test case. This proposal was approved and funding was obtained to conduct research into the topic and to hold a conference on the issue. After much hard work, a conference has been organized for early in the 2001-2002 fiscal year in Rankin Inlet. The tentative participant list includes seamstresses and designers from across the Arctic along with various Inuit organization representatives. Participation of some international delegates including the Kuna Indians from Panama is expected. The case of the Kuna is of particular interest as the traditional designs of the Kuna are now protected by legislation of the Panamanian government. Their participation at the meeting will add a very interesting element to what promises to be a unique and enlightening exploration of Inuit intellectual property rights.

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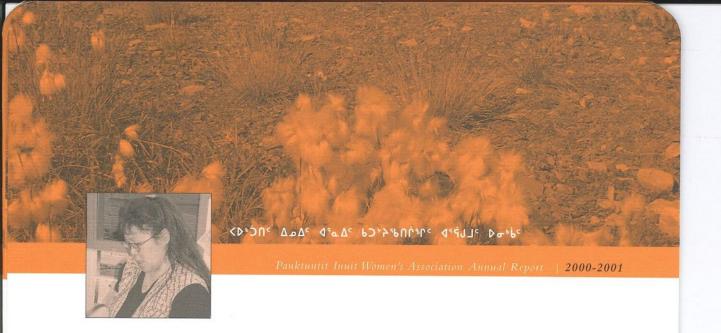
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#### Anigsaattiarnig - Breathing Easy Project

The Aniqsaattiarniq project is currently the longest ongoing project undertaken by Pauktuutit. Originally begun in 1994, Pauktuutit undertook some initial research and consultations regarding how the issue of smoking and smoking cessation should be addressed in Inuit communities. This early work provided some clear direction for project staff to follow including the production of a number of resources outlining the impacts of smoking, methods of smoking cessation, and ways in which communities could raise awareness of the issue. In 1997, resource kits were distributed to schools and community health centres across the North followed by an evaluation of these kits. The evaluation process clearly indicated that Inuit in the communities wanted to have access to training in order to be able to effectively utilize the information kits on a local scale.

The focus of the project then shifted to the development of training programs that have now been successfully delivered in several regions of the North. These programs transfer knowledge and skills to the participants enabling them to go back to their communities and regions and extend the impact of the initial awareness raising campaign. Successful participants act as key resources in their





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communities for people wishing to find out more about the harmful effects of smoking, as well as a local resource for information on how to quit smoking. Over the past year, Pauktuutit has extended the delivery of training programs throughout Nunavut and Labrador.

In recognition of the important work
Pauktuutit has undertaken in this area, the
organization has also been asked to sit on
various committees and to provide input on
various projects related to tobacco use.

#### **Substance Abuse Project**

Substance abuse continues to be a primary health and social problem afflicting all Inuit communities. Pauktuutit, through its Substance Abuse Coordinator, has continued to lend its support to front-line substance abuse workers in the communities and to ensure government agencies are aware of the urgency of this issue. Over the past year, Pauktuutit staff have attended many meetings and sat on a number of committees including the Inuit Survivors of Sexual Abuse Steering Committee, the Ministerial Advisory Council on Tobacco Control, the BC FAS/FAE Support Network, the Aboriginal Health Institute, and the National Steering Committee for FAS/FAE.

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In addition to this important work, staff also devoted a substantial amount of time in increasing public awareness of substance abuse by appearing on a number of television and radio shows. Such activities enable staff to build upon Pauktuutit's educational efforts in a number of areas by encouraging the public to use the many substance abuse resources the organization has produced over the past few years.

In January 2000, a survey was conducted among Inuit substance abuse workers across the North to identify training, information and self-care needs. This survey provided a rich source of information on the kinds of support and resources these workers need the most. As well, the survey results provided a basis to create culturally specific supports and resources for these workers.

The next phase of this work will entail the establishment of an Inuit Substance Abuse Steering Committee to oversee a number of new initiatives including an Inuit national workshop for substance abuse workers, distributing fact sheets, and the production of a bulletin to help keep these workers informed about what other regions are doing and what new resources are available to assist them in their work.





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The Substance Abuse Project provides a good example of how Pauktuutit can assist in drawing attention at the national level to important issues within Inuit communities and to help develop resources that are Inuit-specific and meet the needs of front line workers.

#### **HIV/AIDS Project**

Pauktuutit's work in the area of HIV/AIDS has received widespread recognition and respect for raising awareness about this serious health issue among Inuit and for the production of a number of excellent resources specifically tailored to the needs of Inuit.

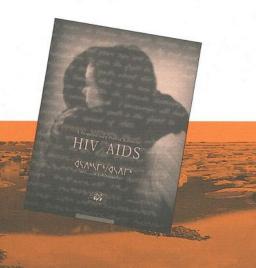
New over the 2000 – 2001 fiscal year,
Pauktuutit's HIV/AIDS project staff were
instrumental in establishing the Canadian
Inuit HIV/AIDS Network (CIHAN), a network
of Inuit HIV/AIDS workers. CIHAN oversees
the promotion of HIV/AIDS awareness and
education among Inuit communities but
perhaps most importantly, presents a clear
unified Inuit voice on HIV/AIDS issues. Some
of the activities overseen by CIHAN over the
past year included holding a number of
successful HIV/AIDS Fairs. These events are
held in high schools in the North and serve
to focus awareness building with Inuit youth.
A number of educational and promotional

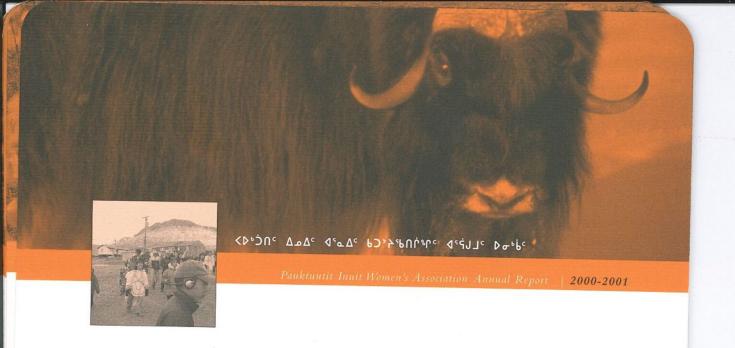
 resources are handed out to make sure the impact of the Fairs endures long after the events are completed. It is anticipated that in the near future, HIV/AIDS Fairs will be held in every region.

Another key initiative undertaken by
CIHAN was preliminary work on an Inuit
HIV/AIDS Action Plan. While the work is thus
far only in the early stages, once completed,
the Action Plan will be forwarded to a
number of individuals and organizations
including the Pauktuutit and Inuit Tapirisat
of Canada Boards of Directors, Inuit MPs,
Senators and Regional Inuit Associations
(RIAs). The Action Plan builds upon the
strengths of community action to further
extend the accomplishments of CIHAN in
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the awareness and public education of

CIHAN was originally created to produce a series of resources but its activities have greatly expanded and grown beyond the capacity of its Board members to continue to meet the high expectations of the communities. The objective of the Action Plan is to develop coordinated community action plans to deliver information on HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C. Skills and

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equipment will be transferred to regional coordinators to build capacity at the regional levels. It is hoped that the RIAs will also be involved in implementing the Action Plan and thus better enable them to address regional concerns and priorities.

CIHAN, working closely with Pauktuutit staff, was also instrumental in organizing the participation of Inuit communities in the National HIV/AIDS Walk. This event provides an opportunity for the nation to focus upon the issue of HIV/AIDS with many communities across Canada participating. Inuit communities once again made themselves proud by setting a high standard for other communities to meet by achieving the highest per capita participation rates in the country.

A critical part of awareness building in the communities involves training local residents. Pauktuutit's HIV/AIDS Coordinator continued to deliver a number of training programs in northern communities where participants learned how to teach others in their communities and regions about HIV/AIDS. These people play a key role in the fight against the disease and a number of training workshops are planned for the upcoming fiscal year.

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# Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effects

Approximately 3-10% of children born in Nunavut suffer from Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and/or Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAS/FAE). This completely preventable affliction can greatly limit a child's ability to learn and places great pressure on families and communities as they try to provide additional support and resources for these young victims. Pauktuutit has worked hard to gather funding and support for the development of resources that focus specifically upon the needs of Inuit families in regards to FAS/FAE. Specifically, Pauktuutit is in the process of producing a video, radio show and supporting materials on FAS/FAE with the objective of raising the awareness of Inuit youth about the condition and how it can be avoided. Through the guidance of a Steering Committee overseeing the project, great care has been taken to develop materials that not only present the hard medical facts about FAS/FAE, but also present the information in a manner that reflects Inuit culture and values. To make the material accessible to Inuit youth, the medical facts are combined with a dramatic storyline that keeps the viewer interested and attentive while learning more about the impact and prevention of FAS/FAE.





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 It is anticipated that the video, radio show and supporting materials will be presented to the public during the summer of 2001. The information package will be available in several Inuktitut dialects, English and French, and will be distributed to the health centres in all Inuit communities across the North. Once this phase of the project has been completed, it is anticipated that training events will be sought to help expand awareness of FAS/FAE prevention and education.

#### **Health Projects**

Over the past several years, there has been a growing interest in Aboriginal women's health issues combined with funding to explore these issues and bring them forward. Of particular note, a very successful Inuit Health Forum was held in early 2000 bringing together stakeholders from across the county. As it's contribution to the forum, Pauktuutit produced a paper entitled "Inuit Women's Health: Overview and Policy Issues". This past year, the Prairie Centre of Excellence for Women's Health began a project to address Aboriginal women's health issues and research. Pauktuutit's President attended a consultation meeting organized by the Centre and a subsequent report was produced. One key finding of the report was

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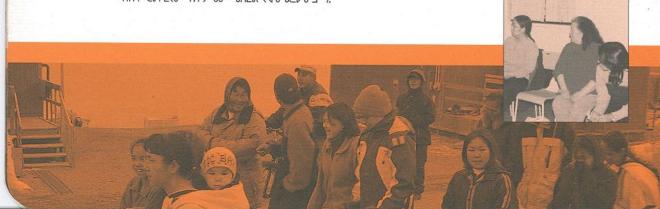
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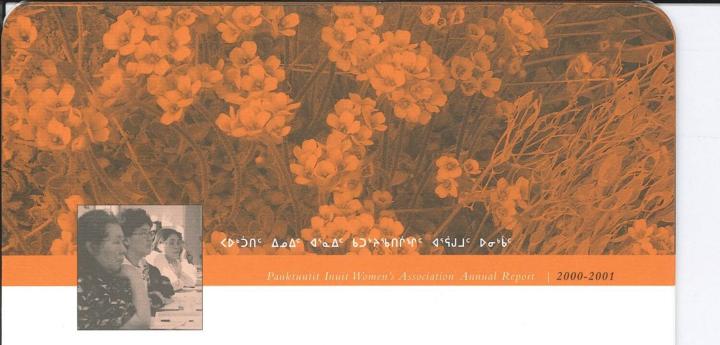
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the fact that there were few research projects undertaken that focused specifically on Aboriginal women's health issues. The Centre is continuing to promote a research agenda that more fully recognizes the unique health issues affecting Aboriginal women. Focus groups are also being planned across the country including a northern one to be held at a yet undetermined location.

Health Canada has funded two workshops on Inuit Women's Health Issues at Pauktuutit's AGM's including one at this year's meeting in Nain, Labrador. At the October 2000 workshop, the women identified the need for more information on women's health issues. A proposal has been developed to address this and plans include production of three booklets on various priorities such as menopause, osteoporosis, heart disease and cancers specific to women. The objective of these workshops has been to assist in restoring ownership and control of Inuit women's health to Inuit women. The information provided by the workshop participants indicated that there were significant improvements necessary to the health care system in the North. (For further information on the findings of the workshop at this year's AGM, please refer to the appropriate section within the "Report on the 17th AGM").





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# REPORT ON THE 17TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pauktuutit's 17th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in Nain, Labrador in November 2001. The three-day meeting enabled Inuit women from Inuvik to Goose Bay to gather to exchange information with other delegates and to draw attention to issues of concern within their respective regions. The AGM continues to provide Pauktuutit with critical input and direction in regard to its current and future efforts to represent Inuit women on the national stage. AGMs also enable delegates to elect new Board and Executive Committee members as their respective terms expire. This year saw the election of Mary Palliser as the new Vice-President and Sharon Edmunds to the position of Secretary-Treasurer.

An important element of the meeting involves staff and Executive members informing the delegates about ongoing project activities, the financial condition of the organization and various issues that are impacting upon Inuit women at the national level. In addition, senior staff provide an update on efforts to address any action items directed by the resolutions passed at the previous

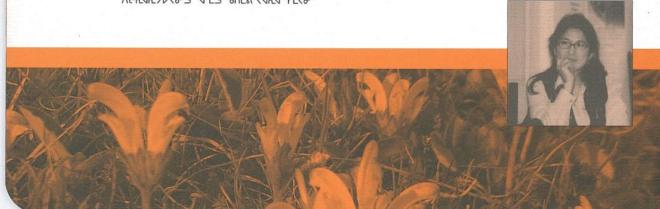
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AGM. Although the amount and complexity of the information presented can be quite substantial, delegates always listen attentively and provide valuable insights and perspectives on a host of important issues. This rich input provides the source of many of the resolutions that are passed at the AGM that, in turn, give clear objectives and future actions that the organization will strive to achieve.

Each year, special guests are invited to listen to the discussions and to make presentations. This year, the President of the Labrador Inuit Association, William Barbour, welcomed the delegates to Nain and wished them a productive meeting. As well, the Deputy-Mayor, Margaret Fox, also greeted the delegates and encouraged them to walk around the community and meet the residents. Fran Williams, of the OKalaKatiget Society, also attended portions of the meeting.

One of the most important elements of any AGM is the update on projects provided by Board and staff members. The updates provided at the AGM were based on the Report on Issues found in the above text.

The AGM presents a unique opportunity for Inuit women from across the country to both meet and share information and to discuss





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issues of mutual concern. This gathering also provides an excellent chance for governments to present information on new and existing programming as well as to receive valuable input from the delegates. Pauktuutit's 2000-2001 AGM incorporated three workshops that covered a wide variety of topics of concern to Inuit women.

Pauktuutit's own Franco Buscemi, Assistant
Project Coordinator for HIV/AIDS, facilitated
the first workshop on HIV/AIDS. Franco
gave an overview of the many activities
the project had been involved in since its
inception. An important accomplishment
was the successful establishment of the
Canadian Inuit HIV/AIDS Network (CIHAN),
a network of Inuit HIV/AIDS workers. CIHAN
promoted HIV/AIDS awareness and education and met throughout the year to discuss
issues and work on various projects.

Along with the production of educational and promotional resources, including a training video and manual for CHRs, AIDS Fairs had been organized in four communities to increase the awareness of Inuit youth about HIV/AIDS. In 2002, the number of these Fairs was to be increased substantially and held in every Inuit region. The focus of

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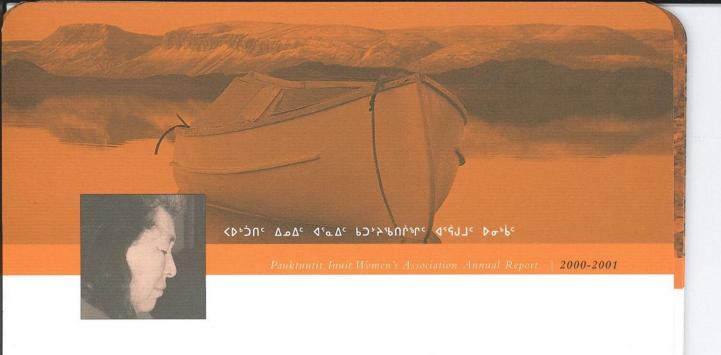
these Fairs will be "We are all in this together" and include contacts with Aboriginal groups from other countries.

Workshop participants were asked to review and comment on a survey that had been developed for circulation among youth at the HIV/AIDS Fairs. The survey's results would enable resources to be focused on those areas in most need of attention.

CIHAN also oversaw the Inuit component of the successful AIDS Walk that had taken place in the past year. The Inuit HIV/AIDS Walk was particularly notable for the fact that it was the first time such a walk had taken place in a federal prison (Fenbrook) and that Grise Fiord had the highest percentage participation rate in Canada. In all, over 41 Inuit communities were involved in the Walk.

The HIV/AIDS Action Plan was also reviewed. The Action Plan built upon the strengths of community action to further the accomplishments of CIHAN in increasing the awareness and public education of HIV/AIDS. The objective of the Action Plan was to develop coordinated community action plans to deliver information on HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C. Skills and equipment are to





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be transferred to regional coordinators to build capacity at the regional levels. It was hoped that the Regional Inuit Associations would become involved enabling each region to implement the plan to assist them in addressing regional concerns and priorities.

The second workshop built upon one of Pauktuutit's key areas of expertise – Inuit women's health. The workshop was part of an initiative launched by the Centres of Excellence for Women's Health. The information gained in the workshop was to be included in a report that would provide direction for new research and to promote changes in policy development and health care delivery in the North.

The format of the workshop was the presentation of a number of questions to the delegates for discussion and the recording of the primary points on a flip chart. After the questions were reviewed, the delegates responded to each one. The questions ranged from what basic health care services were available in their communities to how often the delegates had regular check-ups and what quality of health care they received. Some of the major concerns included a lack of health professionals in the communities

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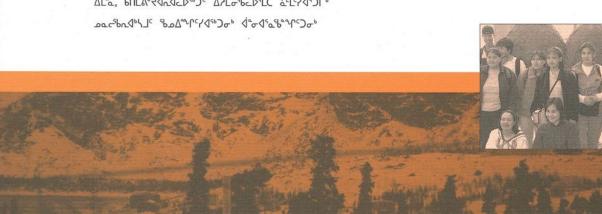
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and regions, under-funding of the health system in general, more timely diagnosis of diseases, and that more attention and resources needed to be focused upon women's health needs and priorities. Overall, the response of the delegates to the workshop was positive and a long list of issues and priorities was identified.

The final workshop was the Community Animation Program Workshop facilitated by three employees from Environment Canada and Health Canada. The objective of the workshop was to encourage the participants to visualize what their ideal community would be like and to identify obstacles to achieving that vision along with the steps that were necessary to overcome these obstacles. The primary aspects of a healthy community - community, environment, economy and health - were reviewed and connections were made to the relationships and impacts each aspect had on the community.

Overall, the delegates felt that the ideal community would have happy healthy people who were solidly based in a strong culture and were closely tied to a clean and healthy environment and its resources. In regards to environmental concerns, improper sewage storage and disposal was a key concern for





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most participants. Other concerns included healthy food and animals, clean environment, clean and affordable energy, active living, smoking and indoor air quality, and the impact of large-scale development. Disposable packaging was an issue of concern.

Participants discussed the issue of domestic cleaning agents and what could be done to reduce their impact on the environment and community health. A number of community actions and resources were identified that could assist in minimizing the use and negative impact of these agents.

In conclusion, the facilitators described some of the projects undertaken by the Eco-Action Program and suggested that communities apply for funding to help address some of the environmental issues facing them. For example, a community could apply for funding to send toxic garbage south for disposal. As well, Pauktuutit could develop a policy on hazardous materials and their disposal. Many resources were identified in the communities to help address the issue of hazardous waste. In addition, the federal government could contribute funding and other resources to help.

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#### Woman of the Year

Each year an Inuk Woman of the Year is selected by the Pauktuutit AGM in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the betterment of their community and for all Inuit women. This year's winner was Mabel Angulalik from Cambridge Bay. Mabel was to be presented with a plaque by the mayor of Cambridge Bay.

#### Regional Reports

Time is allocated during each AGM for regional reports. Each regional delegation reports to the main group on the various activities, issues and concerns that have arisen over the past year in their respective regions.

#### Nunavik (Ungava)

The highlights of the Ungava report described a number of activities undertaken by the local women's groups. These include the formation of women's committees that were involved in helping establish a sewing circle and buying food for community feasts. In addition, some women were assisted in buying sewing materials and building space was found for their use. Makivik Corporation had provided some of the funding used. The women's groups also continued to organize activities for youth including a children's





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program providing information about various activities over the local radio.

#### Inuvialuit

Concerns from the Inuvialuit region included: the absence of a substance abuse worker in Inuvik; more substance abuse programming was needed; oil and gas activity was increasing and there were concerns that this could lead to more social problems developing; more Inuit-focused programs were needed in a number of areas; caregivers were overworked and didn't receive adequate support; more funding was needed for projects such as shelters and literacy projects; high rates of suicide are a major concern; and more training was needed to prepare Inuit for the opportunities that will be available in the oil and gas industry - 1,500 jobs in the next year alone; youth need to be taught more about traditional knowledge. There were also concerns that women were not being adequately consulted on various issues; Elders did not have the parenting skills needed to raise children in these changing times and this was becoming problematic. The Brighter Futures program was being used to support a number of programs to help families and children, and increased

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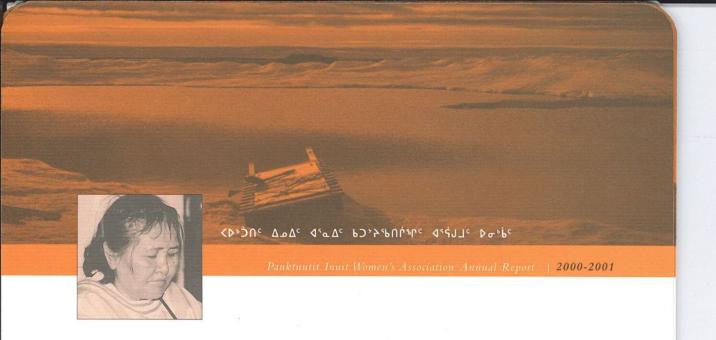
#### Labrador

Much of the report centered upon the work the Labrador Inuit Health Commission was doing including: seven core programs were being provided to Inuit in the communities; a regional psychologist had been hired; child care services were providing important programming to communities; it was difficult to keep public health nurses in the region for long periods of time; Tongamiut Inuit Annait (TIA), the regional Inuit women's organization, had been established and was focused on women's issues, including lobbying government for emergency shelters in each community as not all communities had the resources to operate a shelter and working to provide traditional skills to youth; and TIA had successfully negotiated to having constables stationed in the communities, but the need for increased ongoing funding was a major issue.

#### Qikiqtani

The initial issue arising from the regional report was a request that Pauktuutit seek out additional funds to help offset the mailing costs related to circulating documents in the





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region. A number of issues were raised in regards to the provision of social services in the region including the fact that people in need of social services support were not always helped in a timely manner and that social services did not allow people to discipline their children in the traditional manner. Other items mentioned were: Inuit women were working hard to improve the lives of women and were getting more recognition but still needed more support; men should attend the women's meetings to help the genders understand each other; a healing session for men was held within the Qikiqtani Inuit Association and women attend various meetings to talk about their activities and issues of concern, but they need more information and resources to help them undertake their activities.

#### Kitikmeot

Day care centres had been established in most communities and were providing good programs. Communities that didn't have day care centers were trying to get funding.

Additional issues included: interest in getting funding to establish sewing circles and to train people; the tobacco reduction facilitators' training program held by Pauktuutit was a success, and in the new

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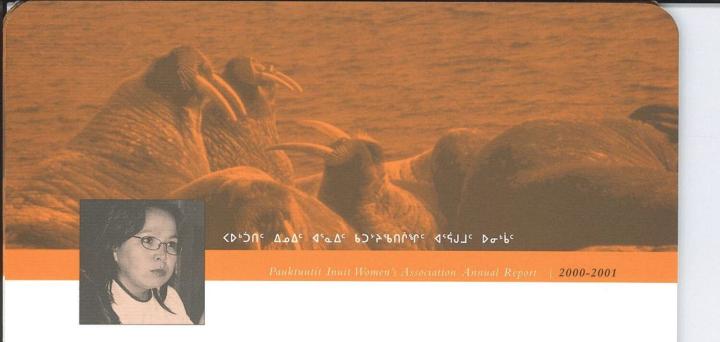
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year, Breathing Easy sessions were to begin in the region; women's shelters were needed; and efforts were being made to keep the Health and Social Services Minister informed of women's needs. There was also a lack of funding for training to help disabled people and elders. More funding was needed for substance abuse and suicide prevention and training.

#### Kivalliq

In the Kivallig region, a number of issues and activities were reported: women continue to have to go to Rankin to deliver their babies; more health staff were needed in the communities; young people were being trained in sewing programs funded by the Kivalliq Inuit Association; daycares were established and had helped a number of women explore different opportunities available to them; male abusers continued to be in need of counseling support; a counseling support project had been initiated in Rankin Inlet; high unemployment levels remained a serious problem; a jewelry making program had been established with some success; and youth were being taken on the land to learn traditional skills and Inuit culture.





#### Nunavik (Hudson)

A number of initiatives had been undertaken in the region: a women's committee had been established in Inukjuak and had nominated a delegate to attend the AGM; some people do not understand what the women were trying to do but there was a general understanding of what Pauktuutit does; healing sessions had taken place in the community including some for men; child care remained an important issue; the women's group fundraised to help pay for various activities and rented out their building for additional funding; various members go to meetings to explain what they do and to discuss issues.

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# 2000-2001 RESOLUTIONS

#### 2001-01

Health Policy Development and
Implementation – resolves that governments
and other agencies make every effort to
involve Inuit women in health policy and
program renewal in a meaningful way
including the provision of sufficient resources
to undertake the required research and consultation processes and to participate in ongoing
national and regional projects and activities.

#### 2001-02

Capacity Building for Inuit Women – directs the federal government to provide adequate ongoing consultation and operational funds to ensure the effective functioning and meaningful participation of Pauktuutit. The resolution further directs the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada (ITC) to actively assist Pauktuutit in discussions and negotiations with the federal government to ensure its sustained effective operations.

#### 2001-03

Shelters and Safe Houses for Women - calls upon governments to work with women's organizations at the community and regional level to ensure an adequate level of safe





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shelters and related programs in the Inuit communities and that sufficient long-term funding be provided to support these facilities.

#### 2001-04

Inuit Youth and Tobacco – requests that Health
Canada fund Pauktuutit to consult with the
National Inuit Youth Council and the ITC to
develop an Inuit youth-specific strategy
addressing protection, prevention and cessation activities, programs and resource materials.

#### 2001-05

Training - resolves that Regional Inuit
Associations take steps to provide information about training funds that may be available to Inuit women and Inuit women's organizations and that the RIAs, along with the federal government, undertake a needs assessment to determine the interests, needs and priorities of the Inuit women in their regions. The resolution further resolves that training plans and priorities reflect the priorities and interests of Inuit women and that steps are taken to ensure Inuit women are able to take advantage of those training opportunities that exist.

#### 2001-06

#### 2001-07

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#### 2001-06

Health Prevention and Promotion Initiatives – urges Health Canada and regional and provincial health departments ensure the active involvement of Inuit women in the design and delivery of health prevention and promotion activities and that adequate financial and human resources be allocated to support their meaningful involvement in these activities and initiatives.

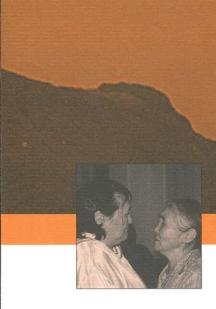
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Social Impacts of Development Activities – encourages Regional Inuit Associations and other bodies involved in land use and development to require social impact assessments as a mandatory component of land use impact assessments.

#### 2001-08

FAS/FAE Training and Diagnostic Services — calls upon Health Canada in partnership with territorial and provincial governments to provide Pauktuutit with funds to develop prevention training materials and to conduct training activities in the Inuit regions. The resolution further calls upon Health Canada in partnership with territorial, provincial and regional health systems to provide FAS and FAE diagnostic and support services for people affected by FAS and FAE.





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Inuit Action Plan on HIV/AIDS – draws attention to the fact that delegates to the 2000/2001 AGM endorse and support the proposed Action Plan on HIV/AIDS, and calls upon the Regional Inuit Associations to endorse and implement the Pauktuutit Plan of Action on HIV/AIDS.

#### 2001-10

Voluntary Sector Initiative: Building Capacity in the Regions and Communities directs the federal government to recognize the substantial contribution Inuit women make to their communities through their voluntary activities and that funding be provided to Pauktuutit to identify and meet the capacity needs of Inuit women and voluntary organizations in the communities.

#### 2001-11

Nunavik Status of Women Council calls for the creation of a status of women's council as part of the self-governing structures and institutions to be developed in implementing self-government in Nunavik.

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# FINANCIAL REPORT

# **Annual Summary**

For the year ending March 31, 2001

Activities	Core Operations	Special Projects	Total 2001	Total 2000
Revenue	\$297,270	\$1,159,080	\$1,456,350	\$1,096,396
Expenses	\$283,555	\$1,159,080	\$1,442,635	\$1,132,961
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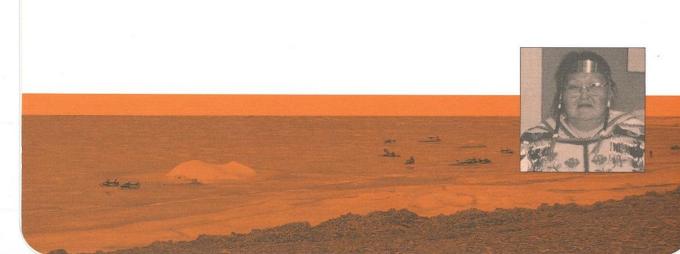
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