

# **Sustainable Community**

# **Action towards a Sustainable Future**

***“Don’t run away from the problem,  
face it!”***

***– Dr. Peter Iriniq  
Former Commissioner of Nunavut***

# **What is Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ)?**

**“Qaujimajatuqangit refers  
to “healthy, sustainable communities“  
regaining their rights to a say in the  
governance of their lives using principles  
and values they regard as integral to who  
and what they are.”**

**-- Jaypetee Arnakak**

**(Nunavut Social Development Council)**

# **Elders**

**“In Inuit culture the belief is to not rush things too much in making changes, but make changes with careful thought, careful planning and consideration of who you are serving. We ask the Elders because they know better.”**

**-- Eva Aariak**

**former Language Commissioner of Nunavut Nunavut  
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# **Elders**

**“The elder Inuit generation  
must pass on its traditional knowledge;  
at the same time, a new generation is exploring  
its roots in an ancient culture  
as a way to understand its place in the future.”**

**Telefilm Canada – Nunavut Elders Series**

# **Family and Generosity**

## **Connection Values**

- Sharing
- Generosity
- Family
- Respect
- Love
- Listening
- Equality
- Significance
- trust

(2005 Department of Human Resources, Government of Nunavut)

# **Community**

**“We were taught to live in harmony  
with each other and to help those  
who were not able to fend for  
themselves.”**

**Mariam Aglukkaq**

**Invited Elder**

**Nunavut @ 5 Symposium**

**Acadia University**

# **Environmental Connectedness**

**“[Economic development  
and environmental sustainability]  
do not have to happen  
at the expense of one another”**

**Victor Tootoo**

**former Assistant Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services**

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**Nunavut @ 5 Symposium  
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# **Technology**

**"I would like my children and my grandchildren to know the ways of the *Inummaritt* (elders), but I would also like them to succeed in obtaining a good modern education, get good jobs, and to be comfortable in the world of computers."**

**-John Kaunaq**

**(Resident of Naujaat, Nunavut)**

# **Youth**

**“I think the best way to prepare [for the future] is to get experience and just getting right into the middle of things.”**

**Inuit Youth, Franco**

**National Inuit Youth Council Summit, 2007.**

**“In order to plan for the future we need to be well... as long as we are well and help each other out, we can accomplish anything.”**

**Katherine Ciboci**

**National Inuit Youth Council Summit, 2007**

# **Education**

**“It is not only the Southern cities that are learning more about Nunavut, it is also people living in Nunavut who are learning more about who they are, where they are going, and especially younger people. They are so optimistic and enthusiastic about what is going to happen now that Nunavut government is in place.”**

**Eva Aariak – former Language Commissioner of Nunavut**