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Pond Inlet setting the bar high in water stewardship Nunavut community monitoring fresh water quality amid changing climate

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Tim Anaviapik Soucie is monitoring fresh water quality in Pond Inlet. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ARTICONNEXION)

Premier Taptuna in the legislative assembly May 29. (PHOTO BY DAVID MURPHY)

The community of Pond Inlet has been awarded a national Excellence in Water Stewardship award for showing leadership and best practice in the use of its water resources.

The award was announced in Nunavut's legislative assembly May 29 by Premier Peter Taptuna.

The honour is awarded to one initiative in each province and territory annually by the Council of the Federation, made up of Canada's 13 premiers.

Pond Inlet is working on a project to build more capacity to monitor its fresh water quality as the region's climate is changing.

The research, led by Tim Anaviapik-Soucie with support from Dalhousie University, the Nunavut Research Institute and ArcticConnexion, gathers baseline information on the quality of drinking water sources in Pond Inlet.



Researchers are also documenting local knowledge, practices and views related to obtaining drinking water from traditional sources.

This project helps the community of Pond Inlet understand how changing weather or new activities is impacting local water sources.

"Water is a fundamental, valuable resource in Nunavut, Canada and around the world," Taptuna told the assembly May 29. "The Excellence in Water Stewardship Award publicly recognizes leaders in the field of water stewardship and rewards remarkable achievement. Congratulations to the community of Pond Inlet."



In the coming months, Taptuna plans to travel to Pond Inlet to present the award in person

