

Pond Inlet receives Award for Excellence in Water Stewardship

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On May 29, Hamlet of Pond Inlet was commended the Hon. Peter Taptuna, Premier of Nunavut in the Legislative Assembly.

"I am pleased to stand before my colleagues today to announce that the community of Pond Inlet is Nunavut's recipient of the Excellence in Water Stewardship Award," said Premier Taptuna. "I look forward to formally presenting the award to the community in the near future."

The Council of the Federation, which is comprised of Canada's 13 Premiers, awards this honour for outstanding achievement, innovative practice and leadership in water stewardship. It is part of a larger strategy to improve stewardship of water resources and to foster best practices across Canada.

"Pond Inlet is working on a project to build more capacity to monitor fresh water quality in a changing climate," said the Premier. "Their research involves producing baseline information on the quality of drinking water sources in Pond Inlet, as well as documenting local knowledge, practices and views related to obtaining drinking water from traditional sources."

The project was led by 2011 Pond Inlet [Environmental Technology Program](#) graduate Tim Anaviapik-Soucie, and supported by researchers from the [Dalhousie University Centre for Water Resources Studies](#), [Nunavut Research Institute](#), [Health Canada](#) and [ArcticConnexion](#).

Premier Taptuna told Members of the Legislative Assembly the project helps the community of Pond Inlet gain an understanding of how changing weather or new activities is impacting their source water. It also helps the community be confident that their water is safe.

The Nunavut Research Institute is providing scientific equipment and support in developing research methods. Anaviapik-Soucie will receive hands-on training at the NRI water laboratory in Iqaluit this summer, under the mentorship of scientists from Dalhousie's Water Resources Studies team.

"Water is a fundamental, valuable resource in Nunavut, Canada and around the world," said Premier Taptuna. "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!

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