



Introduction

First of all, the Board of Directors would like to acknowledge the on-going financial support provided by our primary funding partners: Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, the Government of Nunavut Department of Economic Development and Transportation, and the new Regional Economic Development Agency CanNor. We also wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to Forum's member organizations for their financial support.

If you have not already been acquainted with members of the Board, the Board includes, executive committee members - myself, Monica Ell, President of NEFI, Mark Morrissey, Vice-President, Doug Workman, Treasurer, and Hal Timar, Secretary. The rest of members of the Board are: Ed McKenna, Hagar Idlout-Sudlovenick, Colleen Dupuis, Tineka Simmons and Bob Aknavigak.

Administrative Staffing

The executive director position was vacant for the first half of the year until the position was filled in August, 2009. The executive director handles various administrative responsibilities including minutes taking, journal entries, coordination and filing of reports required under various funding agreements and regulations.

Nunavut Summit on the Social Economy

The Forum, along with the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, co-sponsored the Nunavut Summit on the Social Economy which was held in Iqaluit, Nunavut between November 25th and 27th, 2009. We encourage our members to obtain a draft copy of the proceedings. A copy can be downloaded from the Nunavut Economic Forum website, Resource Library division and prominently displayed as a folder item under the title 2009 Nunavut Summit on Social Economy.

Other Conferences

The Forum was represented at two events held weeks apart in winter of 2010. At the Northern Lights Trade Show held in late January, 2010, the Forum staffed a booth during whole three day period. This year's edition of Northern Lights Trade Show and Conference was held in Montreal, Quebec.

In February, 2010, the Forum sent the Executive Director to attend the Kitikmeot Trade Show and Conference in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut. The Trade Show and Conference was held between February 15th and 17th, 2010. The delegates to the conference session were given the opportunity to offer input into the crafting of the regional economic development strategy.

Federal Budget Consultation

Over the course of the year, the Forum made presentations with various government officials including the MPs for Yukon and Nunavut, Senator Dennis Patterson and other government officials and agents.



Both Dennis Patterson and Hon. Leona Aglukkaq met with members of NEF for a pre-budget consultation exercise in early February, 2010. The newly appointed senator delivered a powerpoint presentation on the process.

In August, 2009, some members of the Forum met with Nicole Jauvin, Deputy Minister, CanNor. The hour long meeting was to acquaint the CanNor officials with the mandate of the Forum and to meet with members of the NEFI executive. All members in attendance will also have the opportunity to meet with Madame Jauvin once she has delivered her presentation later this afternoon.

The Work Before Us

We would like to make a few of comments on some of the more noteworthy items we will address as part of the Governance issues.

Board Governance

The members will have an opportunity to review the Five-year Planning Framework, Five Year Plan of the Project Calendar, and the Communications Workplan.

The Communications Workplan was updated and it is an adaption of the one from 2004 version. The members will be asked if any of the communicative processes outlined in the Communications Workplan are complete, effective and or could be improved.

The draft Five Year Planning Framework document is also an adaptation from the Three Year Planning Framework document. Updated and extended beyond the typical three year time frame, the draft document is a work-in-progress but it gives the members the basis for making medium to long term work and activity plans.

Nunavut Economic Outlook 2010

Work on the next edition of the Nunavut Economic Outlook is now underway. The firm of Impact Economics is handling the file and in fact, the principal, Mr. Graeme Clinton is scheduled to present a speech on Wednesday morning, 16th June, 2010, Day 2 of the Conference.

Sivummut III Conference Report Digital Copy Distribution Plan

The Sivummut III Conference Summary Report for Participants has been available on our website for the last few weeks. This month we have contracted a local agency to design and format a digital version that could be uploaded from a flash drive or cd rom. This electronic customized copy should be available in the next few weeks.

About the Nunavut Economic Forum

The Nunavut Economic Forum (NEF) is a broad group of member organizations created to identify and share information to support strategic planning for Nunavut's economic development. The primary focus is for members to collaborate in the implementation of the Nunavut Economic Development Strategy (the Strategy), each within their own area of activity and expertise.



The Strategy is a comprehensive, modern and open approach to development, and is unique in Canada. Subtitled “Building a Foundation for the Future”, it takes a broad view of economic development, identifying issues related to the land, people and communities, in addition to more traditional economic concerns. Released in September of 2003, it sets Nunavut’s goal as the attainment of a high and sustainable quality of life defined by income and material well being and such things as health status, education levels, cultural identity, civic engagement and political and economic freedoms.

The Strategy has a ten-year timeframe and the recommendations establish a new path for organizations throughout Nunavut to follow in addressing the territory’s challenges. The recommendations aim to effect change in one of four priority areas: Our Land; Our People; Our Community Economies; and the Territorial Economy.

The role and objectives of the NEF are described in the Strategy and include:

- Sharing information between members
- Supporting research and data collection related to Nunavut’s economy
- Coordinating economic planning
- Promoting and integrating program initiatives
- Fostering co-operation between agencies involved in economic developing programs
- Promoting Inuit participation in developing Nunavut’s economy
- Increasing participation of Nunavut communities in economic development plans, programs and opportunities
- To monitor and report on our progress in achieving the commitments agreed to in the Strategy
- Work within our own organizations to implement the commitments made in the Strategy
- Share information on spending on economic development, in order to avoid duplication and wherever possible, to enhance the sum of our individual efforts

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Participation and collaboration are key components of success.