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WATER BOARD OPENS INUVIK OFFICE

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- **NWT Water Board Opens New Office in Inuvik, NT in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR)**
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The NWT Water Board (NWTWB) has opened its new office in Inuvik, NT. In welcoming invited guests at the formal Board Office opening ceremony held on June 11, 2008, host Rudy Cockney, Interim Water Board Chairman, commented: "This completes the first phase of the Transition Plan agreed between the Water Board and INAC in March, 2008. It is a very significant step forward for the Board. We are delighted to have a formal presence in the ISR and to bring our technical and regulatory capabilities into the region. We are also glad to be building the regulatory and administrative staff needed by the region in the ISR at Inuvik."



Rudy Cockney, Nellie Cournoyea and Trish Merrithew-Mercredi jointly cut the NWT Water Board opening ribbon June 11, 2008

Guests at the formal opening reception included representatives from the federal and territorial governments, senior members of the oil and gas industry, local and territorial political leaders and Chairs and staff from several northern regulatory and corporate boards.

Trish Merrithew-Mercredi, Regional Director General INAC, noted that she was delighted by the opening and by the ongoing commitment of the NWT Water Board to assert a strong administrative presence in the region from a new office base in Inuvik, NT.

NWTWB and MVLWB Implement Co-Operation Agreement

Following the May 2008 signing of a Memorandum of Co-Operation, the NWT Water Board and the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board have begun to share technical information and staff for regulatory licensing operations associated with municipal water use. This co-operative work with the MVLWB is to

provide training and technical support between the boards and is aimed at strengthening and expanding the administrative and technical capabilities of respective staff. Board staff are also working together to assess requirements for existing and future licenses while ensuring that common data bases are further enhanced

and shared. This co-operation allows for the more efficient use of personnel resources without jeopardizing the legally mandated roles of either Board. Meanwhile, the NWT Water Board is completing staffing actions for an Executive Director and two new Regulatory Officers, all of whom are to be located in the ISR at Inuvik, NT.

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The NWT Water Board is established under the *Northwest Territories Waters Act and Regulations*. The mandate of the Water Board is to provide for the conservation, development and utilization of waters in a manner that will provide the optimum benefit for all Canadians and for the residents of the NWT in particular. The Water Board Members are appointed for specified terms by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs. The Water Board meets regularly to determine Water License terms and conditions for municipal and industrial water use throughout the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. For more information, please contact Pamela Williams, Water Board Inuvik Office at (867) 678-2942 or Liz Castaneda, Water Board Yellowknife Office at (867) 765-0106.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE INUVIK OFFICE OPENING



Pamela Williams, newly appointed Office Manager, NWT Water Board, Inuvik Office, also performed additional duties as photographer at the office opening ceremonies.



Trish Merrithew-Mercredi, RDG -INAC, Willard Hagen, Chairman, MVLWB, Nellie Cournoyea, CEO and Chair, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation and Rudy Cockney, Interim Chairman, NWTWB share a moment together at the opening ceremonies.