

# INUVIALUIT SELF-GOVERNMENT



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## WHO IS NEGOTIATING?

There are three parties negotiating: the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, the Government of Canada, and the Government of the Northwest Territories. The Inuvialuit Regional Corporation represents beneficiaries of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement. Inuvialuit live primarily in the Western Arctic region of the Northwest Territories in the communities of Paulatuk, Aklavik, Sachs Harbour, Ulukhaktok, Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk.

## WHY ARE THEY NEGOTIATING?

The Inuvialuit Final Agreement of 1984 (the land claim) provides a basis for the negotiation of Inuvialuit self-government. Canada also supports the negotiation of Aboriginal self-government through the Inherent Right Policy.

## HOW WILL SELF-GOVERNMENT BENEFIT THE INUVIALUIT?

Self-government is an opportunity for Inuvialuit to design and establish their own Inuvialuit government and to bring more decision-making powers to the Inuvialuit and the communities.

## WHAT ARE THEY NEGOTIATING?

The Negotiators are working toward a Self-Government Final Agreement that will provide the power to make and enforce Inuvialuit laws, design policies and programs and deliver services to the Inuvialuit.

## CURRENT FOCUS

The Parties are currently negotiating a self-government agreement that will describe the powers and authorities of an Inuvialuit government and its relationship with the Government of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories. At present the parties are focusing on:

- Inuvialuit Government Structures
- Heritage Resources
- Culture & Language
- Education
- Child and Family Services
- Income Support
- Adoption
- Community Public Government
- Intergovernmental Relationships
- Financial Arrangements
- Implementation
- Training & Capacity-Building



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