



Eva Aariak and the President of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated Cathy Towntongie.

The MOU recognizes the importance of the Nunavut Roundtable for Poverty Reduction to inter-organizational collaboration in the implementation of *The Makimaniq Plan*.

At the signing, the Premier also reaffirmed the Government of Nunavut will continue to be a partner in the Nunavut Food Security Coalition, which is developing a Food Security Strategy for the territory.

The signing took place in Iqaluit, at the end of NTI's Annual General Meeting, October 24, 2012.

## ***Implementing The Makimaniq Plan: Advancing Toward A Food Security Strategy***



Acting on  
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pledge made in *The Makimaniq Plan: A Shared Approach to Poverty Reduction* (November, 2011), government departments and Inuit organizations are collaborating under the banner of the Nunavut Food Security Coalition to identify strategies to improve access to nutritious foods in the communities.

The coalition is organizing a symposium in January, 2013, to look at which programs, policies, and initiatives are most likely to impact on the food security of Nunavummiut.

The aim of the coalition is to arrive at a food security strategy for Nunavut by March, 2013.

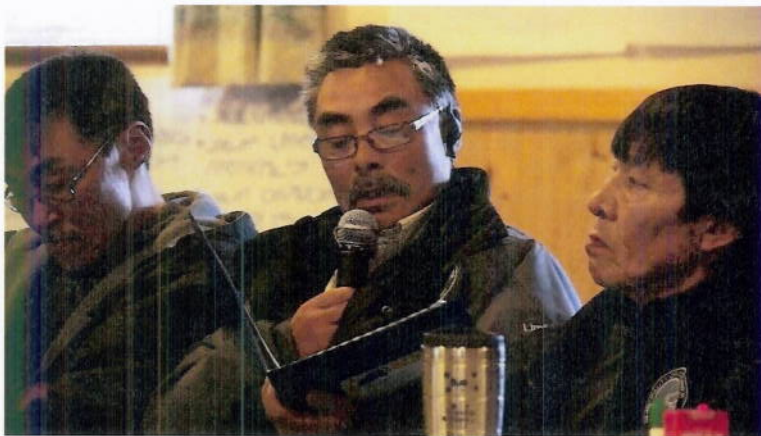
## ***Qikiqtani Regional Gathering On The Makimaniq Plan: Building Collaboration For Poverty Reduction***

On September 20, the last of three regional gatherings on implementing *The Makimaniq Plan* was held at St. Jude's Parish Hall in Iqaluit.

Every community in the region was represented, as were a number of regional and territorial organizations, and many government departments.

This was a time to learn from each other about what poverty reduction initiatives and partnerships exist in each community.

All agreed that there should be mutual awareness about initiatives and programs so that alliances and mutual supports can be developed.



Limikie Palluq from Clyde River, Esau Tatatoapik (left) from Arctic Bay, and Jayko Apak (right), also from Clyde River.



Sandra Inutiq takes part in group brainstorming session.

As has been the practice of the past two regional gatherings, the meeting agenda reserved a good portion of time to the Elders who shared their observations about the day's discussions.

## ***Secretariat Thanks Two of Its Own***

Kerri Tattuinee and Tim Stiles, two valued collaborators over the past two years, have left the secretariat to continue with their respective academic and professional projects.

Tim and Kerri remain in contact with the secretariat, and informed about the progress of poverty reduction efforts in Nunavut.

Kerri is completing her second year in Political Science at Acadia University in Nova Scotia. Tim will continue developing his professional interests in Canada and beyond.

Best wishes to you both from your colleagues at the secretariat!



Kerri Tattuinee



Tim Stiles

### ***Your Ideas For Action***

*(From the Makiliqta.ca Survey)*

**The most important issues that must be addressed to reduce poverty in our communities are:**

Education, Those who seem to suffer most are children who have parents on income support and/or suffer from habit forming substances.

Education (early childhood education) provides a level playing field for all children, regardless of their parents background.

Education (health and awareness) can potentially help people make better choices in food and lifestyle habits.

Education (financial literacy) can help people with budgeting and affordable food options.

**What actions should be taken to reduce poverty and support more Nunavummiut to meet their basic needs?**

Coordinate departmental efforts; Encourage honesty and openness to reveal the real issues; Work to encourage participation over enabling-hand ups over hand outs.

**I will know that my community is healthy and that poverty has been reduced when I see...**

A reduction in the burden on our community food bank- this is in direct correlation to adequate social programming; An increase in high school/ post secondary graduation rates in my community- meaning more people will have the tools to participate in all levels of our economy/society; An increase in the number of community residents in private housing.

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