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The Inuit Sub-Commission of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada announced today that Co-Directors, Jennifer Hunt-Poitras and Robert Watt are gearing up to begin extensive travel into Inuit Communities on Baffin Island to record statements.

The upcoming community hearings will take place in Pond Inlet, Clyde River, Pangnirtung and Qikiqtarjuaq from February 7-16, 2012.

“We know there are many people and communities that want to hold public forums to talk about the impact Canada’s Residential Schools have had on their lives and to discuss what needs to happen now to move ahead,” says Jennifer Hunt-Poitras, Co-Director.

“The TRC Inuit Sub-Commission Commission will be focusing its efforts on getting to as many Inuit Communities as possible to collect statements from survivors and their families, says Robert Watt, Co-Director.

The TRC will be holding Community Hearings and collecting private statements from those who do not wish to speak publicly.

The purpose of the Community Hearings on Baffin Island is to inform the public about the Commission’s work and statement gathering process, and provide survivors with time to reflect and share their experiences.

These Hearings will provide an opportunity for Residential School Survivors to share with the Commission and Canada the unique experiences of children who attended Residential Schools.

The Community Hearings on Baffin Island provide opportunities for all Canadians, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, to learn more about and bear witness to the legacy of the Residential School system.



Baffin Island Community Hearings Schedule

Pond Inlet, NU

February 7, 2012
Community Hall

Clyde River, NU

February 9-10, 2012
Community Hall

Pangnirtung, NU

February 13, 2012
Community Hall

Qikiqtarjuaq, NU

February 15-16, 2012
Community Hall

TRC Community Hearings are free and open to everyone.

For more information visit trc.ca.

If you would like to discuss dates for the Inuit Sub-Commission to come to your community please contact:

Jennifer Hunt-Poitras at our Yellowknife office at (867) 766-8491 or

Robert Watt in Ottawa at (613) 992-8183

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was established as a result of the 2007 Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. Its mandate is to inform all Canadians about what happened in the 150 year history of the Residential Schools, and guide and inspire a process of reconciliation and renewed relationships based on mutual understanding and respect.

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