



**Gwich'in Council**



**Inuvik Native Band**

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**Inuvik, NT**

**2006 Biennial Gwich'in Gathering to be held in Inuvik July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006**

Chief Richard Nerysoo, the Councilors of the Inuvik Native Band and Directors of the Nihtat Gwich'in Council are pleased to announce that the 2006 Gwich'in Gathering, "Gathering of Minds" is being hosted in Inuvik, NT.

Chief Richard Nerysoo is inviting all Gwich'in and anyone who is interested in participating in the community events and business sessions to attend. Chief Nerysoo says that this is an opportunity for the Gwich'in and community to share in fun and discuss serious issues that affect the Gwich'in and the communities in which the Gwich'in live.

The Biennial Gwich'in Gathering started in 1988 in Arctic Village Alaska on the direction of the late Elder, Myra "Choo" Kyikavichik of Old Crow, and Yukon. She felt that the Gwich'in Nation consisting of Gwich'in Communities in eastern Alaska, North Yukon and the western Northwest Territories needed to come together to discuss issues surrounding the protection of the Gwich'in culture, livelihood and the Porcupine Caribou Herd.

Since this time, selected Gwich'in communities such as Arctic Village, Venetie, Fort Yukon, Beaver, Fort McPherson, Aklavik and Old Crow have hosted the Biennial Gwich'in Gathering.

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