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New community hall officially opens in Igloolik

IGLOOLIK, Nunavut (January 14, 2015) - Igloolik celebrated the official opening of their new community hall at a ceremony on Tuesday. Community and Government Services Minister, Tom Sammurtok, along with Education Minister and MLA for Aggu, Paul Quassa, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and MLA for Amittuq, George Qulaut, and Igloolik Mayor, Peter Ivalu, participated in the event.

The new community hall was developed with the input of community members, including several youth, who participated in a public consultation on the design of the building.

“Igloolikmiut indicated that they wanted a venue where the community can showcase locally-produced films and theatrical performances. This input was incorporated into the design of the building and its unique features,” said Minister Sammurtok.

Some of the design elements of Igloolik’s new community hall include an angled ceiling and wood paneling that enhances acoustics on the performance stage and in the auditorium. Additionally, a mural designed by Nunavut artist Jonathan Cruz is featured on the front exterior of the building, adding an artistic esthetic to the building and community.

“The new community hall provides a stage for Igloolik’s talented artists to shine, now and for years to come,” said Minister Sammurtok.

Construction on the new community hall began in 2012 and was completed at the end of 2014. The Government of Nunavut invested $7.2 million into the completion of the project.

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