

**Research Relationship Agreement between
UNBC, IRC, ICRC, and Aurora College**

Inuvik, March 31, 2011

Alexander Oehler, an interdisciplinary master's student at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), is seeking to enter a research relationship with the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation (IRC), represented by Tamara Hansen, Inuit Research Advisor, and their Inuvialuit Cultural Resource Centre (ICRC), represented by Catherine Cockney, and with the Aboriginal Language and Cultural Instructor Program (ALCIP) II at Aurora College's Inuvik campus, represented by Suzanne Robinson, for the purpose of conducting qualitative sociolinguistic research among current and potential learners of Inuvialuktun in the community of Inuvik.

The purpose of this project, entitled "*Inuvialuit language and identity: perspectives on the symbolic meaning of Inuvialuktun in the Canadian Western Arctic,*" is to aid the ICRC, and Aurora College's Aboriginal language program, in identifying potential motivators and obstacles to minority language acquisition. To this end, Alexander Oehler will conduct a series of ethnographic interviews, questionnaires, and focus groups at Aurora College, Samuel Hearne Secondary School, Inuvialuit Community Corporation's language classes, and individual community members, regarding the role of Inuvialuktun in the lives of individuals belonging to three age groups. Alexander Oehler will share all gathered data with the IRC, ICRC, and Aurora College for their use in curriculum design and language promotion. Alexander Oehler will collaborate with ICRC and Aurora College in the project design, development of questionnaires, and interview schedules through a series of meetings with their staff on how best to reflect questions relevant to their needs.

The undersigned representatives of UNBC, ICRC, ALCIP II, and IRC hereby confirm a mutual research relationship for the duration of the proposed research period lasting from May 1st of 2011 until December 20th of 2011.



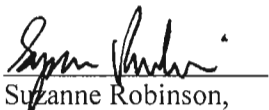
Alexander Oehler,
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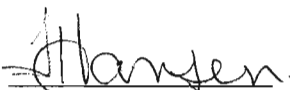
Catherine Cockney,
Representative, Inuvialuit Cultural Resource Centre

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Suzanne Robinson,
Senior Instructor, Community Education Preparation Program, ALCIP II

April 20, 2011
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Tamara Hansen,
Inuit Research Advisor, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation

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