



Nunavik, Québec, February 27, 2013 – Parnasimautik community workshops were launched in Kangiqsualujjuaq last week. This first community round table discussion was organized by the Northern Village of Kangiqsualujjuaq in cooperation with the Makivik Corporation, the Kativik Regional Government (KRG), the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS), the Kativik School Board (KSB), the Nunavik Landholding Corporations Association, and the Avataq Cultural Institute.

The workshop was a candid examination of multiple sectors, ranging from culture and identity, lands, education, health, community development, justice and social regulation to employment, tourism and mining, among others. Participants included the mayor of the northern village, representatives of the Qiniqtiq and Epigituk landholding corporations and the cooperative association, representatives of other local organizations (such as the cultural, education, elders, youth, justice, well-being, childcare, church and recreation committees), as well as local representatives of Makivik, the KRG, the NRBHSS and the KSB.

Parnasimautik objectives include enhancing the knowledge of community stakeholders about development issues, acknowledging the challenges posed by development, and defining a comprehensive vision for the development of Nunavik according to Inuit culture, identity, language and traditional way of life.

Parnasimautik workshop information, including a community workshop schedule, may be found at: www.parnasimautik.com or <http://www.krg.ca/en/parnasimautik>. The next community workshop will be held in Akulivik from March 5 to 7, 2013.

