

# Logistics and Administration

## *Quarterly Report*



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## Logistics at the Western Arctic Research Centre (WARC)

WARC provides a wide range of support to researchers on an annual basis. In addition to researchers, WARC provides support to aboriginal groups and organizations, businesses, government departments, high schools, and the Aurora College.

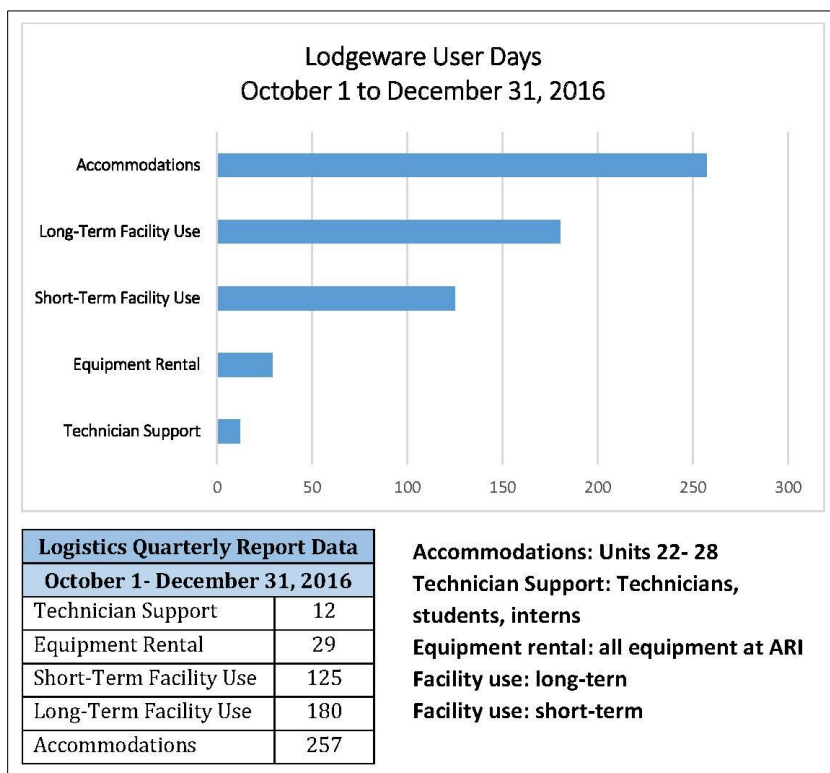
WARC has four row house units that provide affordable accommodation for up to 24 researchers. Rates include daily, weekly and monthly fees that vary depending on whether the user is a Student, Canadian, or Non-Canadian. Each house includes a full kitchen, bath, laundry services, a living room, and six beds. Other features include basic cable television, wireless internet, and a front deck with a barbeque.

The main facility includes a shared research office space with up to 10 individual desk spaces, three labs (a Clean Lab, a Teaching Lab and a Wet Lab), a classroom, two meeting spaces, the conference room, and a small meeting room.

WARC has a large selection of equipment that is also provided on an annual basis. Big items include a boat with or without a motor, snow machines, and toboggans. Smaller items include camping equipment, cold weather gear, ice augers, and frost depth probes. A detailed list of the support that we provide can be found on our website at <http://nwtresearch.com/logistics/fee-schedule>.

## User Days of Support

Below is a graph and table that records the number of user days for equipment, Technician Support, facility use (conference room, meeting room, classroom), long-term users (leases and logistical support), short-term facility (lab space), and accommodations.



## Activities of Note

### ***Elders Visit***

Elders from the Long Term Care visited ARI. There were two visits this quarter. The first visit was in October. 8 elders participated and the activity was watching documentaries. The second visit was in December. The activity was part of International Mountain Day and the video showed was called Moose skin Boat/Parks Canada Footage. Catarina Owen (Communications and Outreach Coordinator, Aurora Research Institute) coordinated this outreach activity and Bessie Rogers (Logistics and Administration Assistant, Aurora Research Institute) assisted.

### ***Aboriginal Head Start***


An outreach event was planned for the Aboriginal Head Start. There were two groups: age 3 in the morning and age 4 in the afternoon. A total of 22 children participated. The topic was Species at Risk- Bats. Activities include: a presentation, a sensory activity, and color a bat picture. Catarina Owen planned and coordinated this event.

### ***Children First Society***


An outreach event was planned for the Children First Society. There were two groups: age 4 in the morning; and ages 5 to 9 in the afternoon. A total of 20 children participated. The activity was Species at Risk- Bats. Activities include: a presentation, a sensory activity and color a bat picture. Catarina planned and coordinated this event.

### ***Film Night***

Abe and Alfred - Abe is a Gwich'in single father living in Ft. McPherson. As a younger man he struggled with bullying and addiction. Later in life Abe enrolled in a college social work program that helped to build his self-confidence and overcome his fears. There was two showings of this film in November 2016: on the first night, there was a total of 18 attendees; and on the second night, there was a total of 5 attendees.

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**FILM NIGHT**  
**Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
6 pm at ARI  
**Abe and Alfred**



Join us for a short northern documentary.

Abe is a Gwich'in single father living in Ft. McPherson. As a younger man he struggled with bullying and addiction. Later in life Abe enrolled in a college social work program that helped to build his self-confidence and overcome his fears.

*"Abe and Alfred is a charming and candid portrait of a man. As I watch Abe open up about becoming a better person, I am captivated by his humour and truly admire him for being brave about his feeling while still being a man of the land. It is truly a great northern documentary"* – Amos Scott, Director of 'Dene Journey'

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## ***Presentations***

Sangita Sharma presented preliminary results from her *Cancer ACCESS* Project. The Cancer ACCESS project aims to learn of the thoughts and attitudes toward cancer and cancer screening among Indigenous people living in remote Arctic communities. The study will help identify the barriers that exist in cancer screening, find ways to increase cancer screening uptake levels and improve cancer awareness. Studies are focused in the communities of Inuvik and Fort Good Hope. There was a total of 12 attendees.

Chanda Brietzke and Tracey Proverbs provided an update on their project, entitled *Community-Based Research in the Mackenzie Delta Region: Muskrat and Fish*. Chanda provided an update on ongoing muskrat research and monitoring in the Mackenzie Delta region and Tracey described the pilot year and future directions of a fish traditional knowledge and monitoring project. 22 people attended this presentation.

Tiff-Annie Kenny and Sonia Wesche provided an overview of their project, entitled *Food Security in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region- From Research to Action*. Their project addresses economic and environmental dimensions of Inuit nutrition. 22 people attended this presentation.

The poster is for a public presentation at the Aurora Research Institute (ARI) on Thursday, November 17th at 7 pm. It features two main topics: 'Community-based research in the Mackenzie Delta Region: Muskrat and fish project updates' and 'Food security in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region - From research to action'. The first topic is presented by Chandra Brietzke and Tracey Proverbs from the University of Victoria, and the second is presented by Tiff-Annie Kenny and Sonia Wesche from the University of Ottawa. The poster includes images of a muskrat and fish, and a close-up of food. At the bottom, it provides contact information for more details.

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**PUBLIC PRESENTATION**  
**Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**  
7 pm at ARI

**COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH IN THE MACKENZIE DELTA REGION: MUSKRAT AND FISH PROJECT UPDATES**

Community-based research in the Mackenzie Delta Region: Muskrat and fish project updates

Presentation by: Chandra Brietzke and Tracey Proverbs; University of Victoria

**FOOD SECURITY IN THE INUVIALUIT SETTLEMENT REGION - FROM RESEARCH TO ACTION**

Presentation by: Tiff-Annie Kenny and Sonia Wesche; University of Ottawa

- Chandra Brietzke will provide a brief update on ongoing muskrat research and monitoring in the Mackenzie Delta Region
- Tracey Proverbs will describe the pilot year and future directions of a fish traditional knowledge and monitoring project initiated in the summer of 2015
- Tiff-Annie Kenny and Sonia Wesche will provide an overview of their multidisciplinary project which addresses economic and environmental dimensions of Inuit nutrition through participatory, collaborative, and epidemiological research methods.

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## ***Inuvik Robotics and Engineering Club (I.R.E.C)***

The Inuvik Robotics & Engineering Club (I.R.E.C.) uses the classroom at WARC every Tuesday from 3 to 6 pm. I.R.E.C. teaches robotics, engineering, electronics, programming, and design skills to youth from grades 6-12. Established in 2012, I.R.E.C. projects have included 3D printing, programming short games, CNC Milling, Lego Robots, popsicle stick bridge building. In addition to weekly meetings, I.R.E.C. participates in other events, putting on demonstration activities for the larger community at Skills Canada competitions and the annual Science Rendezvous event.

## **General Logistics Support**

14 Logistical Support Request Forms were received this quarter, including: 6 requests for accommodations; 5 requests for facility space; 2 requests for equipment; and 1 other request such as Technician Support.

Besides support that is provided by request forms we also provide day-to-day support to researchers, such as, tracking of shipment items, picking up mail and storing it appropriately, revisions of requests, additions to requests, print materials, issue key sets, and track key sets.