Robert W. Park: Inuktitut and English non-technical Summary for NWB

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This project will involve mapping and excavation at two archaeological sites located near Mingo Lake, Baffin Island. This project will only be carried out with all the necessary permits and permissions including a Government of Nunavut Class 2 Archaeology permit, which has been applied for. These two sites were used between 4000 and 1000 years ago and we are mapping and excavating them to learn more about how people long ago used the interior regions of Baffin Island. They certainly went there to hunt caribou but we are also trying to find out if one of their other important reasons for going there was to obtain the stone ('ammaaq') that they needed to make their stone tools.

In order to learn these things we will be spending approximately two weeks studying these sites, a week at each of them. The crew will consist of six people; we are presently looking for two Inuit students from Nunavut to be part of the crew. We will get to the sites via Twin Otter and camp in tents near the sites. We will not be using any motorized vehicles. We will carefully map the sites using a total station and also carry out limited excavations. At the end of our time at each site we will backfill our excavations and replace the surface vegetation to return the site to the same condition it was in before we arrived.

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