

Turaavik Outpost Camp Project Summary

The Objectives of Turaavik Outpost Camp is to provide a safe, clean positive learning environment for residents referred to the camp by the Department of Justice or the Baker Lake Justice Committee. Residents are to receive guidance and counseling with the use of professional councilors and Inuit elders to teach traditional knowledge and skills. Programs will include healing circles where residents are to participate and provide input for a way for them to open up and to receive help. One-on-one counseling will be provided by camp operators and with professional councilors. Hunting, Trapping and fishing will be an everyday activity. “Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit” will be a huge part of the teaching and learning process at the camp, which will teach residents to give positive feedback through healthy living, survival skills and healing circles.

Turaavik Outpost camp is located 17 km east of Baker Lake. It is situated on a place called Prince River Point. The camp is located 2 km from the mouth of Prince River. The area is a dry gravelly place. There is little or no possibility of pollution. The camp is nowhere near a stream. The camp is new and kept properly.

Each cabin has their own toilet facilities, with a self contained portable flushable toilet and will contain a non-hazardous chemical solution for disinfection and deodorization. All three cabins will contain their own washing facilities with a mirror, paper towels, toilet tissue and individual drinking cups. There will be a shower, with 2 stalls and individual dressing areas, available during the warmer months. Water is heated using a propane fired water heater/pump. Electricity will be provided using a generator. The camp has the capacity to light each cabin using fluorescent lighting. During the colder months, residents will be required to go to the Alternative Home for their hygiene needs. All sewage will be disposed properly. During the warmer months, Sewage will be collected into a ditch that has been dug out.. During the colder months, “Honey Buckets” will be used, as the portable flushable toilets will be rendered useless due to the cold. An industrial thick waste bag will be placed in the bucket. When the bucket is full and frozen the bag will be brought to the Baker Lake sewage lagoon. The used bags will be collected then be placed at the Baker Lake dump.

All solid waste material will be brought back to the Baker Lake Dump, this will be done periodically. Via boat, snowmobile and sled, ATV and Eric’s personal pick up truck.

Turaavik outpost camp will be used only to house residents. The camp will be used to teach residents harvesting skills, meat preparation, life skills, on the land survival skills and counseling. With these teachings this will help residents reintegrate into their respective communities before they are released by the Justice Department.