

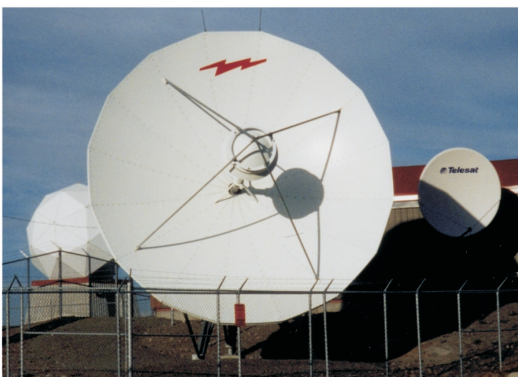


Linking the North



Representatives from the 12 federal departments that occupy the building gathered on Sept. 8, 2000 for its official opening.

to integrate both office space and information technology in Iqaluit's Qimugjuk building. The building, whose namesake means snowdrift, is the newest addition to Nunavut's landscape. The \$8-million structure accommodates 125 employees from 12 federal departments. The two-storey, 2,500m² building responds to the Government's office requirements while incorporating elements of the Inuit culture. The lobby showcases Inuit works of art and its facade is designed to reflect the shape of an igloo. Natural materials, including locally quarried granite, were used in the building's construction.



The Qimugjuk building is a pilot project where PWGSC has successfully offered an integrated Information Management / Information Technology (IM/IT) space solution to 16 client departments. Twelve of these are in the Qimugjuk facility and four are in other space within Iqaluit.

Satellite facilities in Iqaluit connect workers regardless of their location.

It is a land where harsh conditions dictate the way of life. The challenges of living and working in Nunavut are abundant, especially in a territory where everything has to be shipped or flown in, where there are only 20 kilometres of highway and temperatures of -30°C in January.

Despite these circumstances, Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) has developed a real love of the North. Many branches of PWGSC have worked collaboratively to put this new territory on the map.

In October 1998, PWGSC began working



The inukshuk on the Nunavut flag symbolizes the rock formations that guide people on the land and mark sacred places.



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Features include shared common building wiring and a shared telephone system including long distance calling. A shared Virtual Local Area Network was made available for use by resident departments. A shared information technology infrastructure is in place to connect the client departments in the south to the desktops in the north. The local infrastructure is connected to dedicated satellite facilities to the south. This supports data and video traffic not only for those in the building but for government organizations outside the building in Iqaluit including the Territorial Government of Nunavut.

A space sharing arrangement among the dozen departments housed in the Qimugjuk building achieves efficient use of space. The integration includes an extensive program of shared spaces, equipment, services and resources.

The success of the building is largely due to the high level of collaboration with clients. The efficient and practical space use is largely to the credit of the Client Working Group, which is a group of client representatives lead by PWGSC. PWGSC, in consultation with locally based engineers and architects, collaborated with its client departments throughout the planning, design, construction and fit-up stages. The group met regularly over three years to make decisions about how to most efficiently use the limited space in the building. This collaborative approach ensured a solution based on best value to government. As a result, a facility that blended with the culture and the community and respected Nunavut's economic and cultural objectives was built.

The Qimugjuk building has achieved many firsts. The space and resource sharing arrangement, the common infrastructure and the partnerships forged among government and local groups are all precedent setting. With these distinctions, PWGSC is helping Nunavut leave its mark on the map.

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