Co-operatives in Canada’s Arctic
Our Vision...

“The co-operatives in Canada’s north share a vision of people working together to improve their social and economic well-being”
A Brief History...

- In 1972, when representatives of 26 co-operatives met in Churchill, Manitoba they wanted to work together and pool their buying power in the purchase and transportation of merchandise for Co-op retail stores. Canadian Arctic Co-operative Federation Limited (CACFL) was formed.

- In 1982, CACFL joins with Canadian Arctic Producers Co-operative Ltd. (CAP), an art marketing Co-operative and forms Arctic Co-operatives Ltd.

- The NWT Co-operative Business Development Fund (CBDF), now called the Arctic Co-operative Development Fund (ACDF), was incorporated in 1986.
How Co-ops Work

- Each Co-op an independent legal entity
- Each Co-op community based, owned & controlled by local residents
- Member-owners of each Co-op elect a Board of Directors
- Board sets policy and hires a Co-op manager
- Each Co-op is self-sufficient
The 32 local Co-ops are owned and controlled by more than 20,000 individual members.

Member Co-ops employ 1,000 people in Nunavut, Northwest Territories and the Yukon.

The Co-op System in the north is the largest private sector employer of aboriginal people.
20,000 Individual Members
32 Member-Owned Co-ops
7 Board of Directors
CEO
7 Divisions
Support Department
Operational and Technical Support
Support Office

Arctic Co-operatives Limited
providing business supports:

- Information Technology (IT)
- Accounting
- Merchandise Supply and Logistics
- Human Resources
- Member Management Services
- Art Marketing
- Corporate Services
Businesses in the Co-op System
32 Retail Stores

CO-OP

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Retailing in the Arctic
Retailing in the Arctic
Retailing in the Arctic
Arctic Co-operative Development Fund

Supporting growth in Co-op operations:

- Facility development financing
- Long-term financing
- Working capital financing
20 Inns North Hotels
Serving business & tourist clients
Other Businesses

- Cable TV Services
- Petroleum Delivery
- Restaurants
- Convenience Stores
- Post offices
- Building leases
- Construction
- Agencies & other contracts
Co-op System Capacity
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Volume purchasing:
- $200+ million in support system sales
- Wholesale supply to all Regions of Nunavut and Northwest Territories.

Large variety of supplier contacts
- Food and other consumables
- Fuel / Lubricants
- General Merchandise
- Outerwear
- Snowmobile / ATVs
- Steel and Lumber
- Light and Heavy-Duty vehicles
Co-op System Capacity

Transportation
Co-op System Capacity

Container Fleet

- Fully-capitalized fleet
- Over 1,000 containers
Supporting Local Co-op’s Means you’re Investing in the Community
Development of local employees remains a key area of focus. Arctic Co-op’s Strategy for Training for Arctic Technicians (STAT) program was introduced in 2012 to help create long-term opportunities for learning and advancement in Arctic communities.

- Co-ops have paid over $880,000 in salaries for on-the-job training and over $410,000 in salaries for employees to attend workshops/courses.
- 364 employees from 30 Co-ops have received training since the STAT program was introduced in 2012.
Financial Literacy Program

Arctic Co-operatives partnered with

- Gay Lea Foods Co-op
- Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA),
- Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC)

A Financial Literacy Program was developed to assist with understanding various financial concepts and as a community builder, we continue to deliver these financial literacy workshops in Co-op communities.
Financial Institutions

Tununiq Sauniq Co-op
Pond Inlet, NU

Sanavik Co-op
Baker Lake, NU
Co-op Recycling Program

Every year over 10 million aluminum cans are sent into Nunavut

$1,500 can provide significant community health benefits in areas such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and cancer.

Local community groups are awarded $1,500 for each container of aluminum cans. Since program inception in mid-2011, 1.2 million aluminum cans have been collected and diverted from landfills.

Arctic Co-operatives Limited is a service federation providing support to members, 31 active community-based Co-ops throughout Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. The Federation's primary role is to coordinate the resources and combined purchasing power of these Co-ops so they work together to ensure ongoing social and economic advancement within their communities.

Your Co-op General Manager can provide everything you need to get started today!

Arctic Co-operatives Limited

Co-ops Care About the Environment

Co-op Aluminum Pop Can Recycling Program

Co-ops are committed to helping keep the land clean. Community groups are invited to apply to the local Co-op Board of Directors for the opportunity to earn $1,500 towards your community project. See store for details.
The Co-op System forged a partnership with Summerhill Impact supporting the Tundra take back Program bringing a legacy of environmental benefits to Co-op communities. The program took end-of-life vehicles and de-polluted and recycled them. This environmental health initiative protects water quality, improves pollution prevention while vastly improving the Arctic landscape.
Co-operatives in Canada’s Arctic
Arctic Co-ops has returned Patronage Refunds (Equity) of $83 Million to Member Co-ops
Since 1986, ACDF has returned $29.4 Million in Patronage Refunds (Equity) to Member Co-ops