

As in previous years, Advanced Explorations Inc. (AEI) strove to maintain good relations with the communities most impacted by project activities. Key contributions to the communities included employment opportunities, presentations and meetings for the public, schools, and other stakeholders, as well as monetary donations to community events. Of particular importance in the 2012 season was AEI's contribution to the safety of community members through the active participation in Search and Rescue missions.

Outside of official meetings and events, AEI maintains regular contact and communication with community members through telephone and e-mail correspondence with Hall Beach and Igloolik public officials, and the on-going development of Community Committees in Hall Beach and Igloolik.

AEI hopes to expand on community involvement plans in the near future as funding becomes available.

A summary of key events for the 2012 season is listed below, as well as a breakdown of estimated economic contributions to the Nunavut economy. Photos are available on the included CD.

- **February 28-March 02 2012:** Presentation at the Baffin Mayors Forum. Meeting with Igloolik and Hall Beach representatives for project update
- **March 2012:** \$500 donation to the Hall Beach Fishing Derby
- **April 2012:** AEI held a presentation at the Iqaluit Mining Symposium
- **June 27, 2012:** Meeting with Hall Beach Major Paul Hauli, the Hall Beach SAO, as well as an Elder and Deputy Mayor to provide a project update
- **June, August-October:** Community members hired in various positions for the 2012 field season
- **August 26, 2012:** Project helicopter dispatched in response to a Search and Rescue request to pick up a stranded hunter and return him to Hall Beach.
- **September 05, 2012:** Project helicopter dispatched to Gifford Fjord in response to a Search and Rescue request, to transport six adults and three children to the Igloolik Health Centre, and provide fresh supplies to those remaining at the Gifford Fjord camp
- **November 19-22, 2012:** Public Meetings and Presentations in Hall Beach. Catering and door prizes provided for the community. Private meetings with community Mayors and the HTA to provide communities with a project update and address any concerns. Meetings in Igloolik were scheduled, but had to be cancelled due to weather (no planes could land). AEI asked that food catered for the Igloolik meetings be donated to the community.
- **November 2012:** Donation of \$1,500 to the Hall Beach Christmas Party

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Estimated Local Economic Impact – 2012 Field Season

Item	Estimated local impact for Melville Peninsula projects	Comments
Food	\$72,470.25	
Travel and Accommodation (local suppliers)	\$385,868.06	<i>Travel expenses include all travel for the season, regardless of the community.</i>
Hall Beach Housing, Communications & Utilities	\$62,164.76	
Fuel	\$250,171.29	
Local Consultants, Associations, Community Meetings & Donations	\$26,461.71	
Nunavut Permitting & Payments (including QIA)	\$97,546.97	
Wages to Local Employees	\$99,979.07	
Camp Supplies & Freight	\$129,382.48	
Total	\$1,124,044.59	