BOOK YOUR FREIGHT TODAY!

SHIPPING FROM SEATTLE
Receiving Dates: May 17 - June 15

SHIPPING FROM PRUDHOE BAY
Receiving Dates: July 28 - August 12

WWW.BOWHEADTRANSPORT.COM | [800] 347-0049

All customers shipping cargo from Prudhoe Bay to Kaktovik, Barrow, Wainwright and Point Hope must check in with Bowhead personnel upon arrival in Deadhorse for further instructions.

In Transition
In efforts of unifying UIC under the new “ONE UIC” business model, Nasirvik newsletter is undergoing changes to incorporate all of UIC’s companies’ news into one publication that mails out twice a year. This issue is an interim version of the Nasirvik shareholder newsletter which is published by Ukpeaġvik Iñupiat Corporation (UIC), Marketing and Communications department. Please send submissions to: nasirvik@uicalaska.com

Take time to comfort young people who are sad or depressed.

The First Facility of Its Kind in Barrow
Opening Spring of 2016, the first of its kind in Barrow, Alaska. Offering traveling professionals all the comforts of home in a convenient, central location adjacent to shopping, restaurants with competitive pricing for short and long stays.

(907) 852-4460 • P.O. Box 890 Barrow, AK 99723 • www.uicguest.com
Spring 2016 mini-version.indd   2
5/19/2016   3:29:24 PM

Message from the President
As we look ahead in 2016, we must first look at where we have been in the past year and reflect on the hurdles and challenges that UIC has overcome, or continues to face. Last November, the UIC board of directors filled a vacancy on its nine-person board. There were more than 40 shareholders that submitted Letters-of-Interest to UIC, seeking to serve as an appointed director while filling a vacancy on the UIC board of directors since July 2015. This UIC board seat vacancy was created when an elected shareholder chose not serve on the UIC board, and instead chose to serve as a newly elected board member for another Native corporation (ASRC). UIC policy prohibits any Conflict-of-Interest, and considering this policy the UIC board of directors solicited Letters-of-Interest from qualified shareholders. After multiple reviews and discussions, the UIC board of directors unanimously agreed to appoint Lloyd Kanayurak as a director on the UIC board. Many of you know Lloyd, since he is a battalion chief and Emergency Medical Technician with the North Slope Borough Volunteer Fire Department. Lloyd was also a recipient at last year’s annual ceremony with BUECI and the North Slope Borough Assembly, with hopes of improving customer service to Barrow’s electrical and gas utilities agreement. A lot of research, study and discussions went into this tri-lateral electrical and gas utilities agreement. We are planning an official signing ceremony with BUECI and the North Slope Borough Assembly. We also provided, and guest laundry facilities are on-site too. UIC Tukkumavik Suites also offers one -modern 1-bedroom units feature cable TV in the living rooms and bedrooms, and feature cable TV in the living rooms and bedrooms, and guests have a choice of 1-or-2 bedrooms with queen-size beds, dressers, closet space and black-out blinds. Each suite has a full-size bathroom with tub and shower, and all units feature modern appliances including an oven and range, counter with sink, full-size refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave and plenty of cabinet space. Suites also feature cable TV in the living rooms and bedrooms, and Internet Wi-Fi access. Maid service, linens and towels are also provided, and guest laundry facilities are on-site too.

The new UIC Tukkumavik Suites opened for business on April 27th, 2016 in Barrow, Alaska. A grand opening reception was held at Ipalook elementary on May 26th with shuttle buses providing tours of the facility to the public.

The only facility of its kind in Barrow, Tukkumavik Suites offers travelers competitive pricing for short and long stays. The 11,834 sq. ft., two-story facility is owned by Ukpeagvik Iñupiat Corporation (UIC). Construction of the $6.3 million project began in March 2015 and was completed a year later in mid-March 2016. UIC Tukkumavik Suites is located in a convenient, central location adjacent to shopping, restaurants and other town amenities. The Iñupiat word “Tukkumavik” means, a place to rest, and with Barrow’s limited lodging options this brand-new hotel is a welcomed relief to regular and new visitors alike. Built with travelling professionals in mind, Tukkumavik Suites is able to provide lodging for long-term and short-term guests as well.

With 15 suites, each unit is equipped with a full kitchen, dining room, living room furniture, and guests have a choice of 1-or-2 bedrooms with queen-size beds, dressers, closet space and black-out blinds. Each suite has a full-size bathroom with tub and shower, and all units feature modern appliances including an oven and range, counter with sink, full-size refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave and plenty of cabinet space. Suites also feature cable TV in the living rooms and bedrooms, and Internet Wi-Fi access. Maid service, linens and towels are also provided, and guest laundry facilities are on-site too.

The suites are big and “roomy” with the 1-bedroom units at 515 square feet and the 2-bedroom units at 661 square feet. UIC Tukkumavik Suites also offers one-modern ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant unit for reservations too.

UIC Tukkumavik Suites was conceptualized, planned and built by UIC Design Plan Build and its partner Builders Choice. “The board of [UIC] saw a need in Barrow to increase lodging for transient workers that come and go, and they came up with the idea for something similar to a hotel but different,” says Cliff Johnson, UIC’s vice president of Barrow operations. “We are very proud of Tukkumavik Suites and feel it is a great asset to the community of Barrow and all the guests that stay with us”.

UIC president and CEO, Anthony Edwardsen says, “This new facility will be good for Barrow by providing an up-to-date and much needed lodging resource. Great for workers and business groups coming to Barrow for projects, tours groups, and affordable enough for family and friends coming to visit.” Edwardsen also said, “With more and more global focus on the Arctic; by providing Barrow with this new lodging facility is just one way UIC is continually adapting and helping Barrow stay at the leading edge of our world changes.”

The walls of this facility are proudly adorned with the work of Charles Tuckfield, an Iñupiaq artist and UIC shareholder. He is also a licensed minister who works with Native Americans across the country. His iconic pen and ink illustrations capture the traditional life in the Arctic.

“My designs are created from the old with the new in a way that adds special meaning to each design. I draw off our hand-made garments, skin boats, drums, activities and our cultural way of life - I have etched in my memories. I try to recreate these and tell our stories in my pen and ink original designs to keep our old way of life in our lives today.”