



Commissioner of the Northwest Territories

12 August 2009

Ms. Bridget Larocque  
Executive Director  
Gwich'in Council International  
PO Box 3106  
Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0

Dear Ms. Larocque,

**Re: Young Leaders Summit on Northern Climate Change**

Thank you for inviting me to attend the Summit in Inuvik next week, and I regret that I am not able to attend due to other commitments.

As Commissioner, and on behalf of the people of the Northwest Territories, I would like to welcome the Young Leaders who are participating in the Summit and I trust that all of you will enjoy the challenges, discussions, and activities that have been organized for you.

I would also like to congratulate all of the organizers, staff, and volunteers in Inuvik and at the Pembina Institute who have devoted a lot of time to plan and organize the Young Leaders Summit on Northern Climate Change.

We must also remember to acknowledge and thank the corporate and government sponsors for their generous assistance in allowing the Summit to take place.

Best wishes for an enjoyable week as you learn more about climate change in the North.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony W.J. Whitford', written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Anthony W.J. Whitford  
Commissioner