IQALUIT GREENHOUSE

Igaluit, Nunavut

The Iqaluit Greenhouse has operated since 2007. Initially it was developed to grow produce locally and to serve as a model for other communities in the north. Until recently, it operated as a cooperative where interested people leased boxes to grow their own produce and were responsible collaboratively for the maintenance and production aspects of the greenhouse.

2017 saw a considerable change in the direction of the greenhouse. It was decided that the greenhouse would provide products for the community of Iqaluit. In the first year, there was a lot of repair and enhancement work accomplished. Since then, the number of grow boxes has been doubled, a seedling shed was created, high output hydroponic systems have been added and new technology to help monitor the system has been purchased. The team is looking into the potential for new varieties for planting and adding more potato output. Interested community members are always welcome to share skills and knowledge or just bring their interest to the greenhouse.





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The greenhouse will supply the Qajuqturvik Food Centre with all of its produce, enabling the Iqlauit Greenhouse to truly serve community food security needs. They will be undertaking some research to consider the viability of new plants and the output quantity for each growing season. They also hope to explore ways to continually enhance the productivity of the greenhouse operation. In the partnership with Qajuqturvik, workers from the centre will be able to augment volunteers in the monitoring, maintenance and operation of the greenhouse and to assist with securing future funding to continue the operations.



Past projects have included supplying lqaluit schools with hydroponic systems. There are hopes to expand the worm farming and composting activities of the greenhouse and to establish a soil cycling plan to ensure that nutrient-rich soil is always available in each new grow season.





