

Topic Title: *Preserving Indigenous Languages in the Computer Age: Nunavut and Inuktitut syllabics*

Topic Description:

A tale of efforts and challenges to preserve, protect and promote one of Canada's indigenous languages in the computer age.

Discussions of the efforts of some Canadian engineers, librarians and linguists to assist the newly formed Government of Nunavut to enable the use of the language of the Inuit on modern day computers.

Jim Howse Brief BIO:

Born in Buchans, Newfoundland while the Second World War was raging, Jim Howse is married with 6 children, 14 grandchildren, and one great grandchild. In addition to those major accomplishments, Jim received a BSc in Mechanical Engineering at Queens University. Jim's work experience focused on large database management systems, online multilingual library systems, document management in support of Canada's largest document intensive litigation, leading eventually towards his work in Nunavut.

Jim's Work Experience includes:

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Company / Organization	Role
IBM	Systems Engineer, Sales Rep, Manager System 360 introduction and Customer Support
SDL Ottawa, Washington	Managing customer support for Early Cloud Services for Canadian and US Governments
UTLAS	Vice President, Systems for the Multilingual Bibliographic Online Cataloguing Service in Chinese, Japanese, Korean
Price Waterhouse	Document management project manager for largest Canadian Litigation ...The Canadian Commercial Bank
Multilingual E Data Solutions	Managing Partner Several Nunavut Inuktitut language Projects
	Northwestel: Inuktitut Syllabic telephone Directory maintenance for 25 years
