

John Amagoalik

He is known as “Father of Nunavut” an Inuk man who made a Nunavut to life. He was a Canadian politician; He was a chairman of the Nunavut implementation commission. He made it possible and territory for us to own as an Inuit territory, that was in 1993 when we heard we have Nunavut. This is the biggest territory in Canada, this is a tundra area.

Now we own a territory he made it for Inuit rights, he inspires me and happy for him and us Inuit in Nunavut we get to have our own Territory. We have Nunavut Territory now because of his hard work and being a board member in Nunavut implementation commission. We are proud to have our own Territory called “Nunavut” made by John Amagualik. And our Territory is size its governed by Aboriginal people. He was a chief commissioner in Nunavut implementation commissions. Then we had new Nunavut Territory in 1999, and we are proud and happy about our own Territory. And he was one of the people who got relocated from there community to higher arctic when USA was trying to own higher arctic that’s when they owned Alaska. John Amagualik family and friends died from starvation when the Canadian government forced them to relocate to the high arctic from their home Northern Quebec and he was part of Inuit transpires of Canada what he had create of Inukshuk project.

He said, someday we’ll be down there running our own Government. Forty-four years later, look where we are. Amagoalik was five when his family was among several in Northern Quebec that were relocated to the resolute in 1950. Im happy about what he has been through because it makes the Nunavutmiut stronger. Because there are too many people who suicide they should think 2 time before they commit suicide. If there are young, like under the age of the people who went to residential school who got relocated in their homes, they went through harder times then us younger generation. Sometimes I think they just threw there life away to no future when they commit suicide. When we have someone to talk to or share our problems to anyone.

There is a better and possibilities in life when we are Inuit like John Amagoalik we can be known and some history in Canada if we work hard in our education mostly. I’m in college now, Residential School make me want to finish my program and feels like it is making me stronger because of the residential school student they didn’t see their parents for month and even a year. He receives ITC’S 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary award for honorable contribution Inuit political rights of Canada. He is known as a strong voice of Nunavut as an individual of considerable, in our culture and tradition is heard through his voice. Just because of his hard work and elder in Ottawa made it possible to have our owned land by Inuit and it’s a Newest Territory and Canada.