

Departing Tuktoyaktuk for the 180 km journey to Inuvik. (L-R): Cst. Jason Zazaluk, C/Supt. Bill Sweeney, Sgt. Terry Scott, and Warrant Officer Kevin Mulhern. Photo by Sgt. Phil Johnson

snowmobile journey through the Nunavut Territory — with their final destination being Iqaluit. They agreed to carry the Nunavut water with them, and by doing so, included Nunavut in the event.

About 20 km down the ice highway, the N.W.T. water was passed on to C/Supt. Bill Sweeney. C/Supt. Sweeney and Sgt. Terry Scott continued on towards Inuvik with the N.W.T.-Yukon water. Department of National Defence (DND) Warrant Officer Kevin Mulhern accompanied the group, as did Cst. Jason Zazaluk of Tuktoyaktuk Detachment.



C/Supt. Sweeney presents the "G" Division Ensign to Dr. Sherman Olson, president of the Trans Canada Trail Foundation, at Inuvik. Photo by Sgt. Phil Johnson

The water carriers were spelled off from time to time by the Inuvik members, Cpl. Jeff Hurry and Cst. Dan Martin, Insp. Roberts, and Sgt. Phil Johnson, NCO, Community Policing. The president of the Trans Canada Trail Foundation, Dr. Sherman Olson, and Insp. Roberts' son, Andy, even got in on the action! However, cold toes and frostbite precluded anyone from going the entire distance without a break in a warm police truck!

The entire crew rolled into Inuvik approximately four hours later and the waters were turned over to Inuvik volunteers who continued on into the community for a planned reception. Upon departure from Inuvik, C/Supt. Sweeney presented the "G" Division Ensign to Dr. Olson as a gesture of support for the Relay 2000 as it proceeded through the N.W.T. Dr Olson promised to proudly display our flag at the Relay 2000 kick-off ceremonies in Victoria, B.C., in April and St. John's, Nfld., in May.

As we moved along the ice road on modern snow machines accompanied by police trucks, one could not help but wonder what our members endured long ago when they travelled by dog team for weeks at a time, making patrols to remote camps, delivering mail, and preserving the peace in the harshest of conditions. Indeed, times have changed! *****