

**DAVIS INLET  
CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS**

February 1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• house fire in Davis Inlet kills 6 children while parents were out drinking</li> </ul>
1993	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• as a result, Mushuau Innu held an internal enquiry published as Gathering Voices</li> <li>• it contains a 7-point long-term plan including land claim settlement and establishment of a family treatment centre at Border Beacon</li> </ul>
September 1993	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 children captured on video, high on gasoline, yelling that they want to die</li> <li>• this event sparked international media attention and began the formal crisis</li> <li>• (speculation at the time that this event was staged by Bill Partridge)</li> </ul>
1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• report by Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, authored by John McCrae (?) concluded that Innu grievances were legitimate</li> </ul>
1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Innu stage a 2-week sit-in on Parliament Hill demanding relocation</li> </ul>
1993 - 95	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• about 20 Innu from Davis Inlet complete a Nechi Institute training course, funded mostly by HRDC, which gave them basic skills in counselling, addictions and management</li> </ul>
early 1995(?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simeon Tshakapesh replaced Katie Rich as Chief</li> </ul>
1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 federal Ministers (Indian Affairs, Health and xxx) sign a political accord with the Innu recognizing them as if they were registered and living on-reserve</li> </ul>
1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MC to relocate Davis Inlet to Sango Pond approved at cost of \$90M</li> <li>• HC directed to provide transitional funds to Davis Inlet to help them cope with dysfunction expected in the approach to relocation</li> <li>• funding was to be \$250K first year reducing by \$50K per year until the time of actual relocation (HC had to find the funds)</li> </ul>
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• first attempt at a tripartite committee (fed/prov/Innu) to deal with healing</li> </ul>
Aug 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Davis Inlet voted in a referendum to ban alcohol in the community; this was never implemented</li> </ul>
Oct 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Nui replaced Simeon Tshakapesh as Chief</li> </ul>

Sept 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• federal Labrador caucus mtg; focussed on federal response to Sheshatshiu demands</li> <li>• mtg of federal depts with Sheshatshiu; two requests of HC - expand 6-bed solvent treatment facility to 12-bed and fund a family cultural renewal centre; first was done (on rationale of better serving overall needs in Labrador), second was not</li> </ul>
Nov 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Region met with Chief and Council in reaction to fear that chronic sniffers had entered into a suicide pact for the millenium</li> <li>• jointly develop a short-term and long-term approach</li> <li>• no suicide attempts over New Year but long-term strategy not followed</li> </ul>
Feb. 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• meeting of Mushuau Innu Healing Cttee</li> <li>• Healing Coordinator - Mary Jane Andrew - left community to work in Goose Bay (she was one of few effective community workers)</li> <li>• AHF proposal approved subject to severe conditions, eg. 2/3 operating cost of proposed program had to be found from other partners (&gt;\$1M)</li> </ul>
early 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Nui replaced Mark Nui in Band election</li> </ul>
March 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fed/prov Labrador caucus meeting; agreed to maintain this caucus and establish ADM-level HQ committee to oversee progress</li> </ul>
June 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister Nault appoints Eric Maldoff, a Montreal lawyer, as his personal representative on the Davis Inlet file</li> <li>• David Nui replaces Mark Nui as Chief of Davis Inlet</li> </ul>
Sept. 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fed/prov Labrador caucus met; agreed to focus on: 1. restore order in community; 2. ensure a safe service delivery environment; 3. move to register Innu and create reserves; 4. impose 3<sup>rd</sup> party co-management in both communities because of high (40%) debt to revenue ratio</li> <li>• competition held for land claim negotiator position with Innu Nation; Simeon Tshakapesh won over Mark Nui; Mark's faction subsequently went on rampage and trashed buildings in Davis Inlet</li> <li>• Davis Council agreed to transform the Health Commission building into a safe house for the at-risk children</li> </ul>
Oct. 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Nui resigns as Chief of Davis Inlet</li> <li>• replaced by Daniel Poker on interim basis</li> </ul>
Oct. 20, 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Region meets with interim Chief and Council</li> <li>• council agrees to submit proposals for \$300K and response to 98/99 audit by end of Nov.</li> </ul>

Nov. 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Simeon Tshakapesh becomes Chief at Davis Inlet replacing Daniel Poker</li><li>• house fire in Sheshatshiu kills 2 adults and 3 children, community in shock</li><li>• media coverage increases and begins to highlight underlying issues, especially gas-sniffing</li><li>• Davis Inlet uses the media interest to publicize concerns about gas-sniffing in this community too</li></ul>
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