

RETURN TO SENDER

In deconstructing the charette, we felt it was necessary to reinterpret the following sentence: "Your design should emerge from a hacker mindset: it should be **simple**, **frugal**, and **inclusive**."

Hack

- manage or cope (informal)
- producing dull or un-original work

Coherent

-Simple-

- easily understood or done
- plain, basic, or uncomplicated in form, nature or design

Efficient

-Frugal-

- sparing or economical with regard to money or food-entailing little expense; requiring few resources

Considerate

-Inclusive-

- encompassing the stated limit extremes in consideration
- not excluding any section of society or any party involved in something

Our Interpretation of Hack:

Design should be more than just adequate, it should be: **coherent**, **efficient**, and **considerate**.

This particular sentence stating the way we should be designing a house addition or 'outbuilding' for the Inuit, out of materials at hand from the local "Canadian Tire" or local land fill (as a sensible individual would see it). Materials that are currently in local northern dumps shouldn't be there in the first place, these items that aren't able to be recycled properly are then used in make shift ways to create un-inspiring, cluttered spaces in a vast beautiful landscape that the Inuit have so much pride in. The Inuit people are obviously extremely resourceful and the only reason they are using these materials is because that is all they have access to. Instead of encouraging this re-active resilience we should be trying to provide solutions and letting the Inuit people be the back bone of those solutions.

Creating awareness in the southern parts of Canada is an initial step to resolving a number of staggering issues that are currently happening in the north because the majority of Canadian's don't realize the extremely poor conditions effecting 40% of Canada's land.

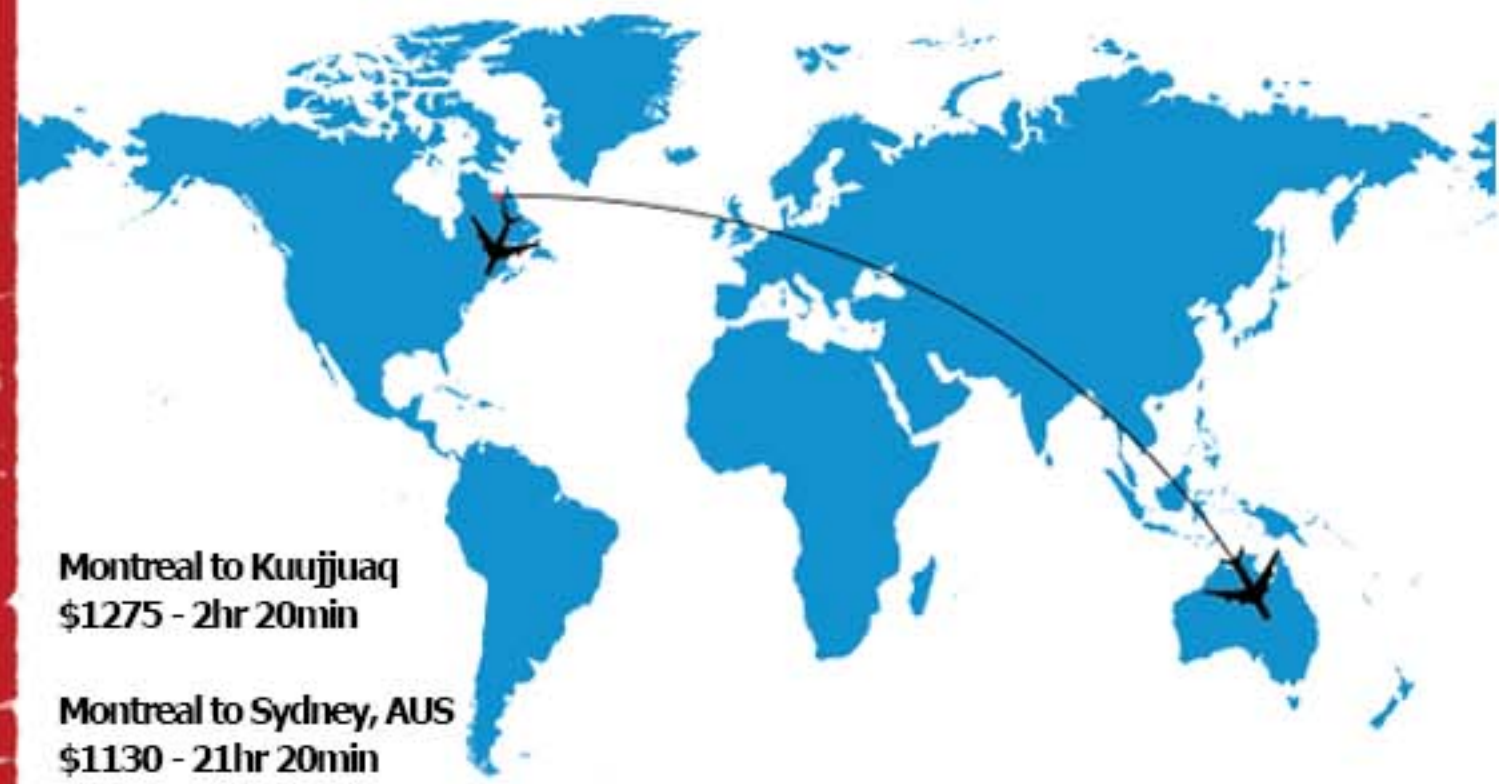


- Inuvialuit
- Nunavut
- Nunavik
- Nunatsiavut

Inuit Values:

- Qanuqtuumiq - Being innovative and Resourceful
- Avatittinnik Kamatsiamiq - Respect and care for the land, animals and the environment.
- Aajiqatigiinniq - Decision making through discussion and consensus.
- Pillmaksarniq/Pjariuqsarniq - Development of skills through observation, mentoring, practice and effort.

Transportation

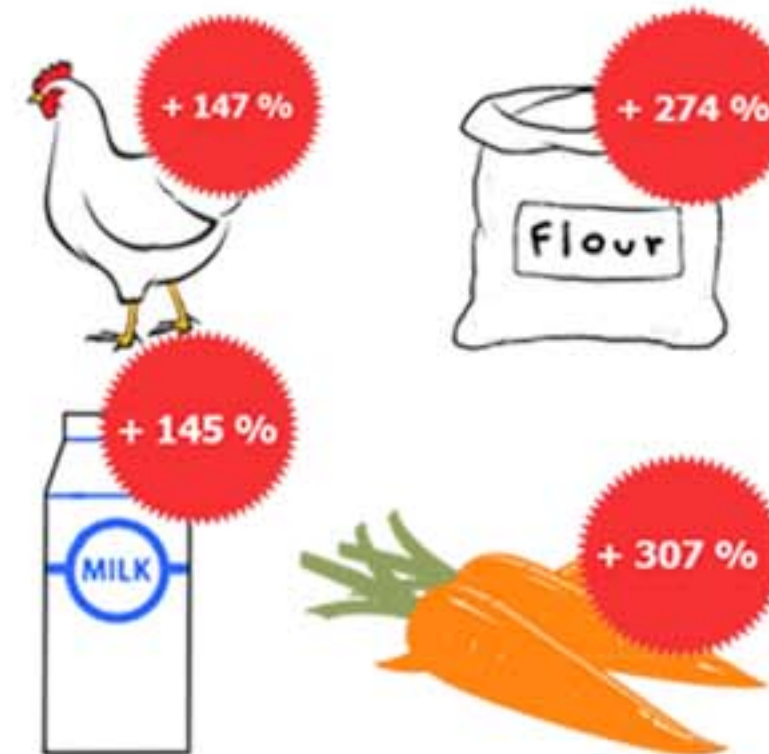


Housing

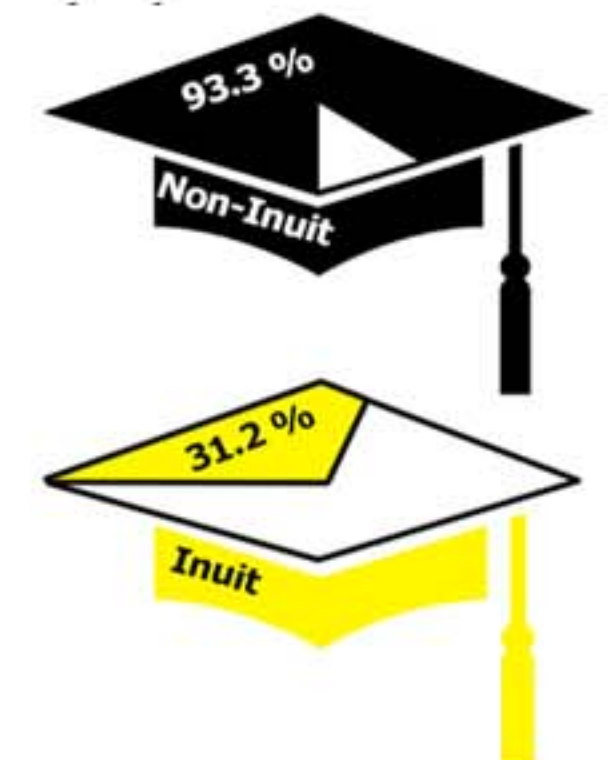


- % of Renters (97%)
- % of Owners (3%)
- % Homes Overcrowded (26%)

Cost Of Food



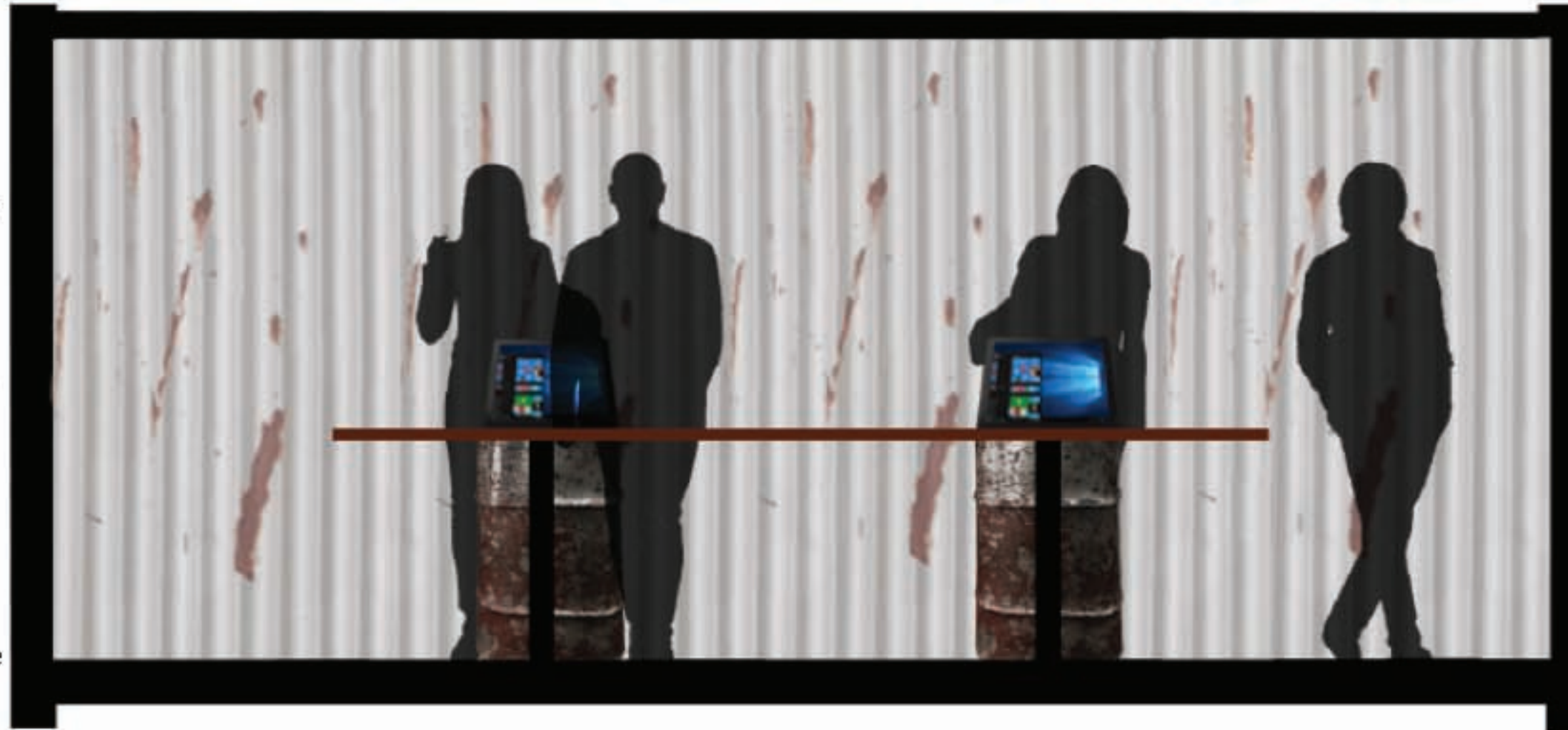
Education



Post Secondary Diploma

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The purpose of these shipping containers is not to be a structure for Inuit to repurpose and inhabit, but as a symbol of protest. We think the most important impact we can make can only come through raising awareness, and in turn, government action. Implementing temporary band aid fixes and encouraging Inuit to develop using substandard materials is not the way to reassemble the north, such solutions in turn will only end up in the "Canadian Tire." Our solution is one that creates change in the South, rather than the North. (Instead of imposing our knowledge upon the North, We should be learning to be less wasteful and more resourceful like the Inuit.)



Projected on each shipping container, you will see an image relevant to the function of the building behind it. Each Location was chosen because of the sector it represents (food, government, education, and transportation), each connecting to the issues that face the north. The inside of the container features, touch screens placed on a table made out of junk, rusted scraps, representing the return of unwanted materials and misdirected guidance of a "hacker mindset" back to where it came from. One face of the container is glass in order to encourage the people within to reflect on the location, how privileged they are compared to the Inuit, and think about how their actions/choices, have consequences in the North. Apart from the metaphorical message, there will be interactive touch screen tablets providing extra information about life in the north. The touch screens will display a survey that tests the public's knowledge of what is happening in the North. After the person submits their answers, the participant is given the correct answer for each question. The public will be shocked by what is really happening, and will be able to see information and graphics that show the poor conditions the north is forced to cope with. In order to solve the issues in the north, people in the south must become more aware of the circumstances that they are largely responsible for.

