

# Canada Inuit television station goes on air on Oct. 24

Canada's first Native owned and operated television broadcasting system will go on the air on Oct. 24.

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Approval was given on July 27 for the network, called the

Inuit Broadcasting Corp. (IBC), to go on the air next month.

The station is owned and operated by Canada's Inuit. The station will use the transponders of the Anik-B satellite. Signals will be received in the Baffin, Keewatin and Central Arctic districts of the Northwest Territories.

IBC is the result of the Inukshuk project which was an experimental effort by the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada to bring TV in the Eskimo language to six

northern communities.

In early June, Indian and Northern Affairs Minister John Munro approved \$3.9 million which IBC will share with a northern Quebec project.

The programs will be broadcast using the satellite facilities of CBC Northern Services which have agreed to donate five hours of program time per week. A major share of IBC programming will come from northern communities using their video-production facilities.