

# NANA Regional Corp. Moves to New Offices at OTZ

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KOTZEBUE — Three years after its first move off Front Street, in search of more office space, NANA Regional Corporation has checked in again, this time to the Nul-luk-vik Hotel.

It was 22 below zero, with a bright arctic winter sun overhead as NANA packed up its belongings at the Drift INN and headed by truck half a mile away to spacious new offices in the second floor of the new hotel.



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implemented the land claims act. Soon it got too crowded and NANA built another building to accomodate the growing space needs of the corporation.

In February of 1973, NANA moved into the new building. The Native association moved too and if it changes its name (to Mauneluk Association) during the year, it didn't change its space needs. The Kotzebue Area Health Corporation was there too.

In February of 1974, NANA packed up again and moved to the top floor of the Drift Inn, quick before the manager could rent out the area as guest quarters.

It got so crowded that some records were stored in bath tubs.

The only consolation was that NANA was building something bigger this time — the \$2.2 million Nul-luk-vik Hotel.

Construction began in the autumn of 1974 and by February, 1975, the second floor offices were ready for occupancy.

It took a little longer this time, because in four years a corporation keeps accumulating things, especially when its

business has branched out into everything from hotels (NANA also owns the Drift Inn) to a multi-million dollar pipeline security contract.

Two people who took the move in stride were President John Schaeffer of NANA Regional Corporation and President Tom Sheldon Sr. of Kikiktugruk Inupiat Corporation which has headquarters within NANA's offices. Sheldon and Schaeffer have helped with all four moves.

City officials coming to inspect the NANA offices the day after the big move noted appreciably the presence of the sprinkler system in every room, though fire chief Sandy Huss said they'd just have to do something about potential traffic problems!

Furnishings in the new offices are the same desks, chairs and files as before. What's different are the cheerful yellow, white and cork walls and large windows in each room offering a view of Kotzebue Sound or the city itself.

Several area stockholders getting a preview tour said they liked the new offices very much.