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MAGIC Workshop 2025

Institute researcher, Steve Crookes, presented at Muskoxen and Genomics in the Community (MAGIC) Workshop at the Canadian High Arctic Research Station in Cambridge Bay in February. Muskoxen (*Ovibos moschatus*), known in most Inuktitut dialects as Umingmak, are threatened by a number of factors including climate change, new and existing diseases, southern predators encroaching on their territory, and increasing rates of parasitism. A diverse gathering of people including Inuit rights and knowledge holders, Elders, hunters and trappers, members of various government agencies, and scientists converged to discuss the importance of muskoxen and how to ensure its wellbeing.

Artist in Residence

KLRS welcomed Jaymie Campbell to the station for a two-week artist residency in the Kluane National Park. Jaymie is an Anishnaabe artist and writer from the Curve Lake First Nation and is inspired by her community and knowledge keepers. She creates beadwork, writing, visual arts, and fashion to explore connections to land and culture. Jaymie works to maintain traditional skills and pass them down to future generations.

BBQ at KLRS

The Kluane Lake Research Station hosted a community BBQ in May. Entertainment included glacier science and stories with glaciologist, Dr. Brittany Main and Champagne and Aishihik First Nation storyteller, John Fingland. Science activities for children were hosted by Yukon University's Youth STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) team.