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• Most southerly community in Nunavut
• Located on the Belcher Islands in Hudson Bay
• Often overlooked in Iqaluit
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• Geology: rocks 2.5 billion years old, part of Canadian Shield
• Meta-sedimentaries (with fossils) and meta-volcanics
  • Pillow lavas
• All sculpted by glaciation
• Post-glacial isostatic recovery, land rising from the sea
• Raised beaches all the way to the tops of the hills
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- Fragile air-links to Winnipeg and to Kuujjuarapik on Quebec’s James Bay coast
- Served by smaller aircraft, vulnerable to the frequent bad weather, few alternate airports
- Weather forces frequent flight cancellations
- Two runways, only one of which had instrumental flying instructions available in 2012
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• Nuiyak primary school
  • Also hosts the community museum
• Paatsaali High School