

Meet Eeta!

Eeta is a 26-year-old Inuk woman from a small community.

She sometimes uses a wheelchair or cane because she injured her back and hip in an accident.



Eeta's Employment

Eeta works at the Northern Store.

Her coworkers keep the ramp clear of snow and ice for her, and she has a large desk that fits her wheelchair.

Eeta takes sick days when she is in too much pain. Her manager understands that this is an accommodation.

Eeta likes her job and wishes her manager would talk with her about a promotion.

Her Built Environment

Eeta shares her home with 8 family members. They take care of each other, but sometimes Eeta wishes for more personal space and privacy.

Eeta and her family are on the waiting list for a new housing development in their community. They requested a unit with a ramp and wide doorways so Eeta can use her wheelchair inside.

They've also asked for safety bars in the washroom and a walk-in shower to help keep Eeta's grandmother safe from slips and falls.

Eeta would like more accessible housing units in her community.



Communicating in English

Eeta interprets in Inuktitut when her grandmother has medical appointments. She helps her grandmother understand the medical words and important information – it's not always easy, but she does her best.

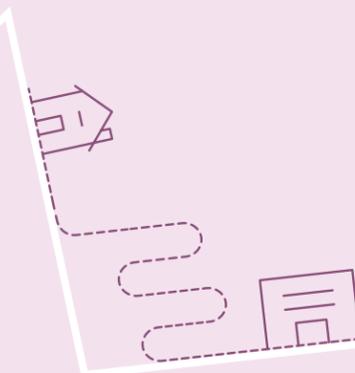
Eeta also helps her grandmother find online information about her benefits, taxes, or banking. It can be hard to navigate websites and find the right information.

Sometimes they get frustrated, especially if the internet connection is bad. They turn off the computer and decide to try again another day.

Procurement

Eeta's family is eagerly awaiting more details about the new housing development. Her father and mother attend a town hall meeting to learn more.

Some community members are frustrated with the planning process. They are feeling excluded from the decision-making around this big government-funded project.



Community Programs and Services

Eeta loves to sew. She just finished making a new amauti and is really proud of her work.

She would love to learn from an Elder about traditional sewing, but doesn't know who to ask.

Eeta wishes there were more opportunities for everyone in the community to explore and learn traditional skills.

Using Information and Communication Technology

Eeta enjoys using Facebook to stay connected with her friends.

However, the internet connection in Eeta's home can be unreliable, and the cost is very high. Eeta's family spends \$200 a month, and always runs out of data before the month is done.

She's thought about maybe taking a course online, or looking for a new remote job — but not without a better internet connection.



Public Transportation?

Eeta finds it hard to get around her community. When she needs to go somewhere, she relies on her family or goes on the radio to ask for a ride.

This makes it hard for Eeta to get to work or appointments.

She wants her community to have accessible public transportation so she can have more independence.