

The Centre for World Indigenous Knowledge and Research
at Athabasca University

Would like to invite you to join us for the viewing of:

Place of the Boss UTSHIMASSITS

A Film by the National Film Board
Running Time: 48 min 46 sec

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Date: October 19 , 2007
Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Place: Room 1112—Media Room
Athabasca University
Edmonton Learning Centre
Peace Hills Trust Tower
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In the mid-sixties, the Mushuau Innu, one of the last hunter-gatherer peoples of North America, were forced to abandon their 6,000-year nomadic culture and settle in the village of Davis Inlet on the coast of Northern Labrador— a place the Innu named Utshimassits (Ooh-she-mah-seet), or the Place of the Boss. Their relocation resulted in physical dislocation, cultural collapse and widespread despair.

This video weaves a profound sense of place through the use of archival footage of the breathtaking Labrador landscape juxtaposed against haunting present-day images of the dilapidated condition of Davis Inlet. First-person testimony from Elders, band leaders and youth allows the voices of the community to express their own rarely heard point of view.

The result is a documentary that delves beyond the national headlines of substance abuse, suicide, and rural slum conditions to provide a profile of a people confronting the tragedy of their current circumstances by summoning the traditions, memories and culture of their proud past.

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This is part of our Bannock & a Movie series.
Admission is free.

Please come early. If you have a large group, please notify us as **seating is limited**.

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