



The Explorer Hotel is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Rick Cole to the position of Executive Chef.



Chef Rick joins us from the Frobisher Inn and Conference Center in Iqaluit, Nunavut where he was the Executive Chef since May 2010.

Prior to this Rick was with Fairmount Chateau Lake Louise for 5 years as Executive Sous Chef where he was directing a team of 120 Chefs from around the world at one of the Fairmount's flagship properties.

Previous to developing his culinary skills further with Fairmount he was Executive Chef with the University of Toronto where he both catered to the faculty and taught the Culinary Arts in the Hotel and Restaurant Management Program.

Chef Rick has spent a long varied career in other positions including Corporate Executive Chef for Wolfgang Puck's Canada in the Niagara Falls and Toronto area, Cedar Springs Health Racquet and Sports Club in Burlington, Ontario and Clublink private golf clubs in the greater Toronto area, as well as apprenticing at the Royal Connaught Hotel in Hamilton, Ontario.

Chef Rick was educated with a Business and Purchasing Management diploma at Mohawk College in Hamilton, Ontario and an Honor's Culinary Arts Degree at Liaison College of Culinary Arts of Toronto.

Chef Rick's career highlight would be entering the Culinary Olympics in 1997 and achieving 2 silver medals and 1 bronze medal in the individual and banquet competitions respectively.

Chef Rick is looking forward to show case his culinary skills to the Yellowknife community.

