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INUIT TAPIRIIT KANATAMI

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About Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) is the national representative organization for 65,000 Inuit in Canada, the majority of whom live in Inuit Nunangat, the Inuit homeland encompassing 51 communities across the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Northwest Territories), Nunavut, Nunavik (Northern Québec), and Nunatsiavut (Northern Labrador). Inuit Nunangat makes up more than 40 percent of Canada's land area and more than 72 percent of its coastline. ITK represents the rights and interests of Inuit at the national level through a democratic governance structure that represents all Inuit regions. ITK advocates for policies, programs, and services to address the social, cultural, political, and environmental issues facing our people.

ITK is governed by a Board of Directors composed of the following members:

- Chair and CEO, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
- President, Makivvik
- President, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
- President, Nunatsiavut Government

In addition to voting members, the following non-voting Permanent Participant Representatives also sit on the Board:

- President, Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada
- President, Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada
- President, National Inuit Youth Council

Vision

Canadian Inuit are prospering through unity and self-determination.

Mission

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami is the national voice for protecting and advancing the rights and interests of Inuit in Canada.

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Board of Directors



Natan Obed
President, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Natan Obed is the President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami. He is originally from Nain, the northernmost community in Nunatsiavut. In 2021 he was acclaimed to his third term as President. He has devoted his career to working with Inuit representational organizations to improve the wellbeing of Inuit in Canada.



Duane Smith
Chair and CEO, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation

Duane Smith is the Chair and CEO of the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, whose mandate is to receive Inuvialuit lands and financial compensation resulting from the 1984 Inuvialuit Final Agreement. From 2002 to 2016, he was President of Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada, and he served as Chair of the Inuvik Community Corporation for six terms starting in 2004.



Aluki Kotierk
President, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

Aluki Kotierk is President of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, the organization responsible for ensuring that promises made under the Nunavut Agreement are carried out. Originally from Iglulik, Nunavut, she has held senior positions with the Government of Nunavut, the Office of the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut, Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada, and Inuit Tapirisat of Canada (now Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami).



Pita Aatami
President, Makivvik

Pita Aatami is the President of Makivvik. He previously served as President and CEO of Air Inuit, a Makivvik subsidiary. He was first elected as a Makivvik board member in 1987 and was President of Makivvik from 1998 to 2012.

Johannes Lampe President, Nunatsiavut

Johannes Lampe is the President of Nunatsiavut. He is the third person to lead the Nunatsiavut Government, an Inuit regional government created when the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and Labrador Constitution came into effect in 2005. He previously served as Nunatsiavut’s Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.



Lisa Koperqualuk President, Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada

Lisa Qiluqqi Koperqualuk holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master’s degree in Anthropology. She is a co-founder and former president of Saturviit Inuit Women’s Association of Nunavik. She was elected Vice-President International of ICC Canada in 2018 and acclaimed President of ICC Canada in June 2022.



Gerri Sharpe President, Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada

Gerri Sharpe was elected the President of Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada in March 2022. She has served on the Inuvik District Education Authority, the Beaufort Delta Education Council and the NWT Human Rights Commission. She was born in Yellowknife and calls Gjoa Haven her hometown. She now resides in Yellowknife.

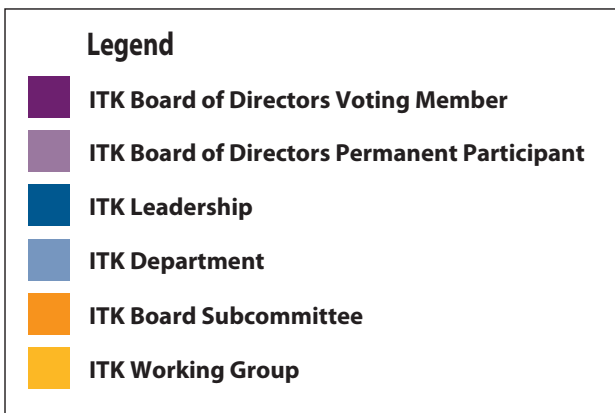
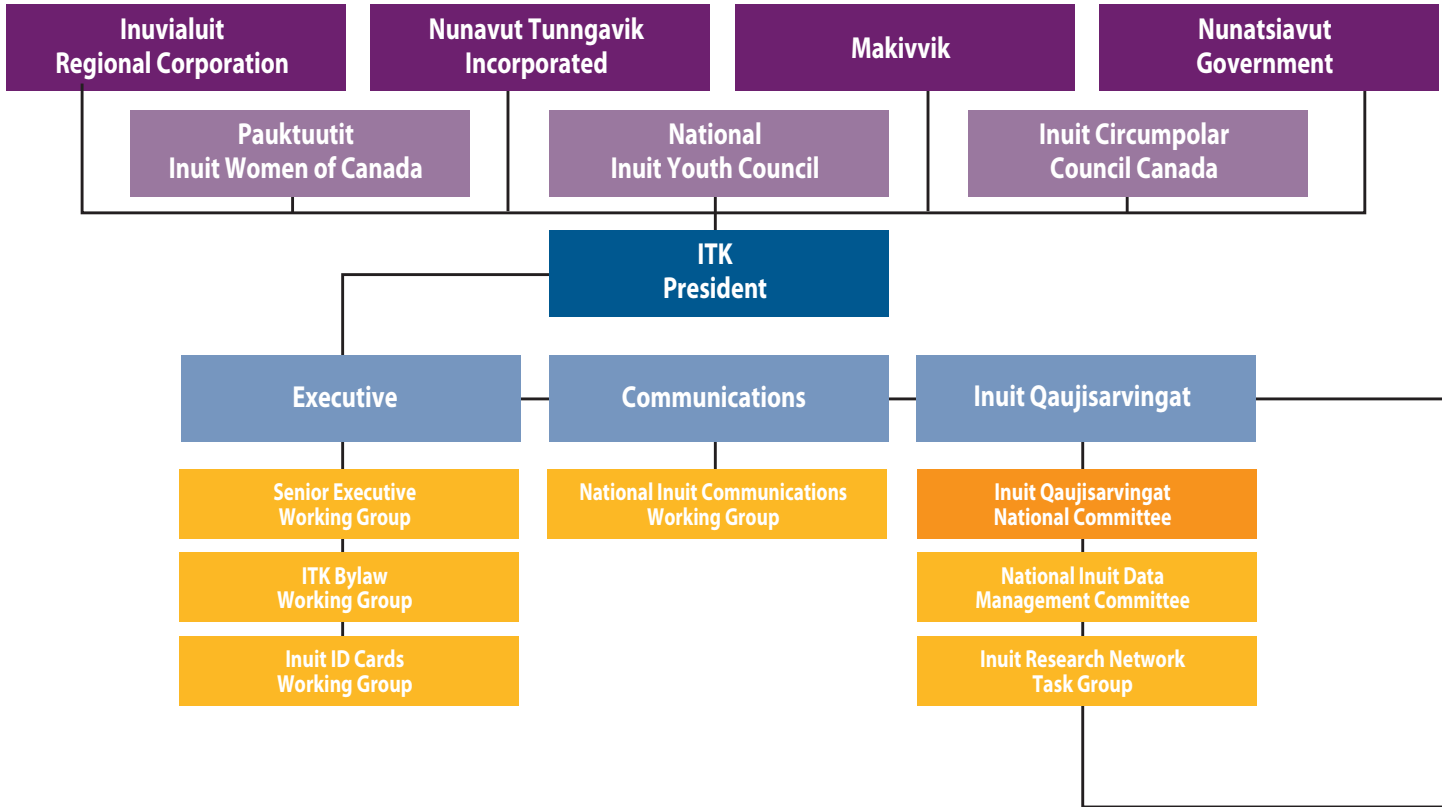


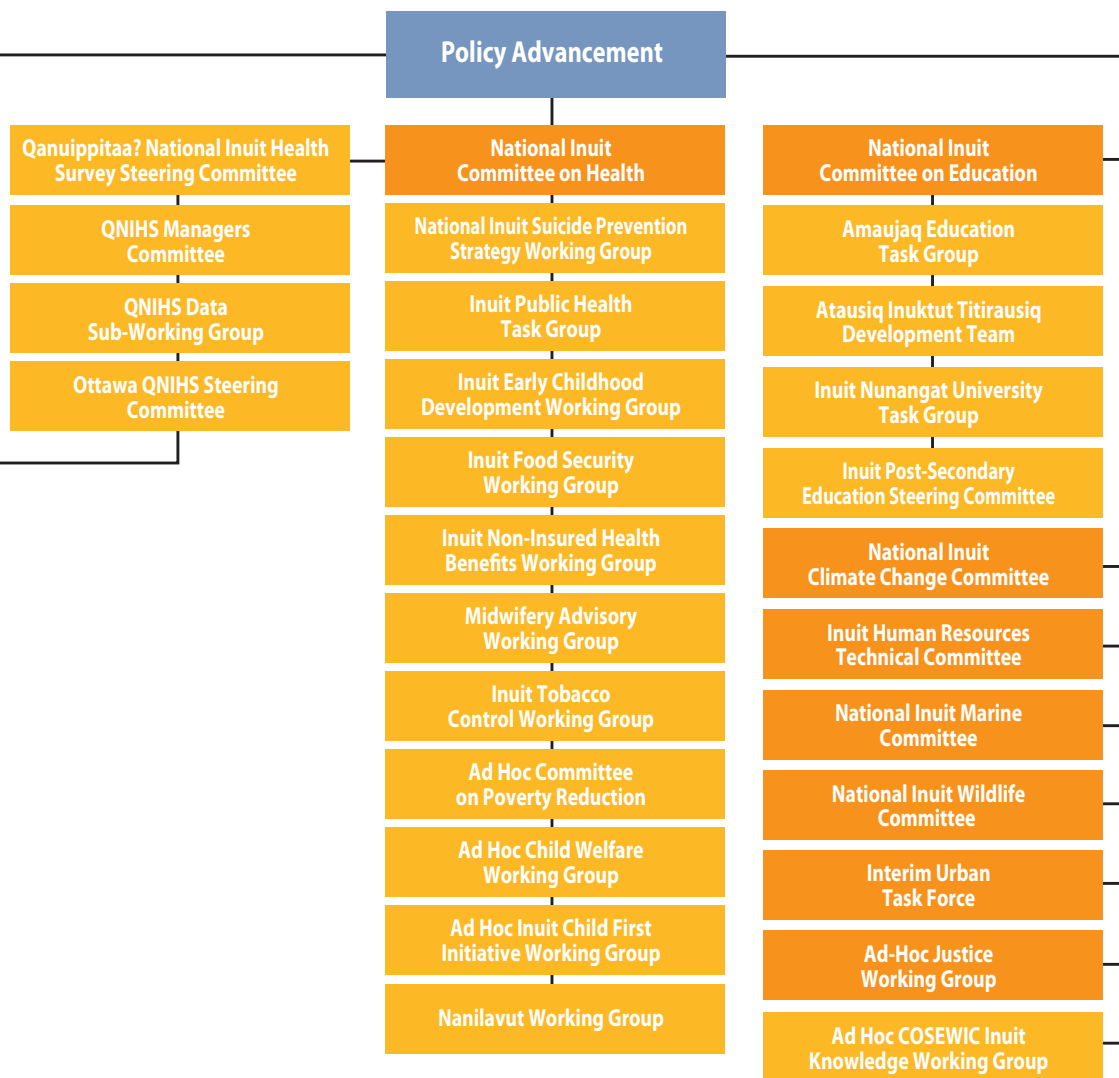
Susie-Ann Kudluk President, National Inuit Youth Council

Susie-Ann Kudluk was elected President of the National Inuit Youth Council in June 2023. She has been an advocate for Inuit youth for many years from her hometown of Kangirsuk, Nunavik. As a member of Nunavik’s Qarjuut Youth Council Board of Directors, Kudluk advocated for improved healthcare services.

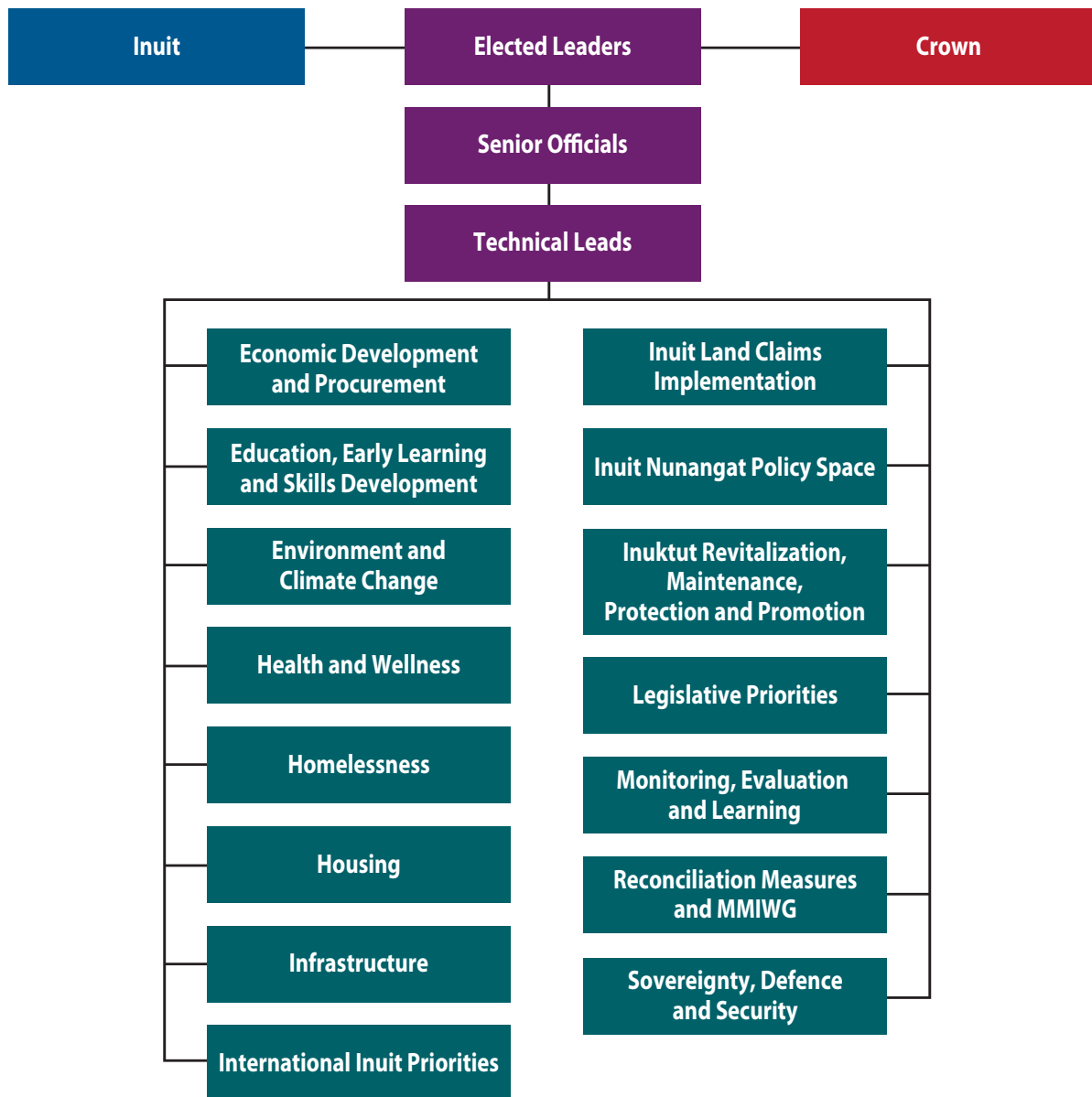


ITK Board and Committee Structure





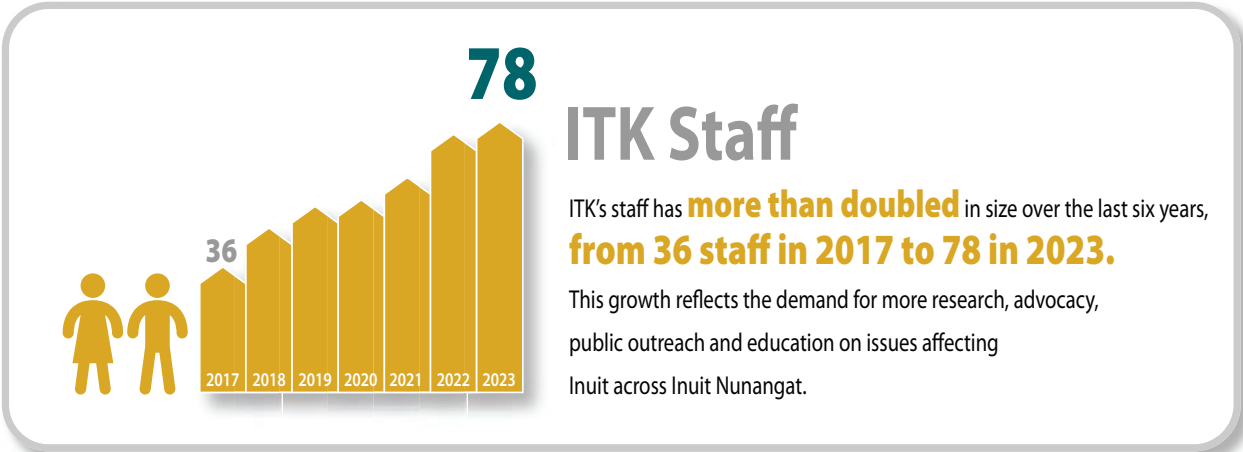
Inuit Crown Partnership Committee Structure



Legend



- ITK Board of Directors
- Government of Canada Departments
- Levels of Engagement
- Joint Priority Areas and Working Groups

ITK by the Numbers



100 Wellington

100 Wellington Street in Ottawa served as the US Embassy until 1999. In 2017, the federal government handed it over to the three National Indigenous Organizations: the Assembly of First Nations, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and the Métis National Council. Each of these groups has its own curated exhibit space in the building. ITK has hosted four public events at 100 Wellington over the last year, **welcoming 3,000 people** into the space.

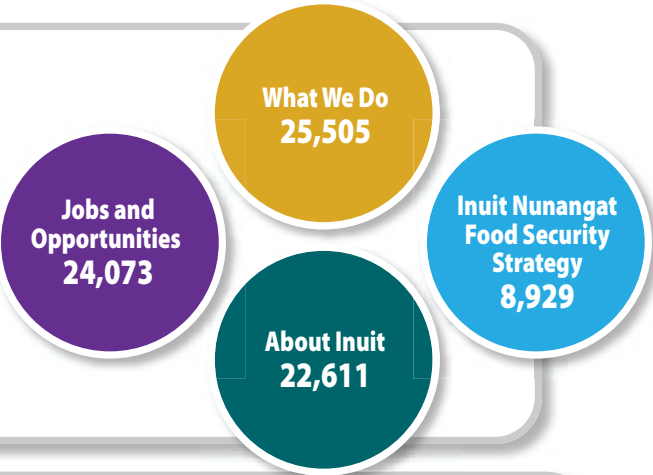


Inuit Nunangat Policy

The Inuit Nunangat Policy was endorsed by Inuit and federal leadership through the Inuit Crown Partnership Committee in April 2022. In October 2022, ITK and the Canada School of Public Service helped deliver a training session on the new policy to over **1,600** federal public servants, offering participants guidance on how to foster accessibility and effectiveness of policies, programs, services and initiatives for Inuit in Canada. This was one of **15 training sessions ITK offered to federal employees over the last year.**

itk.ca

Over the course of 2022-2023, the majority of visitors to ITK's website came to learn more about Inuit and our organization. Web visitors also came to itk.ca to learn more about work opportunities with ITK, as well as to learn about our **Inuit Nunangat Food Security Strategy**.



Social Media

Social Media are powerful outreach tools for ITK. Our communications department engages with our audience through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter/X, LinkedIn and YouTube. Here are the numbers covering April 2022 to March 2023.



Top 10 cities reached

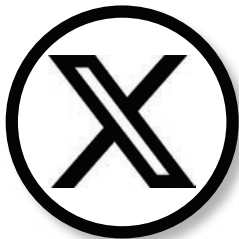
1. Ottawa
2. Iqaluit
3. Montreal
4. Toronto
5. Kuujuaq
6. Goose Bay
7. Winnipeg
8. Edmonton
9. Gatineau
10. Rankin Inlet



14,886 followers

The majority of Facebook followers are between the ages of 25 and 44. Almost 70 per cent are women.

14,192 followers



5,886 followers

34,000 viewers

President's Message



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The federal cabinet shuffle in August 2023 puts into perspective the importance of strong relationships. There is considerable work involved in developing and fostering mutual understanding with government to build prosperity for Inuit. The shuffle ushers in a new phase of relationship-building at the mid-point of the expected tenure of this government, and my own tenure in my third term as ITK President. It is an appropriate time to look back and appreciate the work we have accomplished since the last federal and ITK elections in 2021, and in particular over the past fiscal year.

Earlier this year, I had the pleasure of joining David Lametti and Marc Miller, then ministers of Justice and Crown-Indigenous Relations respectively, for the release of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Action Plan. Lametti and Miller became important partners for ITK over the past two years and helped to lay the foundation for some key achievements, including rights implementation. With the August shuffle, Lametti is no longer a member of cabinet, while Miller takes on a new role as Minister of Immigration and Canadian Citizenship. Both took a great interest in Inuit and Inuit priorities and visited every region of Inuit Nunangat during their time in their roles. They also joined Team ITK on the ice for the first annual for the first annual Tea & Bannock Cup this past spring and are welcome back any time.

I am happy to build new foundations for mutual trust and respect with incoming ministers Gary Anandasangaree in Crown-Indigenous Relations, and Arif Virani in Justice, as well as all other new and returning ministers. There is a great deal of work that we must undertake together to create a Canada where Inuit thrive.

This period of transition is particularly suited to reflection. The past fiscal year was bookended by the release of enormous pieces of work. At the start of the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the Government of Canada adopted the Inuit Nunangat Policy, an overarching, whole-of-government blueprint for structural change within government. The end of the fiscal year marked the completion of an evaluation of the first five years of ICPC. The evaluation report, presented at an ICPC Leaders meeting in Nain (the first time a sitting Prime Minister has visited the community), showed that ICPC is highly relevant and complementary to other processes of Inuit-government relations.

The end of the 2023-2024 fiscal year will mark the end of the Strategy and Action Plan that has guided us since 2021. We have delivered on its actions related to poverty reduction, food security, infrastructure, health and social development, language, climate change, education, and research. Of note, during the past fiscal year, we completed work on an Inuit Nunangat poverty metric, developed a National Inuit Housing Strategy Implementation Plan, created a comprehensive costing of Inuit Nunangat priority infrastructure needs, and released a national Inuit position paper on coastal and marine management and marine infrastructure development.

We also made progress toward establishing an Inuit Nunangat University, implementing the Qanuippitaa? National Inuit Health Survey, developing a National Inuit Data Strategy and eliminating tuberculosis across Inuit Nunangat by 2030. We took steps to implement Inuktut Qaliujaqpait by launching an online Inuktut Qaliujaqpait Converter tool. We supported implementation of the Inuit Post-Secondary Education Strategy by hosting a National Inuit Student Gathering in Ottawa. And we released a new statistical report showing that the relative proportion of Inuit Nunangat in Canada is much greater than we thought: 72 per cent of Canada’s coastline and 40 per cent of its land area.

We were encouraged this past year by the repudiation by Pope Francis of the Doctrine of Discovery. And there were other signs of hope. We gathered for events with Inuit, Indigenous and federal partners, and members of the public, at 100 Wellington Street in Ottawa. We also hosted an evening of food, cultural performance and unity at the National Arts Centre. Introduced in 2010 as A Taste of the Arctic, the post-pandemic version of this successful gathering is Tapiriit, emphasizing the priority we place on uniting Inuit in Canada.

Both Inuit unity and the Inuit-Crown relationship have been strengthened through our close connection with Her Excellency Governor General Mary Simon. I was honored to join the Governor General, as well as the leadership of the Métis National Council and the Assembly of First Nations in London in early 2023 for the coronation of King Charles III and a private meeting with the King. Inuit have a unique relationship with the Crown. We have much to share with King Charles about the Canada we are working to create. I extend that same spirit of optimism, hope and partnership to my work in engaging with new federal Ministers and undertaking meaningful collaborative work at ITK that facilitates solutions to the challenges we face.

Nakummek,



Natan Obed

ITK Strategies are Foundational and Interconnected

Inuit Nunangat Food Security Strategy

PRIORITIES

- Food systems and wellbeing: Integrate Inuit-led food security and poverty reduction actions
- Legislation and policy: Create sustained Inuit engagement on comprehensive legislated solutions
- Programs and services: Build evidence-based and responsive programs and services
- Knowledge, skills, and capacity: Support Inuit country food and sharing systems
- Research and evaluation: Mobilize Inuit food security research and evaluation

2021

National Inuit Action Plan on Missing and Murdered Inuit Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People

THEMES

- Children & Youth
- Men & Boys
- Economic Security
- Health & Wellness
- Inuktitut
- Anti-Racism & Reconciliation
- Infrastructure
- Data & Research
- Justice & Policing
- Governance
- Shelters & Housing
- Urban
- Education
- Family Violence

2021

National Inuit Climate Change Strategy

PRIORITIES

- Advance Inuit capacity and knowledge use in climate decision-making
- Improve Inuit and environmental health and wellness outcomes
- Reduce the climate vulnerability of Inuit and market food systems
- Close the infrastructure gap with climate resilient new builds, retrofits and adaptations
- Support regional and community-driven solutions leading to energy independence

2019

Inuit Nunangat Housing Strategy

ACTIONS

- Assess the effectiveness of recent investments in housing in Inuit Nunangat
- Develop a long-term plan for direct federal housing investments
- Enhance research, innovation and statistics
- Reduce overcrowding and reliance on social housing while increasing affordable housing options and improving housing quality
- Enhance capacity
- Enhance intergovernmental collaboration

2019

Inuit Tuberculosis Elimination Framework

PRIORITY ACTIONS

- Enhance TB care and prevention programming
- Reduce poverty, improve social determinants of health and create social equity
- Empower and mobilize communities
- Strengthen TB care and prevention capacity
- Develop and implement Inuit-specific solutions
- Ensure accountability for TB elimination

2018

National Inuit Strategy on Research

PRIORITIES

- Advance Inuit governance in research
- Enhance ethical conduct of research
- Align funding with Inuit research priorities
- Ensure Inuit access, ownership and control over data and information
- Build capacity in Inuit Nunangat research

2018

National Inuit Suicide Prevention Strategy

PRIORITIES

- Create social equity
- Create cultural continuity
- Nurture healthy Inuit children
- Ensure access to a continuum of mental wellness services for Inuit
- Heal unresolved trauma and grief
- Mobilize Inuit knowledge for resilience and suicide prevention

2016

National Strategy on Inuit Education

CORE INVESTMENTS







- Engaging parents
- Developing leaders in education
- Increasing the number of bilingual educators/programs
- Investing in the early years
- Strengthening K-12
- Improving services to students who need additional support
- Increasing success in post-secondary education
- Establishing a university in Inuit Nunangat
- Establishing a unified Inuktitut writing system
- Measuring and assessing success

2011

2020-2023 Strategy and Action Plan Overview and Update

OBJECTIVE 1: Take action to reduce poverty among Inuit

Over the past year, ITK has continued efforts to improve the socioeconomic wellbeing of Inuit. This work remains a primary objective for the organization. In November 2022, ITK hosted a National Inuit Poverty Reduction Summit and drafted a summary report of the findings which will help inform an Inuit Nunangat Poverty Reduction Strategy and Implementation Plan that is in draft stage. ITK has also developed an Inuit-specific poverty metric — the Market-Basket-Measure-Inuit Nunangat (MBM-IN) — which reflects the high cost of living Inuit face in Inuit Nunangat. This metric sets out an Inuit-specific poverty line to help better understand the impact of high food prices on Inuit and develop evidence-based policy recommendations. The Ad Hoc Poverty Reduction Working Group met for the first time at the end of this fiscal year to discuss upcoming ITK work in this area. We have also been conducting interviews with regional representatives, federal partners, subject matter experts and ITK file leads to inform the forthcoming poverty reduction strategy.

Deliverable	Status
Inuit-specific federal procurement strategy by February 2021	
National Inuit Food Security Strategy	
Inuit Nunangat poverty metric and associated data compiled by February 2021	
Inuit Nunangat cost of living index	
Cost of poverty in Inuit Nunangat report	
National Inuit Poverty Reduction Strategy by February 2022	

 Completed

 In Progress

OBJECTIVE 2: Work to close the Inuit Nunangat infrastructure gap

Closing the housing gap remains one of ITK's top priorities. Last year we released the Inuit Nunangat Housing Strategy Implementation Plan, co-developed through the Inuit Crown Partnership Committee (ICPC). Our focus is on bringing housing outcomes in line with the rest of Canada by considering the entire housing continuum, from homeless shelters and women's shelters to affordable rentals and market home ownership. We continue to work with regional land claim organizations to distribute Budget 2022's Inuit Nunangat housing allocation of \$845 million over seven years. Homelessness across Inuit Nunangat, as well as for Inuit in urban areas in southern Canada, is a joint priority for Inuit and the Government of Canada. Therefore, this past year, ICPC created a standalone Homelessness Working Group. ITK has continued to work with the Government of Canada on the co-development of the federal Urban, Rural, and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy, stressing the importance of a distinctions-based approach aligned with Inuit governance.

Huge infrastructure deficits continue to exist across Inuit Nunangat. We are working with Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) and Inuit land claim organizations to determine funding costs and allocations for critical infrastructure projects, such as airports, marine ports, energy grids, and broadband networks. ITK continues to advocate for a distinctions-based Indigenous Community Infrastructure Fund (ICIF). Investing in infrastructure projects is a key step forward in making our homeland safe, accessible, sustainable and equitable.

Deliverable	Status
Inuit Crown Partnership Committee Infrastructure work plan by March 2020	✓
Discussion paper on developing and implementing a federal Inuit Nunangat Policy by June 2020	✓
National Inuit Infrastructure Investment Strategy by March 2021	✓
National Inuit Housing Strategy Implementation Plan	✓

OBJECTIVE 3: Advance Inuit-specific health and social development policies, programs, and initiatives



This objective encompasses a broad and important file area for ITK. While Budget 2023 funding for tuberculosis (TB) fell short of what is needed to eliminate the disease, we continue our work to make Inuit Nunangat TB-free by 2030, a shared goal with the federal government. The Inuit Public Health Task Group is refocusing to include TB and other public health priorities. This approach includes updating ITK’s 2014 Social Determinants of Inuit Health report; scoping the paraprofessional health workforce; and, engaging with other health-related working groups on sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections. ITK and Indigenous Services Canada also co-host a monthly Best Practice Webinar Series to share current TB and TB-related research, programs and initiatives with regions. Regarding child welfare, ITK is active in many areas including: researching the lack of Inuit-specific child welfare data; conducting a comparative law review of Nunavut’s *Child and Family Services Act*; and, intervening at the Supreme Court of Canada to support the constitutionality of *An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis Children, Youth and Families*. ITK is also co-developing with the federal government distinctions-based Indigenous Health Legislation, working with the RCMP to implement a joint ITK/RCMP workplan created with the MMIWG National Inuit Action Plan in mind, and supporting Inuit children and youth to receive culturally safe services and supports under the Ontario Child, Youth and Family Services Act.

To support mental health, ITK participated in the National Summit on Indigenous Mental Wellness in Toronto and helped facilitate Inuit engagement on the impact of the *Cannabis Act* on Inuit. ITK supported our partner Kids Help Phone in hiring an Inuit Engagement Coordinator to assist in service promotion.

Deliverable	Status
Support the development of regional NISPS implementation plans by July 2020	✓
Convene annual forum on preventing child sexual abuse in Inuit Nunangat	✓
Implementation of the Child First Initiative and development of an Inuit-specific equivalent to Jordan’s Principle	✓
Discussion paper on closing policy and service gaps for Inuit with disabilities by September 2020	⚙️
MMIWG Inuit-specific Calls for Justice implementation and monitoring plan	⚙️

OBJECTIVE 4: Support Inuktitut protection, revitalization, maintenance, and promotion

According to the 2020 Census, 40,320 Inuit reported speaking Inuktitut. Inuktitut is one of only a handful of Indigenous languages that experienced growth in Canada from the previous Census in 2016 — and ITK remains vigilant in supporting our language. Through the Inuit Crown Partnership Committee Inuktitut Working Group, ITK led a transition to a new Inuktitut Funding Model which will see federal funding for language flow directly to the four Inuit land claim organizations. This gives Inuit flexibility and control, allows for more long-term planning and will alleviate the administrative burden of annual funding applications. ITK also completed an Inuit Nunangat Language Costing Analysis in February 2023. Based on Inuit Nunangat population projections, the analysis shows it will cost \$1 billion over 10 years to fund adequate support for Inuktitut programs in areas such as education, language skills training, community programs, and media and arts. ITK continues to implement Inuktitut Qaliujaaqpait, the unified writing system for Inuktitut, at the national level. In September 2022 ITK launched an Inuktitut Qaliujaaqpait orthographic conversion tool, an online utility hosted on the ITK webpage that can convert between Inuktitut Qaliujaaqpait and seven Inuktitut writing systems. And through a Canadian Heritage grant, ITK supported regional and national language-related activities including the Nunavut Inuit Educators' Gathering hosted by Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. in February 2023, the March 2023 Nunatsiavut Terminology Workshop in Nain, and ITK's own National Inuit Student Gathering in March 2023.

Deliverable	Status
Discussion paper on federal legal obligations and jurisdiction in the area of Inuit primary school education by March 2020	
Recommended Inuktitut spelling and grammar rules and standards produced by Atausiq Inuktitut Titirasiq Development Team by March 2023	

OBJECTIVE 5: Support climate change response and adaptation measures

ITK continues to implement its 2019 National Inuit Climate Change Strategy, in conjunction with federal, provincial, territorial and regional partners. Activities over the 2022-2023 fiscal year were still heavily influenced by COVID-19 pandemic delays and capacity constraints. ITK is working with Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada and Inuit Treaty Organizations to develop a Nature Table to discuss shared environmental priorities and we are also developing a conservation paper with ECCC. Work on this objective continues to focus on the five priority areas contained in the strategy: advance Inuit capacity and knowledge in climate decision-making; improve Inuit and environmental health and wellness outcomes through integrated Inuit health, education and climate policies and initiatives; reduce the climate vulnerability of Inuit and market food systems; close the infrastructure gap in Inuit Nunangat with climate resilient new builds, retrofits to existing builds, and Inuit adaptations to changing natural infrastructure; and, support regional and community-driven energy solutions leading to Inuit energy independence.

Deliverable	Status
Web-based tool for Inuit organizations and communities to exchange best practices and expertise on Inuit-driven climate actions by December 2020	
Analysis of Inuit climate data and services needs by July 2020	
Position paper on implementing a single federal window for Inuit climate adaptation financing by September 2021	
Position paper with recommendations for the creation of a single federal window for Inuit-specific energy financing by December 2021	
Position paper outlining transformative and sustainable financing for climate resilient infrastructure investments in Inuit Nunangat by March 2021	

OBJECTIVE 6: Empower Inuit through education, research and data and information access, ownership and dissemination

ITK recognizes the important role data access, ownership and control plays in self-determination and so significant research and data-related work has progressed in earnest in the past year. The National Inuit Data Management Committee, with representatives from across Inuit Nunangat, is in the process of finalizing an Inuit Data Strategy. The first round of Qanuippitaa? National Inuit Health Survey data collection was completed in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region and analysis of results has begun. Data collection was launched in Nunatsiavut and both Nunavut and Nunavik are gearing up for their fieldwork as well. ITK is collaborating with Statistics Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada, Indigenous Services Canada and Chief Coroners and Chief Medical Examiners to standardize and acquire data on Inuit deaths in Canada. To better understand Inuit health, we have engaged with the Public Health Agency of Canada, the Inuit Public Health Data Working Group and the National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases to synthesize and improve access to Inuit health data, especially around TB and COVID-19. ITK has built a digital repository and has begun digitization of our archive material. Work towards a full inventory of holdings is still underway.

ITK is making significant strides toward the realization of the Inuit Nunangat University (INU), a key recommendation of the National Strategy on Inuit Education. Our strategic plan *Sivummut* outlines objectives encompassing governance, educational programming, financing, infrastructure and outreach. During the 2022-2023 fiscal year, we hosted a workshop called “Sewing the parts together,” which gathered Inuit from diverse sectors and backgrounds to co-develop three university models.

ITK launched its Inuit Youth Leadership Program in 2022 to train and engage Inuit youth aged 18-30 and introduce them to policy advancement, communications and research work. In the summer of 2022, ITK hired six youth to work with the organization. Some of those youth have stayed on in permanent positions at ITK. In 2023, ITK hired a new cohort of six youth from across Inuit Nunangat.

Deliverable	Status
Launch of quarterly Inuit Nunangat policy research paper series by June 2020	✓
Conduct Qanuippitaa? National Inuit Health Survey by January 2022	✓
Establish ITK emerging leaders’ program by June 2022	✓
Complete business case for establishing an Inuit Nunangat university by October 2020	⚡
Operational Corporate Archives by January 2022	⚡
Establish and implement a corporate monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) program by January 2022	⚡
Lead establishment of an Inuit Ethics Review Committee by January 2022	✓
Canada-Inuit-Nunangat-United Kingdom (CINUK) Arctic Research Programme 2021-2025 grants	✓
National Inuit Data Strategy and Implementation Plan	⚡

OBJECTIVE 7: Support Inuit Nunangat coastal and marine management and marine infrastructure development

Inuit Nunangat comprises 72 per cent of Canada's coastline. We are a coastal people. We rely on the sea for food security and transportation but increasingly, our waters are being used by commercial and recreational craft from Canada and around the world. Last year, ITK released *The Oceans That We Share: Inuit Nunangat Marine Policy Priorities and Recommendations* to help focus our work on marine safety, shipping and planning. The paper asserts the right of Inuit to consultation, infrastructure investment, research and monitoring and, in particular, the right to be full partners in the development and implementation of any national marine strategy that impacts Inuit in Inuit Nunangat. ITK continues to highlight Inuit priorities through the National Inuit Marine Committee and the Inuit Nunangat-Transport Canada Table.

Deliverable	Status
Inuit and DFO-CCG Governance Table	✓
Whole-of-Government Search and Rescue Symposium	✓
International Maritime Organization, Underwater Noise and GHG Emissions Submission	✓
National Inuit position paper on coastal and marine management and marine infrastructure development	✓

Inuit Crown Partnership Committee



Inuit leaders and federal ministers outside the Illusuak Cultural Centre after their meeting after their meetings in Nain, Nunatsiavut, in May 2023. From left: Crown- Indigenous Relations Minister Marc Miller, Northern Affairs Minister Dan Vandal, Pauktuutit President Gerri Sharpe, Treasury Board President Mona Fortier, National Inuit Youth Council President Barry Pottle, Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada President Lisa Koperqualuk, Nunatsiavut President Johannes Lampe, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, ITK President Natan Obed, Justice Minister David Lametti, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. President Aluki Kotierk, Indigenous Services Minister Patty Hajdu and Inuvialuit Regional Corporation President Duane Smith. Regrets: Pita Aatami, Makivik President

Since the signing of the Inuit Nunangat Declaration in 2017, Inuit leaders and Government of Canada Ministers have met three times a year through the Inuit Crown Partnership Committee (ICPC) to advance our shared priorities, strengthen the Inuit Crown partnership, and create a more prosperous Inuit Nunangat.

The ICPC is a permanent table tasked with creating prosperity for Inuit and for the benefit of all Canadians. In 2023, the ICPC marked its sixth year of work and added a new shared priority area: Homelessness. Over the last fiscal year, the partnership achieved a number of milestones including the endorsement of the Inuit Nunangat Policy in April 2022. The ICPC met in Inuvik in June 2022 and in Ottawa in December 2022, where the Committee endorsed its Inuit-Crown Co-Development Principles. In May 2023, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and ITK President Natan Obed co-chaired an ICPC leaders meeting in Nain and endorsed a comprehensive evaluation report which examined the first five years of the ICPC's implementation.

Over the past fiscal year, senior Inuit and Crown officials have been collaborating on shared workplans. The following is an update on their progress.



ITK President Natan Obed and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau chair the ICPC meeting in Nain, Nunatsiavut, in May 2023.



Economic Development and Procurement

In 2022-2023, the Economic Development and Procurement Working Group created an inventory of Inuit-specific and Northern area data sources, a tool that will assist in the establishment of a permanent Inuit Nunangat business survey. Partners also developed a clear statement on the five per cent target term for Inuit business contracts under the Procurement Strategy for Indigenous Businesses and its application.



Education, Early Learning, and Training

ITK's Education, Early Learning and Skills Development (EELSD) Working Group completed a Quality Education Framework for Inuit Nunangat, which looks at factors influencing the quality of Inuit K-12 education, as well as legislative obligations around its delivery. In September, ITK's Board of Directors passed a resolution to revise the previously endorsed EELSD workplan to better reflect the 2011 National Strategy on Inuit Education. The revised workplan builds on the work that has been completed thus far and more closely aligns with the Inuit vision outlined in the 2011 Strategy.



Environment and Climate Change

Work on this ICPC priority area was paused during fiscal year 2022-2023, as work progressed between Inuit and government outside of ICPC.

Health and Wellness

ITK, along with Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and the Nunatsiavut Government, were granted leave to intervene in a Supreme Court of Canada case which heard the appeal of a Quebec court ruling on an *Act respecting First Nations, Inuit, and Metis children, youth and families*. A ruling is forthcoming. The federal legislation was co-developed with ITK and regional organizations. This case highlights the central importance to Inuit across Canada of the wellbeing of Inuit children and families, as well as the exercise of our right to self-government within Canada's constitutional framework. ITK's Children in Care Sub-Working Group completed a legislative review of provincial and territorial child and family service laws. Under the Health file, ITK led regional engagement with partners to gather and provide Inuit-specific recommendations for the creation and implementation of federal distinctions-based Indigenous Health legislation.

Implementation work continued on the Inuit Nunangat Food Security Strategy. The Inuit-Crown Food Security Working Group produced a costing report to support the case for the delivery of a cost-effective, accessible, and Inuit-specific meal program to be implemented in the 75 schools in Inuit Nunangat. The report concluded that an investment of \$1.66 billion over 15 years would be required to implement and maintain an Inuit Nunangat-wide school breakfast and lunch program.

The Inuit Child First Initiative was added to the ICPC Health and Wellness workplan in 2022 to ensure this initiative is reflective of Inuit priorities and that there is robust communication during the co-development of the Inuit long-term equivalent to Jordan's Principle.



Homelessness

In 2023, Homelessness was removed from the Housing file and given status as a standalone priority area. A workplan is being developed to implement joint homelessness reduction and prevention priorities on an expedited basis including through the development of a strategic action plan to address Inuit homelessness in Inuit Nunangat and in southern Canada. Inuit priorities include the provision of policy advice and support on the Indigenous Shelter Initiative, redesigning distinctions-based Inuit investments under the federal Reaching Home Program and developing a coordinated policy approach toward addressing Inuit homelessness.





Housing

Closing the Inuit Nunangat housing gap remains a top priority for Inuit. In 2022, ICPC leaders endorsed a standalone priority area for housing. Further to this, the ICPC endorsed the Inuit Nunangat Housing Strategy Implementation Plan, which offers a roadmap for achieving better, more innovative and self-determined outcomes for housing across Inuit Nunangat — from emergency shelters to affordable rentals and market home ownership.



Infrastructure

Inuit regions continue to seek certainty and stability in long-term infrastructure funding to support effective planning and implementation. In 2022, funding for Year 2 of the federal Indigenous Communities Infrastructure Fund (ICIF) was delivered to Inuit land claim organizations. Those organizations have also conducted a comprehensive assessment of their infrastructure needs and identified 724 assets that require capital investments totaling \$55 billion over the next 10 years.



International Inuit Priorities

This past year, a working group was established under this new priority area. The group held its initial meeting to identify priority topics to explore further, as well as to discuss a draft proposal from Transport Canada/Environment and Climate Change Canada for an Emission Control Area in the Canadian Arctic.



Inuit-Crown Land Claims Agreements

Federal officials and Inuit partners worked to co-develop a modern treaty implementation policy. They also co-developed a plan to implement the proposed Modern Treaties Implementation Review Commission to help improve treaty implementation. Full and fair implementation of the obligations and objectives of these modern treaties, or land claims, is foundational for creating socio-economic and cultural prosperity among Inuit.

Inuit Nunangat Policy Space

Following the ICPC's endorsement of the Inuit Nunangat Policy in April 2022, and the federal government's adoption of the policy, work has shifted to developing an updated 2022-2023 Inuit Nunangat Policy Space workplan to efficiently manage our efforts in this area. To encourage uptake of the policy, ITK has focused on raising awareness of the policy at all levels of the federal government. ITK and the Canada School of Public Service (CSPS) have worked to develop and implement training for the federal public service. In October 2022, ITK and the CSPS led a training session on the Inuit Nunangat Policy that will serve as a model for future collaboration. ITK will continue to advance full implementation of the Inuit Nunangat Policy by working with the Crown on the creation of a new or revised Cabinet Directive.



Inuktitut Revitalization, Maintenance, Protection and Promotion

The Inuit Nunangat Policy highlights Inuktitut as a priority and calls on Canada to work with Inuit to address access to services in Inuktitut, consistent with the *Indigenous Languages Act*. The Inuktitut Working Group has finalized a costing analysis for the reclamation, revitalization and maintenance of Inuktitut language needs for the 51 communities of Inuit Nunangat and will help facilitate the provision of adequate and sustainable language funding. Canadian Heritage also launched a new funding model in April 2023, which shifts the annual federal government-led process to a delivery model that would support each Inuit land claim region in implementing their specific language strategies through long-term funding agreements.



Legislative priorities

Inuit leaders and federal ministers marked another milestone in 2022 with the endorsement of Inuit-Crown Co-Development Principles, premised on respect and support for Inuit rights to self-determination and participation in all decision-making that impacts Inuit. The Principles are intended to be implemented and adhered to by Inuit and all federal partners engaged in co-development initiatives.





Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning

During the May 2023 ICPC meeting in Nain, leaders endorsed a comprehensive, co-developed evaluation report which looks at the first five years of implementation of the ICPC, including its successes and challenges. The report found the ICPC to be a progressive and effective model for Inuit and federal partners to work together on shared priorities. It recommends developing options for making the ICPC a permanent mechanism and increasing staffing and management capacity to deliver on its work.



Reconciliation Measures and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People

The actions of this priority area are fundamental to a lasting reconciliation between Inuit and the Crown, and thus the ICPC. Work is now underway to finalize the implementation plan for the Inuit chapter of the National Action Plan into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People, co-developed with Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada.



Sovereignty, defence and security

This priority area was endorsed by ICPC leaders in April 2022 with a workplan endorsed in June 2022. ITK and the Department of National Defence have been meeting and working bilaterally to deepen this partnership and collaborate through knowledge sharing sessions. A working group met for the first time in December 2022 and continues to identify joint strategic priorities.

100 Wellington

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami was pleased to host leaders, government officials and members of the public this past year at 100 Wellington Street in Ottawa, a building which the federal government designated for use by national representative organizations ITK, the Métis National Council and the Assembly of First Nations in 2017. The 90-year-old structure across from Parliament Hill — formerly the US Embassy — contains interpretive exhibits curated by the three national bodies as well as meeting spaces on two floors. The space will eventually be reimagined and renovated but in the meantime, ITK has been opening the doors, alongside our colleagues at MNC, to host events and educate the public about Inuit history, culture and politics.



A view of 100 Wellington from the Parliament Hill lawn.



ITK President Natan Obed addresses guests at a winter meet-and-greet event.



Visitors learn about Inuit culture and history on National Indigenous Peoples Day.



Kyran Alikamik, a member of ITK's summer youth cohort, explains the four regions of Inuit Nunangat on National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Tea and Bannock Cup

All Stars: Near the end of the fiscal year, ITK challenged the Métis National Council to a friendly game of hockey for the inaugural Tea & Bannock Cup in Ottawa. Several hundred fans crowded the stands and cheered on their teams led by Presidents Natan Obed and Cassidy Caron.

Though Team ITK had help from Justice Minister David Lametti and Marc Miller, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, Captain Caron scored a late-game, tie-breaking goal to win this year's cup for Team MNC. We look forward to our rematch next year!



Team ITK and Team MNC gather for a group photo after the game.



Team ITK Captain Natan Obed on the offensive.



On the bench for Team ITK from left: Justice Minister David Lametti, Molly Cote, 14, and goaltender Marc Miller, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs.

Tapiriit 2023

In May, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami hosted our premier social and cultural gathering at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa. Formerly known as A Taste of the Arctic, Tapiriit, whose name better reflects our work uniting Inuit in Canada, featured a menu of Inuit Nunangat country foods prepared by Chefs Sheila Flaherty and Kenton Leier. A roster of Inuit musicians and cultural performers, assembled by artistic director Sylvia Cloutier, kept the 300 or so invited guests and attendees mesmerized throughout the evening. We look forward to seeing you in 2024.



Makivvik President Pita Aatami and Martha Flaherty



Arctic Char charcuterie



Roast caribou



Performer Nancy Mike



From the Nunatsiavut Government:
Health and Social Development Minister Gerald Asivak,
Rigolet Member Melva Williams,
President Johannes Lampe and
Roxanne Barbour, Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism.

Report of the Independent Auditor on the Summary Financial Statements

To the Directors of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at March 31, 2023 and the summary statement of operations and summary statement of changes in net assets for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial statements of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (hereafter “the Organization”) for the year ended March 31, 2023.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements, in accordance with the Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor’s report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the Organization’s audited financial statements and the auditor’s report thereon.

The summary financial statements and the audited financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial statements.

The Audited Financial Statement and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated September 28, 2023.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the summary financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with the Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Audited Standard(CAS) 810, Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants,
Licensed Public Accountants
Ottawa, Canada
September 28, 2023

Summary Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31, 2023

	General operations	Funded activities	Total 2023	Total 2022
Revenue:				
Contributions - Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami	\$ –	\$ 17,198,634	\$ 17,198,634	\$ 11,126,003
Contributions - other Inuit organizations	–	8,162,521	8,162,521	8,453,559
Interest income	533,330	–	533,330	78,003
Other revenue	217,902	–	217,902	192,407
	751,232	25,361,155	26,112,387	19,849,972
Expenses:				
Salaries and employee benefits	298,220	7,392,392	7,690,612	6,016,613
Advertising	1,052	146,526	147,578	125,857
Bank charges	11,213	–	11,213	9,145
Communications	–	41,310	41,310	146,677
Distribution	–	14,695	14,695	30,461
Equipment rental	13,928	142,003	155,931	108,455
Insurance	20,059	–	20,059	17,332
Legal fees	11,034	–	11,034	33,034
Office expenses	88,590	254,076	342,666	200,009
Printing	–	136,015	136,015	54,532
Professional fees	172,372	4,441,165	4,613,537	3,235,120
Rent	385,580	96,574	482,154	525,124
Translation	1,842	86,694	88,536	160,267
Travel	55,236	3,196,717	3,251,953	347,896
Project activities - other Inuit organizations	–	8,162,521	8,162,521	8,453,559
Administrative overhead charges	(1,250,467)	1,250,467	–	–
Amortization of tangible capital assets	218,944	–	218,944	171,140
	27,603	25,361,155	25,388,758	19,635,221
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 723,629	\$ –	\$ 723,629	\$ 214,751

Summary Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Assets		
Current:		
Cash	\$ 21,233,184	\$ 13,941,194
Trade accounts receivable	6,124,396	6,669,522
Other receivables	967,160	372,808
Prepaid expenses	14,830,660	15,870,229
	43,155,400	36,853,753
Long-term:		
Tangible capital assets	797,689	808,490
	\$ 43,953,089	\$ 37,662,243
Liabilities		
Current:		
Trade payables and other operating liabilities	\$ 2,783,552	\$ 2,227,656
Long-term:		
Deferred contributions	38,720,820	33,677,594
Lease inducement	151,496	183,401
	41,655,868	36,088,651
Net assets:		
Invested in tangible capital assets	797,689	808,490
Internally restricted	299,437	299,437
Unrestricted	1,200,095	465,665
	2,297,221	1,573,592
	\$ 43,953,089	\$ 37,662,243

On behalf of the Board:



Chair



Director

Summary Statement of Changes in Net Assets


Year ended March 31, 2023

	Invested in tangible capital assets	Internally Restricted	Unrestricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 808,490	\$ 299,437	\$ 465,665	\$ 1,573,592	\$ 1,358,841
Excess of revenue over expenses	(218,944)	–	942,573	723,629	214,751
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	208,143	–	(208,143)	–	–
Balance, end of year	\$ 797,689	\$ 299,437	\$ 1,200,095	\$ 2,297,221	\$ 1,573,592



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