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INUIT ASSOCIATION

Two organizations operate under the QIA umbrella: Kakivak Association, responsible for community economic development and small businesses; and Qikiqtaaluk Corporation, created to manage economic development on behalf of QIA.



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MESSAGE FROM QIA PRESIDENT, OLAYUK AKESUK

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Before we begin, I must pay my respects and acknowledge the passing of two great leaders who were instrumental in ensuring the Qikiqtani Truth Commission (QTC) and Saimaqatigiingniq Fund became a reality. The Saimaqatigiingniq Fund programs would not be possible without the dedicated work of the late Joe Ataguttaaluk and Philip Paneak. Both served on the QIA Board for many years, leading with passion and dedication to the advancement of Inuit rights. Without their support and leadership, we would not have heard the Inuit experience and voices that helped form the QTC.

In saying that, I am pleased to present you with the 2021-2022 Saimaqtigiingniq Annual Report. This years' report has robust program updates that showcase the dedication and work we have put into the Saimaqtigiingniq Fund to advance the QTC Recommendations.

The intent of the QTC was to hear and document the Inuit experience during the time where our lives rapidly changed between the 1950's and mid 1970's. The QTC mandate was to acknowledge what took place, to heal and to move forward.

The QIA Board of Directors have continued this mandate and messaging and we look forward to continuing our work towards Saimaqatigiingniq, keeping in mind our fellow Inuit that have shared their voices and passions to making QTC a reality.

Qujannamiik,
– Olayuk Akesuk



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MESSAGE FROM LIZA NINGIUK, QIKIQTANI TRUTH COMMISSION PORTFOLIO LEAD

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The past year has seen a significant program roll-out of activities under the Qimmiit Revitalization program which included hosting over 40 dog teamer practitioners from across the Qikiqtani Region for the first Qimuksiqtiiit Regional Gathering in November 2021.

The Qimuksiit Gathering enabled participants to share valuable knowledge and experience. This conference highlighted the need to continue these kinds of gatherings to ensure we see qimuksiit for generations to come. I would like to especially thank Mary Wilman and Joelle Sanguya for facilitating this important event and ensuring it was meaningful and educational.

The History and Governance program advanced a Memorandum of Understanding that we signed with the Government of Nunavut's Department of Education in June 2021.

As Inuit, we have many successes to be proud of, especially when it comes to reclaiming and revitalizing qimmiit practices. I am proud to see that despite our history and experiences with colonialism, we are still able to celebrate our history and share this knowledge with our younger generations. This is so important.

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 SAIMAQATIGIINGNIQ FUND

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Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) established the Saimaqatigiingniq Fund to develop and support programs that respond to recommendations of the QTC and align with QIA's goals and mandate. As a result of the QTC, in 2019 the Government of Canada made a formal apology to Qikiqtani Inuit for decades of government decisions and actions that harmed Inuit then and continue to affect us today.

Canada's apology was accompanied by a contribution to the Saimaqatigiingniq Fund. With this commitment, QIA has been able to set up the initial fund and deliver Saimaqatigiingniq programming – this is just the beginning. QIA expects the fund to grow and looks forward to every Qikiqtani Inuit benefiting from Saimaqatigiingniq programs.

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Saimaqatigiingniq: a new relationship, the kind that happens when past opponents get back together, meet in the middle, and are at peace

HISTORY OF THE QIKIQTANI TRUTH COMMISSION

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QIA initiated the QTC to undertake a comprehensive social justice inquiry into the Government of Canada's colonial policies, programs, and decisions between 1950 and 1975. Inuit calls for a public inquiry into these colonial practices had gone unanswered. QIA believed Inuit deserved to have the opportunity to confront the Canadian government about forced relocation, killing of qimmiit, and other assimilative actions. QIA began the recording of testimonials from Qikiqtani Inuit in 2004. In 2007, the Qikiqtani Truth Commission was officially established with the Qikiqtani Truth Commission's Final Report: Achieving Saimaqatigiingniq published in 2010.

The Final Report: Achieving Saimaqatigiingniq, chronicles the Government of Canada's colonial practices subjected on Qikiqtani Inuit. The report distills three years of interviews, testimony, and archival research about the experiences of Qikiqtani Inuit with modern-day colonialism.



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QTC MANDATE AND SCOPE

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The QTC was tasked to create a more accurate and balanced history of the decisions and events that affected Inuit living in the Qikiqtani Region between 1950 and 1975. The Commission's mandate was to uncover the truth surrounding the government's decisions which affected Inuit culture, economy, and way of life.

The Qikiqtani Truth Commission's investigation undertook two closely related activities which included gathering testimonies about events between 1950 and 1975 from Inuit who lived through this difficult period and completing an extensive archival research program and interviews with non-Inuit who worked in the Qikiqtani Region during this period.

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ACKNOWLEDGING AND HEALING PAST WRONGS

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The QTC's first recommendation advised QIA to request a formal acknowledgement from the Government of Canada of the QTC findings. With respect to an apology, the QTC's Commissioner, James Igloliorte, wrote that "Inuit would also be receptive to a sincere apology ... as long as that apology signals a willingness to work with Inuit in a respectful partnership that seeks to redress past and continuing wrongs."

With a formal and sincere acknowledgement, the government could be set on a path “to re-examine its actions and acknowledge the impact of forced relocations, separations of families, inadequate housing, and the killing of qimmiit on Inuit.”

The apology received in August 2019 by the federal government was a major milestone for this recommendation. Further contributions to the Saimagatigiingniq Fund will demonstrate the sincerity of the apology.

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Other actions concerning acknowledgement and healing in this set of recommendations are to:

- Make QTC's historic collection accessible to Qikiqtani Inuit and anyone interested in understanding and presenting an accurate picture of the Qikiqtani Region's history
- Obtain formal recognition by QIA and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) of the contributions of the Inuit Special Constables and their families
- Provide funding for travel for family visits to Dundas Harbour for descendants of those who were separated and relocated
- Provide on-site healing programs for families affected by the closing of communities at Kivitoo, Padloping and South Camp
- Support travel to family members visiting burial sites in southern Canada where relatives died during medical treatment

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Well into the 20th century, Qikiqtani Inuit were rarely exposed to Canadian laws and institutions. Until then, they had their own legal system for decision-making, regulating behavior, and identifying leaders. With centralization in government-run settlements, a full suite of Canadian laws, political institutions and bureaucracies came into effect. This had detrimental impacts on the daily lives of Qikiqtani Inuit. Even when injustices were obvious and Inuit challenged government representatives to listen to them, there were few opportunities for meaningful input or decision-making until Inuit organized formally in the 1970s and 1980s.

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The recommendations in this section aim to:

- Implement Inuit self-government
- Conduct the operations of the Government of Nunavut in keeping with its obligations under the Nunavut Agreement and section 35 of the Constitution Act
- Establish a program on governance skills
- Make federal and Nunavut programs and services accessible locally
- Create a more uniform framework for consultations
- Collaborate on the development and delivery of cultural training
- Seek endorsement of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples



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STRENGTHENING INUIT CULTURE

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Despite the dramatic changes in our way of life over the last half-century, Qikiqtani Inuit have displayed remarkable resilience in adapting to new circumstances while retaining language and traditions. The importance of celebrating and strengthening Inuit culture should be self-evident, not only to Qikiqtani Inuit, but also to other Canadians. Inuit values and knowledge have allowed Inuit to live successfully in the Arctic, and are unique and irreplaceable.

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“ We must teach our children their mother tongue. We must teach them what they are and where they come from. We must teach them the values which have guided our society over the thousands of years. We must teach them the philosophies which go back beyond the memory of man. . . It is this spirit we must keep alive so that it may guide us again in a changed world.”

– John Amagoalik, “We Must Have Dreams,”
Inuit Today, 1977

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CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

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The QTC report's recommendations concerning the wellness of Qikiqtani Inuit and communities established a clear link between government actions in the past and the consequences still felt today in the areas of suicides, poverty, rates of incarceration, mental health and more. The Commissioner also highlighted the importance of using Inuit knowledge in the design and delivery of scientific studies, including those concerning environmental changes and impacts, and health, but also the need for Qikiqtani Inuit to be better informed about science.

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- The Qikiqtani Inuit Association should formally present the full QTC report to the Government of Canada and request a formal acknowledgement of the report's findings.
- The QTC historical collection (reports, database and testimonies) should be made accessible to all participants and anyone interested in understanding and presenting an accurate picture of the Qikiqtani Region's history.
- The QIA and the RCMP should formally recognize the contributions of Inuit Special Constables and their families to the work of the RCMP in the Region.
- The Government of Canada should set up a Dundas Harbour Relocation Trust Fund to allow descendants of families separated as a result of this relocation to travel between Cape Dorset and Arctic Bay for periodic family visits.
- The Government of Canada should provide funding for on-site healing programs for the families affected by the closing of Kivitoo, Padloping and South Camp (Belcher Islands) communities.
- The Government of Canada should defray the costs of allowing Inuit to locate and visit the burial sites of family members who died in southern Canada during medical treatment, in order to provide closure for those families.

Qikiqtani Truth Commission

Final Report – Recommendations

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STRENGTHENING INUIT GOVERNANCE

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7 The Nunavut Legislative Assembly should formally assert that Nunavut and the Government of Nunavut were created by the Nunavut land claims negotiations as vehicles for Inuit self-government, and, therefore, that Inuit goals and aspirations can and should be advanced through the Government of Nunavut working collaboratively with Inuit organizations.

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8 The Government of Nunavut should conduct its day-to-day operations in keeping with its obligations and responsibilities under the Nunavut Agreement and section 35 of the Constitution.

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9 The Qikiqtani Inuit Association should establish a program that will enable Inuit to develop and utilize the governance skills they will require to strengthen their political and community engagement in a civil society.

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10 The Governments of Nunavut and Canada should take all necessary action to make their programs and services for the people of Nunavut accessible at the local level.

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11 The Qikiqtani Inuit Association should develop a framework (principles, policies and techniques) for all private, public and research agencies to use in conducting consultations with Inuit.

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To ensure that Inuit culture is better understood by government employees whose work affects the Inuit, the Governments of Nunavut and Canada, assisted by the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, should develop and deliver cultural training to all such employees.

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13 The Governments of Nunavut and Canada, and all Inuit organizations, should respect and incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Inuit Traditional Knowledge in all decision-making in Nunavut.

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The Government of Canada should immediately endorse the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples without qualifications.

Qikiqtani Truth Commission

Final Report – Recommendations

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STRENGTHENING INUIT CULTURE

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- 15** The Government of Nunavut Department of Education should develop and distribute an Inuktitut and Inuit-based curriculum to all communities and direct school officials to implement it as soon as possible.

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- 16** The Government of Nunavut's Department of Education should include historical material from the QTC reports in the Nunavut education curriculum.

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- 17** The Government of Nunavut should develop and deliver more programs that actively promote intergenerational experiences between Elders and Inuit children and youth to ensure that young people continue to learn from Elders, and that Elders become more involved in the daily lives of communities.

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- 18** The Governments of Canada and Nunavut should work together to develop and fund Inuit Language programs that will ensure that all Inuit and Qallunaat in Nunavut have the opportunity to learn the Inuit Language.

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- The Qikiqtani Inuit Association should initiate an Inuit History Month, launching the event in Nunavut and later extending it to all of Canada.

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 CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

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The Government of Canada should formally acknowledge that the levels of suicide, addiction, incarceration and social dysfunction found in the Qikigtani Region are in part symptoms of intergenerational trauma caused by historical wrongs.

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The Governments of Canada and Nunavut should ensure that sufficient Inuit social, mental health and addiction workers and programs are available to meet the needs of all Nunavut communities.

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The Governments of Canada and Nunavut should ensure that government health, social and education programs and services are available to the people of Nunavut on a basis equivalent to those taken for granted by Canadians in the South.

Qikiqtani Truth Commission

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The Governments of Canada and Nunavut should address Inuit housing needs through provision of short-, medium- and long-term funding to ensure adequate and safe homes for all.

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The Government of Nunavut and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association should work together to facilitate and promote Inuit participation in hunting, fishing and gathering practices that will sustain and strengthen Inuit culture and food security, improve nutrition and support local economies.

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The Governments of Canada and Nunavut should provide training and other support that will allow Inuit to actively participate in Arctic environmental studies and activities.



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**QIMMIIT
REVITALIZATION**

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Although not part of the final QTC recommendations, QIA Board of Directors felt that it was imperative that QIA deliver programming which supports qimmiit revitalization.

QIA had a busy and successful year with the Qimmiit Revitalization Program. QIA continues to be committed to supporting the revitalization of qimmiit in the Qikiqtani Region through four program components.

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The Canadian Inuit dog is the official animal of Nunavut. Called qimmiq , or qimmiit (plural), in Inuktitut, this dog is one of the world's oldest pure breeds and is known to have resided in the Arctic for at least 4,000 years.

QIMUKSIQTIIT DATABASE

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QIA has established a database to understand more about qimuksiqtii (dog team practitioners) in the Qikiqtani Region and help QIA plan additional qimmiit programs.

The qimuksiqtiiit database has grown as more Inuit show interest in learning to care and tend for qimmiit. While the majority of dog team practitioners are in the High Arctic communities, QIA strives to expand this program to thrive in all Qikiqtani communities.



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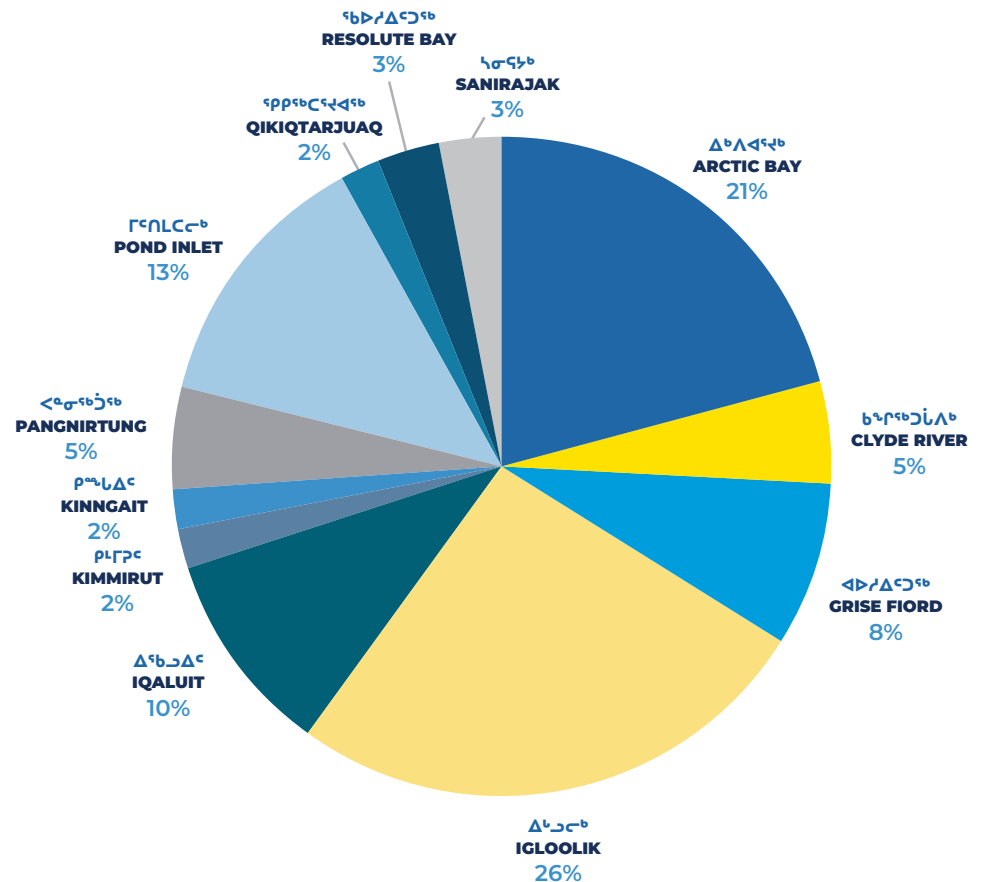
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QIKIQTANI QIMUKSIQTIIT PROJECT

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The Qikiqtani Qimuksiitiit Project (QQP) is a three-year pilot project to provide financial support for Inuit qimuksiitiit in the Qikiqtani Region. A grant of \$3,000 was available to Inuit maintaining qimmiit to help cover costs such as veterinary supplies, replacing or repairing a qamutik, purchasing lumber for dog houses, purchasing fencing for dog pens, or purchasing chains for their teams or dog food.

In 2021-2022, the Saimaqatigiingniq Fund provided support to 77 qimuksiqtii in 12 communities, for a total amount of \$231,000. The QQP grant will continue in the 2022-2023 year, and QIA is assessing options to expand this program past the pilot stage.



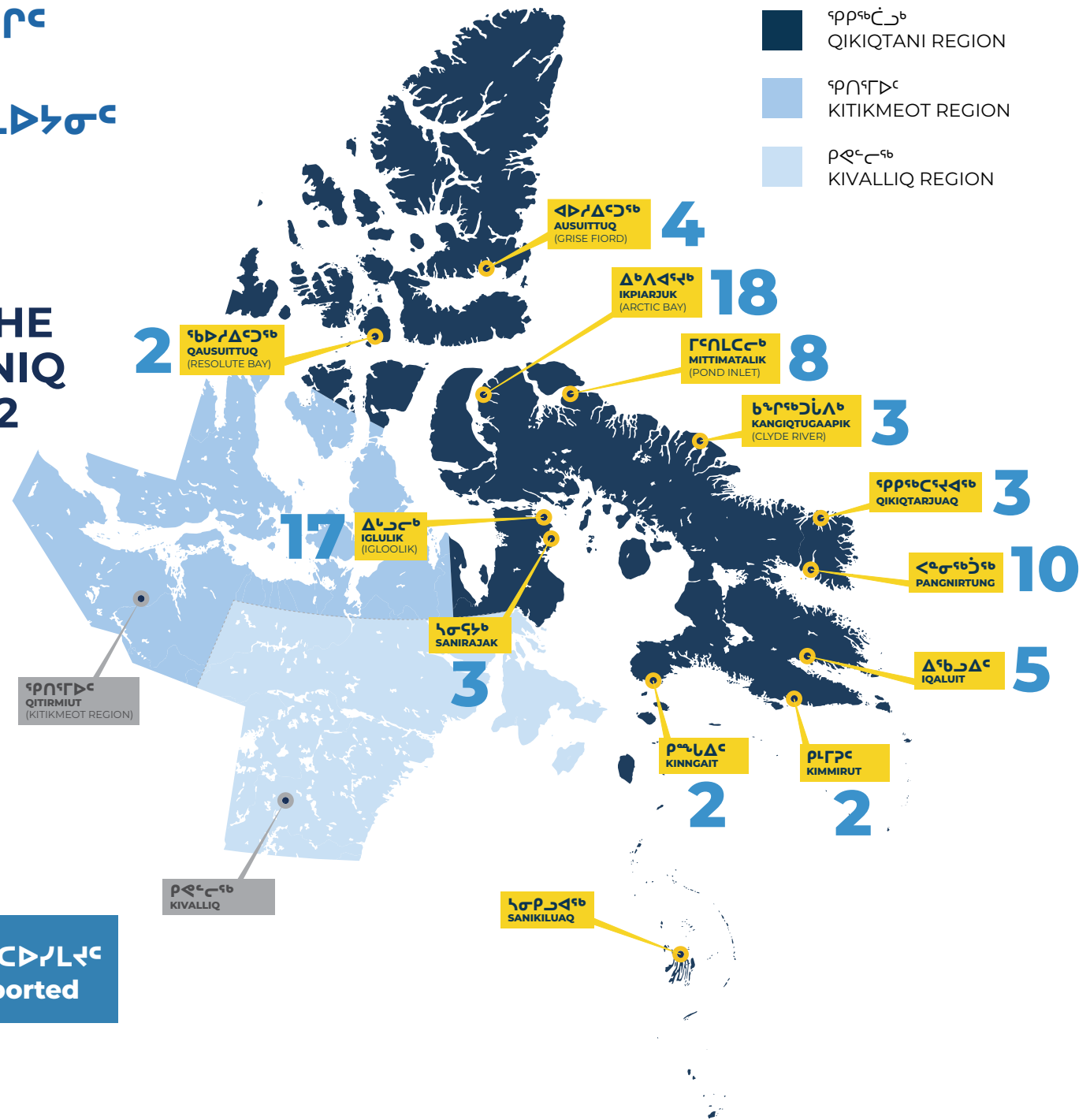
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**TOTAL NUMBER
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NUNAVUT QUEST

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In August of 2019, at the apology delivered by Minister Bennett, QIA committed \$100,000 to support Nunavut Quest race-related activities, as determined by the Nunavut Quest organizing committee.

The Nunavut Quest for April 2021 scheduled from Arctic Bay to Igloolik was cancelled due to COVID-19. Many qimuksiqtiit were already in Arctic Bay preparing for the race, and QIA was able to support the fourteen registered teams with \$5,000 each.

The 2022-2023 Saimaqatigiingniq Annual Report will have a detailed section about the successful April 2022 Nunavut Quest.



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QIMUKSIQTIIT REGIONAL GATHERING

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In November 2021, QIA hosted an inaugural Qimuksiqtiit Regional Gathering in Iqaluit, flying in participants from all over the Region to attend and share their knowledge of dog teaming.

The purpose of this Regional Gathering was to bring dog team practitioners together to celebrate and learn from their experiences. QIA wanted to learn directly from the subject matter experts on how to better support them under the Qimmiit Revitalization Program.

QIA brought together 41 dog team owners for the first Qimuksiqtiiit Regional Gathering.

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ᐱᓴᓴᓐᓴᓐ Grise Fiord	1
ᐃᓂᓴᓐ Igloolik	4
ᐃᓐᓂᓴᓐ Iqaluit	8
ᓴᓴᓴᓐ Kimmirut	0
ᓴᓴᓴᓐ Kinngait	1
ᐱᓴᓴᓐ Pangnirtung	2
ᓴᓴᓴᓐ Pond Inlet	7
ᓴᓴᓴᓐ Qikiqtarjuaq	1
ᓴᓴᓴᓐ Resolute Bay	1
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The gathering included information and learning sessions that ranged from historical to current practices regarding qimmiit and qimuksiutiniq. QIA staff presented information sessions on the history of the QTC and gave an overview on new Saimaqatigiingniq Programs and the Qimmiit Revitalization Program.

Other information sessions included hearing from young dog team practitioners and Elders who encourage everyone to ask questions related to raising qimmiit and running a team.

A small information session was held on the rules and regulations of the Nunavut Quest. There are 23 rules and regulations that each team must abide by. Failure to do so will result in added time to a team or disqualification.



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One of the activities from group sessions was a dotmocracy. In this exercise, information was presented in the form of categories, and participants were asked to add stickers to the categories they felt were most important. Participants were also encouraged to include notes on any further important information.

Participants were asked to provide feedback on their preference on how QIA can best support them.

The dotmocracy workshop provided the following results:

- Increase financial support – 28 votes
- Provide vaccine support – 20 votes
- Provide workshops – 17 votes
- Bulk purchases of dog team equipment – 14 votes

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On December 2, 2021, QIA, and the RCMP unveiled the Inuit Special Constable and Qimmiq Monument. Funding from the Government of Nunavut's Culture and Heritage and Family Services departments allowed QIA to hire world renowned carvers Looty Pijamini and Paul Malliki. While teaching the art of working with a large sculpture, Pijamini and Malliki created this monument to honour and recognize Inuit Special Constables and qimmiit.



ՔՐԴՄԱՅԻՆ ՀԱՐՑԱՎՈՐՈՒԹՅԱՆ # 3

QTC Recommendation # 3

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“The QIA and the RCMP should formally recognize the contributions of Inuit Special Constables and their families to the work of the RCMP in the Region.”

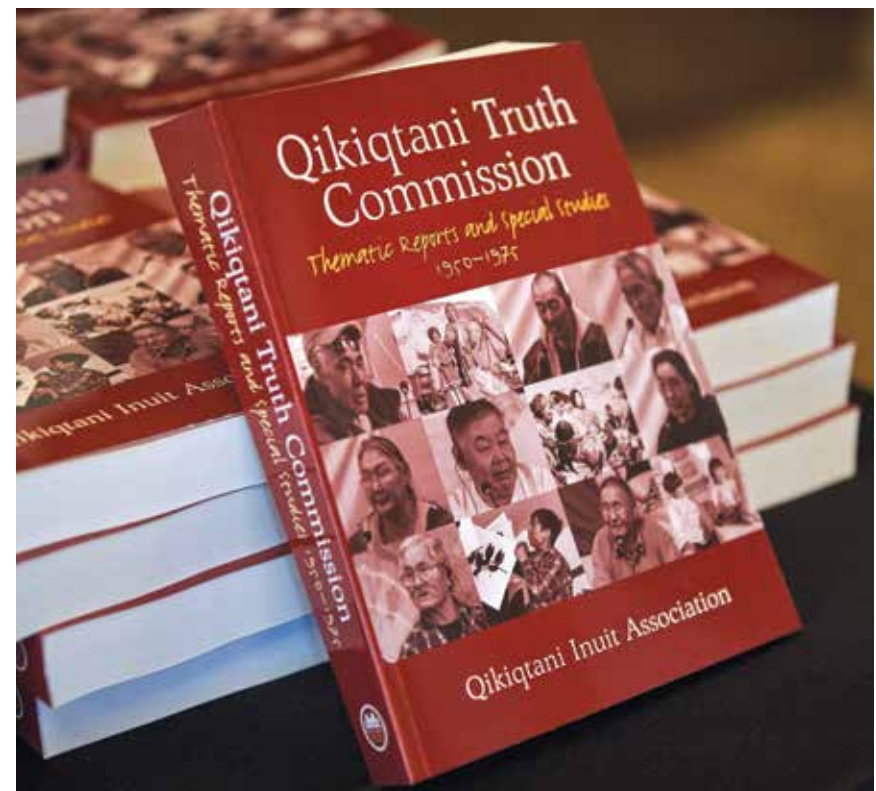


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In June 2021, the Government of Nunavut (Department of Education) and QIA agreed to work together to create educational resources grounded in Inuit culture and language. These resources will help to strengthen cultural identity and Inuktitut language skills for preschool-aged children, K-12 students, and adult learners.

Staff have begun the scope and sequence workshops in making sure that QTC materials are grade and age appropriate.



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TRAVEL AND HEALING

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In response to the QTC recommendations concerning healing from relocations that continued to affect Qikiqtani Inuit into the post-1950 era, the Saimaqatigiingniq Fund continues to examine options on site-based programs related to Dundas Harbour, Kivitoo (Qivittuu), Padloping (Pallavvik), and South Camp (Belcher Island).

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QTC Recommendation # 5

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“The Government of Canada should provide funding for on-site healing programs for the families affected by the closing of Kivtoo, Padloping and South Camp (Belcher Islands) communities.”



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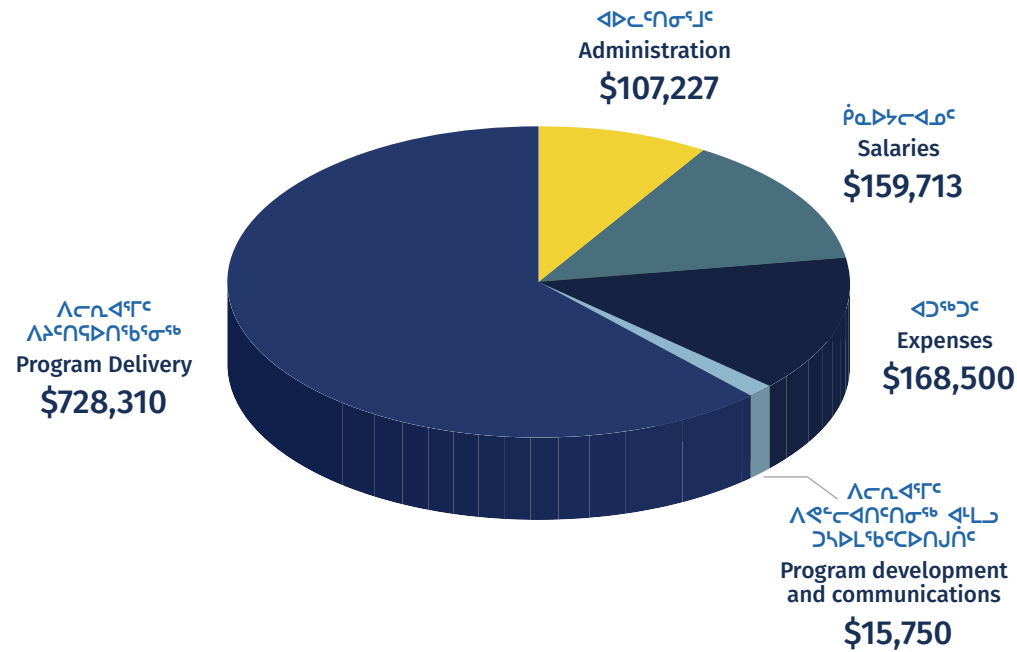
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The following financial summary is based on QIA's fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and completing March 31, 2022.

The financial summary is based on information contained in the Qikiqtani Inuit Association's Non-Consolidated Financial Statements as prepared for QIA by Lester Landau Chartered Professional Accountants and in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

As of March 31, 2021, QIA spent \$1,179,500 on Qikiqtani Truth Commission program development. Of this 62 per cent went to expenses related to program delivery to Qikiqtani Inuit.



\$728,310

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History and Governance

\$680,142

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Qimmiit Revitalization

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