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## **QIA REMEMBERS** LEO MAKTAR

QIA is saddened by the passing of Leo Maktar in February 2023.

Leo joined QIA as the Nauttigsugtiit Supervisor in Pond Inlet in 2020 and served in this position until his passing. Before joining the Nauttiqsuqtiit team, Leo was involved in QIA's community-based monitor program. He was dedicated to the preservation of Inuit knowledge and protection of lands and always willing to share his knowledge and passion with younger generations.

Leo served on the Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Association Board for many years and assisted in search and rescue missions in and around his community.

QIA thanks Leo for his years of wisdom and contributions and sends our condolences to Leo's family and friends. He will be missed.



# QIA WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS IN 2023

On January 20, 2023, QIA held it's General Meeting of Members and Board of Directors meeting in Iqaluit. The meetings included a welcome to QIA's new Board of Directors members as well as the selection of Executive Committee members and QIA's Vice President.

This was the first meeting for newly elected members of the board, Peter Ivalu (Igloolik), Davidee Qavvik (Sanikiluaq), Solomon Allurut (Sanirajak), Joshua Katsak (Pond Inlet), and Martha Jaw (Kinngait), who was elected in a by-election replacing her late-husband and will serve a two-year term.







During the Board of Directors meeting, Levi Barnabas was named QIA's Vice President until the 2024 QIA election. Jeremy Tunraluk was selected to take Mr. Barnabas' position as Secretary-Treasurer.

Several Executive Committee and Finance Committee members were also selected including Charlie Qamuatuq, Tommy Akavak, Peter Ivalu, and Stevie Aulaqiaq.

QIA looks forward to working with our new Board of Directors and committee members and a successful year ahead.

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# **QIA DELIVERS FINAL COVID-19 FUNDING** TO QIKIQTANI FAMILIES

In January and February 2023, QIA distributed vouchers to Inuit families in the Qikiqtani Region. The Qikiqtani Inuit Household Distribution program provided a one-time, \$550 voucher to each Inuit family unit. The funding for this program was provided by QIA's COVID-19 response plan.

The QIA Executive Committee approved the Qikiqtani Inuit Household Distribution program in October 2022, along with the final installment of the Emergency Vouchers for Elders program. Funding for these two programs totaled \$3.7 million and was made available thanks to the Government of Canada's Indigenous Community Support Program.



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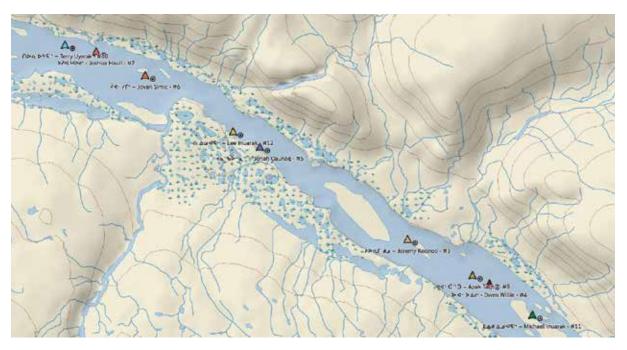
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# **NUNAVUT QUEST 2023**

QIA was excited to participate in Nunavut Quest again this year. The annual sled dog race started in Igloolik on April 11, covered approximately 420 kilometers, and finished in Arctic Bay on April 19.

This year twelve teams started and completed the race, with David Oyukuluk winning. Congratulations David!

QIA tracked the racers this year using inReach devices. Each musher was equipped with an inReach device and an interactive map was available on QIA's website to watch the progress of the teams throughout the race.









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In 2019, the Federal Government provided a historic apology to Qikiqtani Inuit as a result of the hard work done by participants in the Qikiqtani Truth Commission. As a result, QIA has pledged \$100,000 each year in support to the organizers of the Nunavut Quest to strengthen dog-team programming in our region.

QIA sponsorship included gasoline and oil support for snowmobiles, food for camps along the trail, compensation for timekeepers, a snowmobile support team, dog food and veterinary services for participating teams, a community feast in Arctic Bay, and prize money for mushers.

QIA congratulates all the Nunavut Quest teams who participated in this event. A big thank you goes to the organizers and volunteers for another successful race.

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#### **RHODA NATANINE**

Rhoda Natanine from Arctic Bay has been involved with Nunavut Quest in various roles for the last five years.

She loves seeing all the new younger mushers getting involved, noting the race used to be dominated by older dog teamers.

#### **MOSES OYUKULUK**

Moses Oyukuluk of Arctic Bay was integral in the formation of Nunavut Quest in 1999, as a way to help revitalize Inuit culture.

Moses raised a dog team when he was young and is proud to see many other young Inuit taking up the practice.

#### TANYA HAULLI

Tanya Haulli is one of the main Nunavut Quest organizers in Igloolik.

Although she does not participate in the race, she got involved when her husband and brother started to compete, joining the Nunavut Quest Committee.

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#### MICHAEL QAUNAQ

Michael Qaunaq, from Arctic Bay, has been raising a dog team for 13 years. The 32 year old has been participating in Nunavut Quest since 2009.

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#### **TERRY UYURAK**

Terry Uyurak, from Igloolik, is 36 years old and has been raising a dog team for six years. Terry enjoys learning from other dog teams and hearing stories from Elders.

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#### DAVID KUNUK OYULUK

David Kunuk Oyuluk, from Arctic Bay, has been involved in the Nunavut Quest as a helper since 2007. Inspired by his father who used to compete in the race, David completed his first race in 2018.

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Provided to gimuksigtiit in the Qikiqtani Region in 2022-2023

# SUPPORT FOR **QIMUKSIQTIIT ACROSS** THE QIKIQTANI REGION

QIA provides support to gimuksigtiit (dog team practitioners) through the Qikiqtani Qimuksiqtiit Project (QQP).

QQP is a three-year pilot project to provide financial support for Inuit gimuksigtiit in the Qikigtani Region. In 2022-2023, a grant of \$3,000 was available to Inuit to help cover costs in maintaining their qimmiit.

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# QIA PARTICIPATES IN INUKTITUT LANGUAGE MONTH

QIA celebrated our seventh annual Inuktitut Language Month in February, hosting a contest and sharing Inuktitut words and wisdom from our Elders on our social media platforms.

Thanks to QIA's Julia Demcheson and Pirurvik's Jeannie Arreak-Kullualik, QIA posted Learning Inuktitut videos on our social media platforms. With many dialects of Inuktut we welcomed Inuit to comment and tell us how they would say a word in their community. QIA was excited to receive hundreds of comments and to learn about the different pronunciations of words and phrases across our region.

As part of Inuktitut Language Month QIA also asked our Elders to share their thoughts and wisdom about the importance of preserving and practicing our language. You can view these videos on our Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok accounts.













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#### THROAT SINGING CONTEST

As part of Inuktitut Language Month, QIA hosted a throat singing contest. Inuit submitted videos of themselves showing their #InuitPride. We received several amazing entries and were excited to announce the winners.

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Tia Qullualik and Grace Metuq

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Alassua Hanson and Annie Sheila

Mary Itorcheak and her baby

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# SIVUMUT ALLURIARNIQ III

QIA hosted Sivumut Alluriarniq III on February 5-10, 2023 in Iqaluit. This gathering was focused on healing, and included themes surrounding Inuit resilience, working through trauma, addictions, and reclaiming cultural identity.

In total, 15 participants attended from North Qikiqtani communities. Facilitators lead discussions and two Elders offered one-on-one and small group counselling sessions to Inuit participants.

In 2017-2018, QIA hosted the first two healing programs. Sivumut Alluriarniq III was delayed due to COVID-19.

QIA asked participants for feedback on this event and received many positive comments. We look forward to hosting more healing gatherings for Qikiqtani Inuit.



QIA staff were very supportive and caring."



The Elders were so supportive."

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I really needed help with healing."



I feel so much lighter."

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## **QCAP PROJECT PROFILE**

#### TRADITIONAL DRUM MAKING

In March 2023, Ted Irniq led 12 Inuit in a traditional drum making course held in Iqaluit thanks to funding provided through QIA's Qikiqtani Cultural Activities Program (QCAP).

Participants learned how to construct traditional drums out of wood and material. The participants also learned a drum dance with Elder Piita Irniq.

QCAP is an application-based program that provides funding for community-led projects that foster the preservation and transmission of traditional skills and increase participation in cultural activities. The long-term intention of QCAP is to strengthen Inuit cultural identity and empower Qikiqtani Inuit.





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Jonah Qaunaq has been raising qimmiit (sled dogs) in Igloolik since he was young. The 38-year-old now raises 19 dogs, 12 of which he ran in this year's Nunavut Quest race.

Jonah first participated in the Nunavut Quest race from Arctic Bay to Pond Inlet in 2009, coming in second place. Since then, Jonah has missed participating in only three races. In 2018, Jonah won his first race, and has since crossed the finish line in first place three more times.

Jonah has had many learning experiences during his races, dealing with extreme weather and food shortages. "You need to be prepared for anything when participating in this race!", he says.

Jonah always remembers his father when he's getting ready for the races – because this event is not just a race to him.

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When you are part of an experience like Nunavut Quest, there are emotional times, remembering loved ones. It is a healing journey, thinking about all the mushers that came before you."

Jonah Qaunaq

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# UPCOMING Q-STEP TRAINING

QIA's Qikiqtani Skills and Training for Employment Partnership (Q-STEP) has on-going training opportunities for Qikiqtani Inuit. QIA is currently accepting applications for the following training opportunities:

- Work readiness training
- Driver training
- Heavy equipment operator training
- Pre-trades training
- Trades apprenticeships



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# NAUTTIQSUQTIIT ON-THE-LAND PROGRAMMING

This spring and summer, QIA's Nauttiqsuqtiit will be busy with activities in and around the five Tallurutiup Imanga communities.

Throughout the spring, Nautiiqsutqiit will continue to build cabins near their respective communities to provide shelter for hunters. They will also be providing assistance with local schools during week long spring camping trips.

Resolute Bay Nauttiqsuqtiit are planning walrus and seal hunts this summer and will be sharing meat with the community. They will also be working with Elders to teach youth to make a rope out of bearded seal.

Each Nauttiqsuqtiit crew continues to monitor sea ice conditions to ensure safe traveling conditions for community members.



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## **APPLY FOR QIA SCHOLARSHIPS** THIS SUMMER

This summer, QIA will be opening applications for the QIA Scholarships and the John Amagoalik Scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Each year the QIA scholarships provides \$2,500 in support to 80 Qikiqtani Inuit students attending post-secondary education. The \$5,000 John Amagoalik Scholarship is awarded to one deserving student who is dedicated to using their education to advance Inuit interests.



IN ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



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Watch QIA's social media platforms and website for our scholarship call out and full eligibility rules

www.qia.ca/what-we-do/education-and-language/#scholarships

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### **QIKIQTANI MAKIMAJJUTISSAT**

In January 2023, QIA's Board of Directors passed a resolution to proceed with a proposal to negotiate a new and bold regional approach to conservation.

This new conservation approach will encompass community development, Inuit-led conservation in governance, infrastructure, Nauttiqsuqtiit, food sovereignty, fisheries reconciliation and self-determination for all Qikiqtani communities.

Over the course of the next year, QIA and our partner Oceans North will host two engagement sessions in each Qikiqtani community to seek input on Qikiqtani Makimajjutissat.



# DRAWING CONTEST!

#### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SUMMER ACTIVITY?

Draw a picture of your favourite summer activity in your community and send it to us for a chance to win a prize!

Enter by July 15, 2023 for a chance to win a prize!

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Send us a photo of your drawing and you could win one of five \$50 gift cards to the Co-op store!

Send your photo, name and age to newsletter@qia.ca

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Open to kids of all ages up to 16 years old

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One of five gift cards to the Co-op store!



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Our winter drawing contest was a huge success! We were excited to receive many amazing drawings of your favourite animals. QIA randomly selected five winners, who received \$50 gift cards to the Co-op store. Here are some of the incredible drawings we received this winter.



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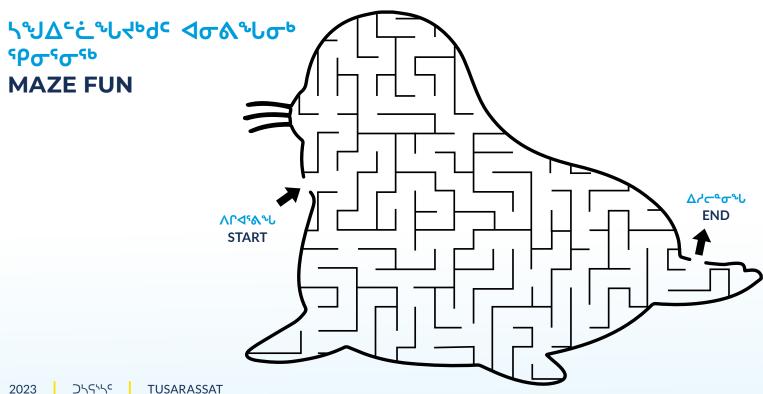


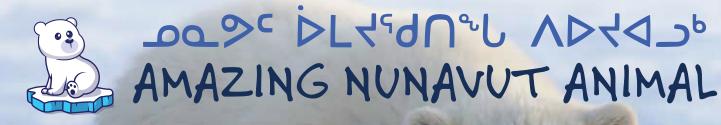
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#### **POLAR BEAR**

- Up to 80 percent of polar bears live in Canada. They spend most of their lives roaming the sea ice in search of food.
- Polar bears are expert hunters, catching seal and sometimes whales and walrus.
- Polar bears are excellent swimmers and are known to swim in open oceans for hundreds of kilometres.

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DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE ANIMAL FOUND IN NUNAVUT? SEND US WHAT IT IS AND WHY AND WE MIGHT FEATURE IT IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER!





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