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QIA CONTINUES FUNDING TOWARDS HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

In March 2023, QIA announced a commitment to continue funding programs geared towards building healthy Qikiqtani communities.

This includes a five-year funding extension of the school food programs across the Qikiqtani Region, including the school breakfast programs and in-school food banks.

This commitment also includes another year of financial support for daycares. This support will be administered by Kakivak Association and will provide funds to daycares not eligible for the Government of Nunavut's \$10 per day subsidy, to increase salaries for Inuit employees and to provide bookkeeping support.

QIA will also provide new funding for healing programs across the region.

MEET THE MUSHERS



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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 Igloodlik, 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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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

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Four time Nunavut Quest winner from Igloolik shares his passion for raising and running qimmiit.

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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 Qaunag

**ՀԱՅԻՈՒՄ!
WIN!**

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

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!

CHECK OUT OUR WINTER DRAWING CONTEST WINNERS!

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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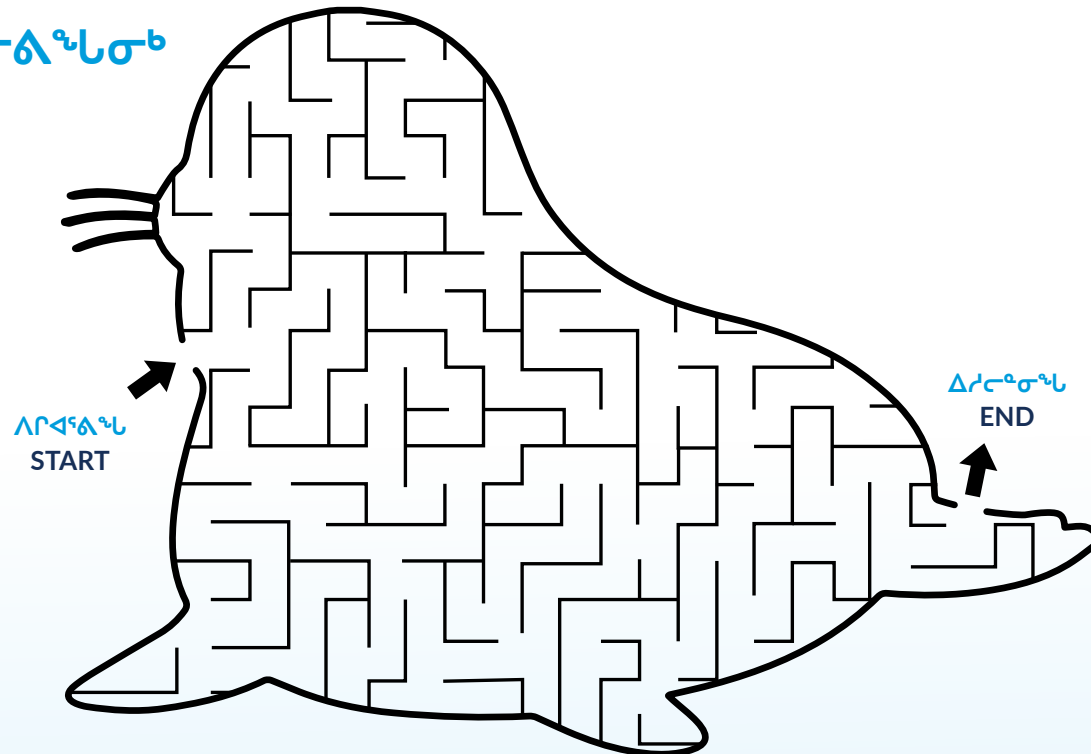
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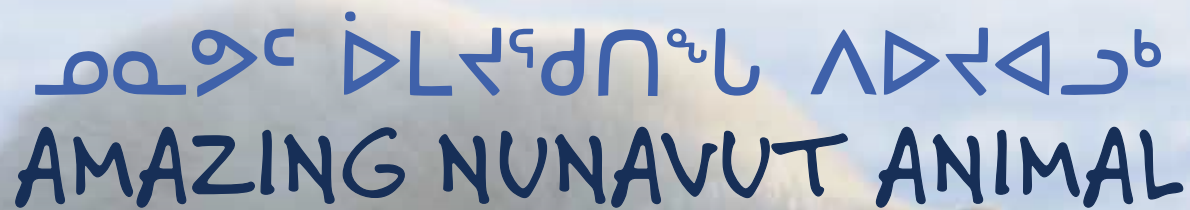
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MAZE FUN





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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