



TI CONCLUDES 33RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WITH MESSAGE OF RESILIENCY

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Ottawa, ON - Tungasuvvingat Inuit (TI) is pleased to announce the successful completion of our 33rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Ottawa, ON Thursday, September 24th.

For the first time ever, the AGM was held virtually online and broadcast 'live' to Facebook. The event was well attended online, and a message of resiliency weaved itself throughout the meeting. 2019 - 2020 saw continued growth to respond to the demand of the expanding urban Inuit community. The resiliency of staff and community throughout this past year was ever-present and the commitment from TI to deliver programs and services was strong and unwavering.

Both internally and externally, TI has carefully focused on needs and placed an emphasis on innovation, training, staff expansion and support of continuing growth adding additional community supports. Priority areas for urban Inuit include programs and services offered by TI that range from housing support, health and wellness, counseling, employment and education to justice work, youth programs, poverty reduction, food security, child and family, cultural supports and many more. In the final weeks of March 2020, a monumental focal shift occurred with the emerging threat of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A highlight of the AGM was the election of two new board members. The TI Board of Directors is pleased to announce the election of Qajaq Robinson, a graduate of the Akitsiraq Law Program and former Commissioner with the National Inquiry of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Rob Lackie, a dynamic community builder that helped create the Inuit of Toronto Urban Katimavvik, Centennial College Aboriginal Education Council and a past-recipient of the Aboriginal Affairs Award. The Board of Directors also expressed a heartfelt message of gratitude to outgoing board members Kathy Morgan and Victoria McLean for their contributions. The newly elected Directors will join current board members President Kaajuk Kablalik, Vice-President Scirish Papinak, Secretary-Treasurer Chris Cote, and Directors Laura Hodgson and Judy Plourde.

TI is proud to serve Ottawa and the Ontario region with Inuit-specific services and programs that are anchored in Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit . The respect we have for Inuit culture, language and diversity encourage us to ensure that the programs and services are always guided by our traditional principles to strengthen the potential of Inuit individuals, families, and community outside Inuit Nunangat.