



TUNGASUVVINGAT INUIT CONCLUDES 35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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OTTAWA, ON - [Tungasuvvingat Inuit](#) (TI) is pleased to announce the successful completion of our 35th Annual General Meeting in Vanier, Ontario on Tuesday, September 20th, 2022. The annual meeting was held in person for the first time in two-years and was well-attended by community in what felt like a celebration.

Three board members have completed their term including, Chris Cote, Judy Plourde and Laura Hodgson. Replacing two of the vacant seats are newly elected board members Vanessa Brousseau and Pitseolak Pfeifer. In addition to completing the Board meeting, it was also a gathering of community along with TI staff and stakeholders and partners. This was the first event in which many community members spent time in-person with one another for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic. The mood was joyful and celebratory in honour of the 35th year of Tungasuvvingat Inuit. Presentations that included a video of highlights of the programs and services successes of TI were presented and a retrospective look back at the 35 years of TI.

In 1987, with 1.5 employees, a small budget and a mandate, TI sprang to life. 35 years later, Tungasuvvingat Inuit (TI) is a provincial leader in providing nearly thirty highly integrated Inuit-specific programs and services for the urban Inuit population in Ontario that has blossomed to multiple thousands. The Inuit population in Ontario is the one of the largest in the country Ontario and TI has remained flexible to meet the ever-growing needs. In 2022, TI now employs more than 100 people and has expanded to several locations within the National Capital Region and the latest addition of a permanent office in Toronto. Ontario's Inuit population has grown from under 100 in 1987 to estimates of 6000+ in Ontario. Most of these individuals have either personally accessed or had a family member access services or programming that is offered by TI. In order to match the growing urban Inuit population, TI will be diligent as we continue to invest in partnerships that will provide much-needed funding to build supports in Ontario.

In her year end address, TI Executive Director Amanda Kilabuk expressed her gratitude to funding partners, staff, community and the board for the ongoing support of urban Inuit. "Despite the challenges we have faced as we exit the pandemic, we are proud of the resilience of our teams and community members. As challenging as the past two-years have been, we must look forward. We will continue to create programming and support services and leverage our financial supports to ensure the urban Inuit community in Ontario receives Inuit-specific services. TI continues to evolve and respond to the gaps by virtue of adapting and expanding where required. This includes food security, housing support services, family well-being and youth programming and many more key services".

TI will continue celebrating our 35th year with a Christmas event for the entire urban Inuit of Ontario that is in the planning stages.

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613-299-4684 - jlamoureux@tiontario.ca Tungasuvvingat Inuit is an Inuit-specific service organization offering nearly 30 highly integrated, front-line programs and services to urban Inuit in Ontario.