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TUNGASUVVINGAT INUIT CELEBRATES NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

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OTTAWA, ON – On June 21st, a momentous celebration took place in the heart of Vanier, as Tungasuvvingat Inuit (TI) hosted a community event to commemorate National Indigenous Peoples Day. The celebration took place at 297 Savard Avenue and was open to everyone in the Ottawa community. Festivities included, throat-singing, country food (cultural food), Inuit music, and cultural contests and games.

Judy Anilniliak, Interim Executive Director at TI, emphasized the importance of National Indigenous Peoples Day and celebrating it as Inuit in an urban setting, stating that, “National Indigenous Peoples Day is a time to recognize the contributions of Inuit, First Nation & Métis people to our Canadian society and history. We hope that by sharing our culture and 8 guiding principles of [Inuit Qaujimagatugangit](#) on this day that it will honour the history of our people and bring together the urban Inuit of Ottawa in a great celebration.”

Inuit and non-Inuit community members alike attended the event on June 21st, from 11am to 2pm. Guests enjoyed a performance of throat-singing by Tamara Takpannie and Genova Tungilik. They were offered refreshments and country food such as bannock and caribou stew. Everyone was invited to join in a friendly contest to see who could make the best cultural item out of newspaper, by using their creativity and resourcefulness they made something using only newspapers and some glue or tape. There was also an exciting soap carving contest, and all the winners received prizes to take home.

About Tungasuvvingat Inuit

It is the Mission of Tungasuvvingat Inuit to broadly provide Inuit-specific programs that contribute to the health and well-being of Inuit and to encourage and support similar programs for Inuit across the country. TI offers 20+ highly integrated, front-line programs and services to urban Inuit in Ontario. Visit online at www.tiontario.ca or follow us on Facebook [@TIottawa](https://www.facebook.com/TIottawa) and Twitter [@tiontario](https://twitter.com/tiontario).

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