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The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) is a not-for-profit society, which represents Inuit in the 13 communities of the Qikiqtani Region of Nunavut.

QIA is a Designated Inuit Organization under the Nunavut Agreement. QIA is one of three Regional Inuit Associations affiliated with Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.; the other associations include the Kitikmeot Inuit Association and the Kivallig Inuit Association.

Two other organizations operate under the QIA umbrella: Kakivak Association, responsible for community economic development and small businesses; and Qikiqtaaluk Corporation, created to manage economic development on behalf of QIA.



### ኘΡΡΊΡΟ ΔΔΔς δΟ λΕΙΝΟΡΊΡΟ ΛΕΙΛΑΝΟς QIA DEPARTMENTS

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Administration Division

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Department of Marine and Wildlife

Department of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Engagement

Department of Inuit Programs and Services

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 **Mission:** QIA advances the rights and benefits of Qikiqtani Inuit through protecting and promoting our social, political, economic, and cultural interests; while safeguarding the land, waters, and resources that sustain our communities.

**Vision:** Political and cultural empowerment, social equality, economic prosperity, and a healthy environment for Qikiqtani Inuit.

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I am pleased to present the 2023-2024 Saimaqatigiingniq Annual Report to our readers who will learn about the Qikiqtani Truth Commission (QTC). Our years of lobbying the federal government resulted in the creation of the Saimaqatigiingniq Fund and subsequent programs.

The Saimaqatigiingniq Fund programming staff fall under the Department of Inuit Programs and Services within QIA. We have been working hard throughout the year to provide supports and programs for Qikiqtani Inuit that are in line with QTC Commissioner Igloliorte's final report "Achieving Saimaqatigiingniq".

This year, we continued to advocate on behalf of Qikiqtani Inuit to secure further funding for Saimaqatigiingniq Fund programming from the Government of Canada.

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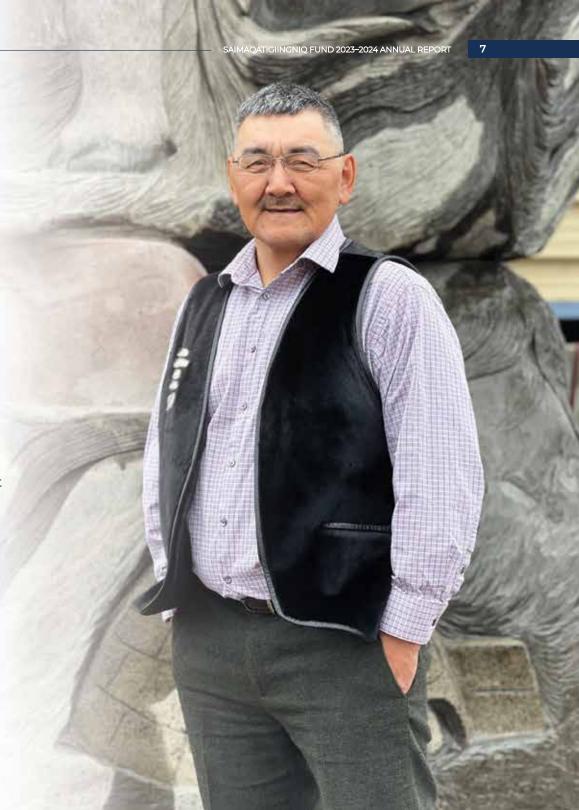
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We also reestablished the Saimaqatigiingniq Working Group with the Government of Canada, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., the Government of Nunavut, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and QIA. The goals of the Saimaqatigiingniq Working Group are to coordinate and develop approaches to implement the QTC recommendations and to advocate for implementation of the recommendations with each respective organization.

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- Olayuk Akesuk



## MESSAGE FROM LIZA NINGIUK, QIKIQTANI TRUTH COMMISSION PORTFOLIO LEAD

As the portfolio lead of the Qikiqtani Truth Commission (QTC) and the Saimaqatigiingniq Fund programs, I support the staff and programs from the political level, but I also participate day to day to ensure we know that programs we are implementing are successful and meaningful.

We have continued to work hard in delivering programs related to the QTC's final report and recommendations and we will continue to strive to make QTC recommendations a reality. Achieving Saimaqatigiingniq continues to be our goal, when thinking about the QTC. All the work that we do at QIA, within the QTC workload, strives to give Inuit opportunities of healing and reconciliation.

The progress we have made to date is significant, but the work is not over. Our continued work towards achieving Saimaqatigiingniq will grow and change as Inuit in the Qikiqtani Region continue to access these programs and get the supports needed. I am hopeful that this year's efforts have supported the Inuit in ways that were not possible in the past, and I eagerly anticipate seeing these changes come to fruition. I am proud of the progress that we have made to date and look forward to the progress for the future.

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I was fortunate to participate in some of the activities under the Saimaqatigiingniq Fund in the 2023-2024 year. I travelled by snowmobile and camped with a Nunavut Quest team between Igloolik and Arctic Bay. I was amazed by the dog teams and the participants, they had resilience and great teamwork, which contributed to the overall success of the 2023 Nunavut Quest.

I also participated in the healing program in Qikiqtarjuaq in July 2023. Attempts were made to get into Kivitoo (Qivittuu) and Padloping Island (Paallavvik) but ice conditions prevented travel. Instead, we travelled to Tasialuk for three days where folks had the opportunity to go fishing, hiking, and to share stories. Counsellors were on hand in the event people needed to talk.

I hope that you will enjoy the programs update section of this report!

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– Liza Ningiuk





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The QIA established the Saimaqatigiingniq Fund to develop and support programs that respond to recommendations of the QTC and align with QIA's goals and mandate.

Through the Saimaqatigiigniq Fund, QIA established programs to address the QTC recommendations as developed by the Commission and documented in the Qikiqtani Truth Commission's Final Report: Achieving Saimaqatigiingniq.

The QTC's 25 recommendations provide the framework for the Saimaqatigiingniq Fund programs. The QTC recommendations are grouped in four areas:

- · Acknowledging and Healing Past Wrongs,
- Strengthening Inuit Governance,
- · Strengthening Inuit Culture, and
- · Creating Healthy Communities.

This annual report summarizes the Saimaqatigiingniq Fund programming activities from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

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#### QIKIQTANI TRUTH COMMISSION MANDATE AND SCOPE

QIA initiated the QTC to undertake a comprehensive social justice inquiry into the Government of Canada's colonial policies, programs, and decisions between 1950 and 1975. In 2004, QIA began the recording of testimonials from Qikiqtani Inuit.

In 2007, the Qikiqtani Truth Commission was officially established with the QTC's Final Report: Achieving Saimaqatigiingniq published in 2010. The Final Report: Achieving Saimaqatigiingniq, chronicles the Government of Canada's colonial practices subjected on Qikiqtani Inuit. The report distills three years of interviews, testimony, and archival research about the experiences of Qikiqtani Inuit with modern-day colonialism. The Final Report also outlines 25 recommendations for action.

After significant work to uncover the truth, on August 14, 2019 the Canadian Government finally issued a formal acknowledgement and apology to Qikiqtani Inuit.

Canada's apology was accompanied by a monetary contribution to the Saimaqatigiingniq Fund. With this contribution, QIA has been able to set up the initial fund and deliver Saimaqatigiingniq programming – but this is just the beginning. QIA expects the fund to grow and looks forward to every Qikiqtani Inuit benefiting from Saimaqatigiingniq Fund programs.

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**Saimaqatigiingniq:** a new relationship, the kind that happens when past opponents get back together, meet in the middle, and are at peace

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The Qikiqtani Inuit Association should formally present the full QTC report to the Government of Canada and request a formal acknowledgement of the report's findings.

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The QTC historical collection (reports, database and testimonies) should be made accessible to all participants and anyone interested in understanding and presenting an accurate picture of the Qikiqtani Region's history.

The QIA and the RCMP should formally recognize the contributions of Inuit Special Constables and their families to the work of the RCMP in the Region.

The Government of Canada should set up a Dundas Harbour Relocation Trust Fund to allow descendants of families separated as a result of this relocation to travel between Cape Dorset and Arctic Bay for periodic family visits.

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The Government of Canada should provide funding for on-site healing programs for the families affected by the closing of Kivitoo, Padloping and South Camp (Belcher Islands) communities.

The Government of Canada should defray the costs of allowing Inuit to locate and visit the burial sites of family members who died in southern Canada during medical treatment, in order to provide closure for those families.

### Qikiqtani Truth Commission

Final Report - Recommendations

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The Nunavut Legislative Assembly should formally assert that Nunavut and the Government of Nunavut were created by the Nunavut land claims negotiations as vehicles for Inuit self- government, and, therefore, that Inuit goals and aspirations can and should be advanced through the Government of Nunavut working collaboratively with Inuit organizations.

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The Government of Nunavut should conduct its day-to-day operations in keeping with its obligations and responsibilities under the Nunavut Agreement and section 35 of the Constitution.

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The Qikiqtani Inuit Association should establish a program that will enable Inuit to develop and utilize the governance skills they will require to strengthen their political and community engagement in a civil society.

The Governments of Nunavut and Canada should take all necessary action to make their programs and services for the people of Nunavut accessible at the local level.

The Qikiqtani Inuit Association should develop a framework (principles, policies and techniques) for all private, public and research agencies to use in conducting consultations with Inuit.

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To ensure that Inuit culture is better understood by government employees whose work affects the Inuit, the Governments of Nunavut and Canada, assisted by the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, should develop and deliver cultural training to all such employees.

The Governments of Nunavut and Canada, and all Inuit organizations, should respect and incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Inuit Traditional Knowledge in all decision-making in Nunavut.

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The Government of Canada should immediately endorse the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples without qualifications.

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The Government of Nunavut Department of Education should develop and distribute an Inuktitut and Inuit-based curriculum to all communities and direct school officials to implement it as soon as possible.

᠌᠌᠌ᠣᡆᢟ᠄᠘᠙᠘᠊ᡃᡠ᠘᠆ᡥᠣᡏᠬᠳᡄᡙᢣᡟᡆᢪᢉ᠕ᡩ᠋ᡰᢣᢣᡳ᠘ᡤ᠋ᢗ᠘ᢣ᠘ᠳᠸᢣᡪᠦᡰᡏ᠐ᡥᢗ᠌Þᠳᡠᠳ᠘᠆ᡥᠳᡏᠬᢉᡟᠯᢉᡳ᠙ᢉᢏᡥᡥ᠌ᠥ᠙ᡩᠧᠨᠳᡏᡥᡤᢆ ᠈ᠣᡠᢥᡥ᠋ᠣᠣ᠘᠘ᡶᠯᠣᠣ᠈ᡆᢩᢀ᠇ᠮ᠘᠆ᡥᠳᡏᢐᠧᡙᠳᡝ᠋᠘᠂᠘᠆ᡥᠳᡏᠫᠺᠰᡳᡥᡊᢑ

The Government of Nunavut's Department of Education should include historical material from the QTC reports in the Nunavut education curriculum.

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The Government of Nunavut should develop and deliver more programs that actively promote intergenerational experiences between Elders and Inuit children and youth to ensure that young people continue to learn from Elders, and that Elders become more involved in the daily lives of communities.

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The Governments of Canada and Nunavut should work together to develop and fund Inuit Language programs that will ensure that all Inuit and Qallunaat in Nunavut have the opportunity to learn the Inuit Language.

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The Qikiqtani Inuit Association should initiate an Inuit History Month, launching the event in Nunavut and later extending it to all of Canada.

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The Government of Canada should formally acknowledge that the levels of suicide, addiction, incarceration and social dysfunction found in the Qikiqtani Region are in part symptoms of intergenerational trauma caused by historical wrongs.

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The Governments of Canada and Nunavut should ensure that sufficient Inuit social, mental health and addiction workers and programs are available to meet the needs of all Nunavut communities.

The Governments of Canada and Nunavut should ensure that government health, social and education programs and services are available to the people of Nunavut on a basis equivalent to those taken for granted by Canadians in the South.

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The Governments of Canada and Nunavut should address Inuit housing needs through provision of short, medium- and long-term funding to ensure adequate and safe homes for all.

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The Government of Nunavut and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association should work together to facilitate and promote Inuit participation in hunting, fishing and gathering practices that will sustain and strengthen Inuit culture and food security, improve nutrition and support local economies.

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The Governments of Canada and Nunavut should provide training and other support that will allow Inuit to actively participate in Arctic environmental studies and activities.

#### QIA'S PROGRESS ON THE QTC RECOMMENDATIONS

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QIA has categorized the QTC's 25 recommendations based on QIA's capacity to deliver programming.

To date four of the 25 QTC recommendations have been accomplished. While they have been accomplished, QIA will continue to advocate for Inuit within these recommendations. Nine recommendations are currently part of QIA's workplan.

To accomplish the remaining 12 recommendations requires partnerships with territorial, federal, and Inuit governments. QIA will continue to advance initiatives related to these recommendations and advocate on behalf of Qikiqtani Inuit.

In 2023-2024, the Saimaqatigiingniq Working Group was reestablished. QIA, along with the Government of Canada, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., the Government of Nunavut, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, will work to progress the implementation of the remaining QTC recommendations.

This year the working group held an in-person meeting and began writing its terms of reference. The group will meet again in the fall of 2024 to finalize the terms of reference and begin planning implementation of QTC recommendations.



Recommendations are priorities and are in QIA's current workplan



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Recommendations are being advocated by QIA to be implemented by other government partners



## SAIMAQATIGIINGNIQ FUND PROGRAMS - 2023–2024

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Through the Saimaqatigiingniq Fund, QIA is acting to strengthen Inuit governance and culture and support healthy communities.

After the establishment of the Saimaqatigiingniq Fund in 2019 the QIA Board of Directors approved focusing programming under three areas of action:

- Qimmiit Revitalization;
- · History and Governance; and
- · Travel and Healing.



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In 2023-2024, activities under the Qimmiit Revitalization Program included supporting dog team owners through the Qikiqtani Qimuksiqtiit Project, hosting the second Qimuksiqtiit Gathering and sponsoring the Nunavut Quest 2023.

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#### **QIKIQTANI QIMUKSIQTIIT PROJECT**

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 In October 2023, the QIA Board of Directors decided to make the Qikiqtani Qimuksiqtiit Project (QQP) a permanent QIA program. The program permanency came with a decision to increase funding from \$3,000 to \$3,500 per year to qualified applicants.

The QQP started in 2020-2021 as a three-year pilot project to provide financial support for Inuit qimuksiqtiit (dog team owners) in the Qikiqtani Region. A grant of \$3,000 was available to Inuit maintaining qimmiit to help cover costs such as veterinary expenses, dog food, lumber for dog houses or qamutik building, ropes, and other required supplies.

Towards the end of the pilot project in summer 2023, QIA staff conducted interviews with qimmiit practitioners who had benefited from the QQP, and those who had participated in the Nunavut Quest and the Qikiqtani Qimuksiqtiit Gathering. Through these interviews QIA learned of the QQP's success with qimmiit practitioners praising QIA for the extra support.

In 2023-2024, the Saimaqatigiingniq Fund provided \$304,500 to 87 qimuksiqtiit in the Qikiqtani Region.

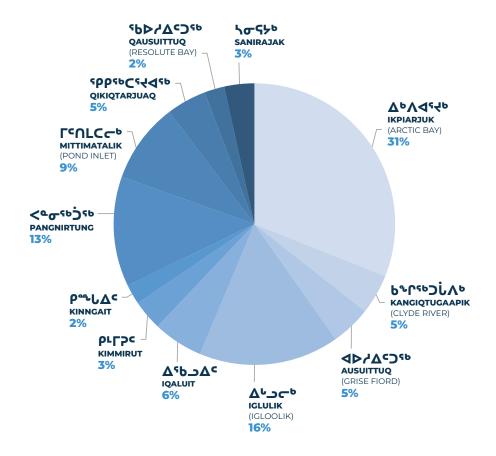
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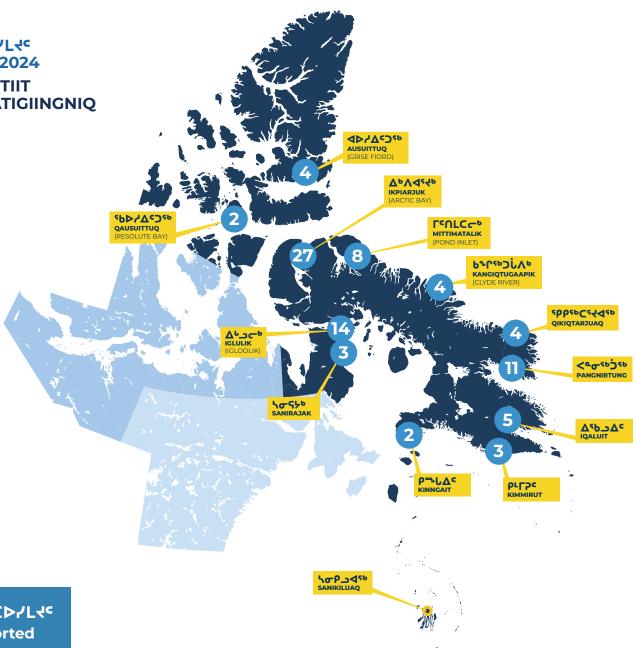
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#### **DISTRIBUTION OF QQP FUNDING IN 2023-2024**



TOTAL NUMBER OF QIMUKSIQTIIT SUPPORTED BY THE SAIMAQATIGIINGNIQ FUND IN 2023–2024



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In November 2023, QIA hosted its second Qimuksiqtiit Regional Gathering, inviting 46 participants to Iqaluit from the Qikiqtani Region, Nunavik, and Greenland. Unfortunately, due to weather, participants from Grise Fiord, Clyde River, and Greenland were unable to attend.

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, youth, Elders, qimmiit owners, and QIA staff gathered to share food and meet one another. From November 21-23, participants took part in the discussions and presentations that fell under the conference theme "Learning from each other".

QIA's Inukshuk Aksalnik and Hagar Idlout-Sudlovenick gave a presentation which provided information on the QTC and Saimaqatigiingniq Fund programs. Other presentations included information on the Nunavut Quest, Ivakkak - Nunavik's annual sled dog race, and the Nauttiqsuqtiit-Qimuksiit Program.

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Knowledge was shared between Elders and youth about qamutiliurniq, harness making, dog team commands, maintaining a healthy sled dog, and the purpose and design of the whip. The young dog team owners were particularly encouraged by the older dog team owners. Sharing of traditional knowledge and modern methods of taking care of qimmiit was the highlight of the conference.

Participants had fun trying their skills during a whip competition and were impressed with a beautiful keynote address from Pia Laura Churchill on her experience as a dog teamer.

QIA would like to thank all the participants for joining and sharing their valuable knowledge on qimuksirniq. A big thank you to our facilitators Mary Wilman and Terry Uyarak, Pia Laura Churchill for her keynote address, videographer Vincent Desrosiers, Makivvik Corporation, the Nunavut Quest Committee, and Ayaya Communications for their support in event planning and logistics.

QIA looks forward to the next Qimuksiqtiit Regional Gathering in 2025.













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QIA was proud to participate in the Nunavut Quest again in 2023. The annual sled dog race started in Igloolik on April 11, covered approximately 420 kilometers, and finished in Arctic Bay on April 19.

Celebrations began in Igloolik with a community feast and games. Twelve teams began the race, which took nine days to complete with two rest days due to weather and snowmobile malfunctions. Mushers were welcomed in Arctic Bay with a community celebration including country food, square dancing, and live music.

QIA supports the Nunavut Quest each year thanks to the Qikiqtani Truth Commission funding dedicated to qimuksiqtiit and dog-team revitalization in the Qikiqtani region. The QIA sponsorship of \$100,000 included gasoline and oil support for snowmobiles, food for camps along the trail, snowmobile support teams, dog food and veterinary services for participating teams, a community feast, and prize money for mushers.

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This year the Nunavut Quest committee accessed additional funding through QIA's Ilagiiktunut fund for payment to the Nunavut Quest officials, the community feasts, and fuel and supplies for the racers to travel back to their community.

QIA congratulates all the racers who participated in the Nunavut Quest 2023. The 400 km trek over the course of nine days shows dedication to revitalizing this part of Inuit culture.

The 2024 race is scheduled to go from Arctic Bay to Pond Inlet.

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Several QTC recommendations concern history and governance including implementing Inuit self-governance, development and implementation of Inuit-based curriculum relating to the QTC in Nunavut schools, and initiating an Inuit History Month.

With the help of Inhabit Media, QIA has been developing ageappropriate materials for students in grades 1 and 2. In 2021, QIA signed a memorandum of understanding with the Government of Nunavut's Department of Education to develop Inuit based educational materials with the goal of strengthening our cultural identity, by emphasizing not only the history of Inuit within the territory but also showing what makes Inuit culture so unique.

These education materials also highlight the importance of the Inuktitut language and will help strengthen student language skills throughout their time within the school system.

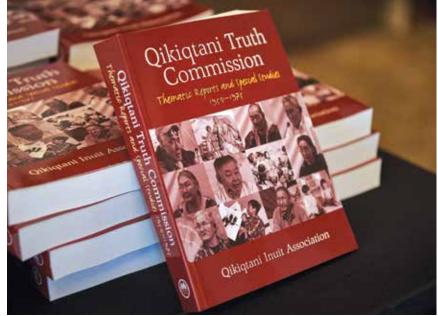
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QIA has been working on updating the 2013 QTC reports with the goal of offering corrections to place names and including more detailed maps and better-quality pictures for the readers.

The update to the QTC reports will also include footnotes which can be used as an official resource for scholars and students. QIA will ensure all reports include the sources and materials that were used during the research of the Qikiqtani Truth Commission.

QIA will then submit the reports to Library and Archives Canada for safekeeping and to have available for Canadians to read.





QIA is in the early stages of establishing Inuit History Month, completing preliminary discussions with Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., the Government of Nunavut, and the Nunavut Black History Society. The goal of creating an Inuit History Month is to strengthen Inuit identity throughout the territory and showcase Inuit culture to the world.



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The Qikiqtani Inuit Association should initiate an Inuit History Month, launch the event in Nunavut and later extending it to all of Canada.

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 Working under QTC Recommendation #9 of the Qikiqtani Truth Commission Final Report, QIA offered women's governance workshops, a project funded by Women and Gender Equality Canada (WAGE). With the QTC Recommendation #9 in mind, QIA launched an initiative in 2023 to design, develop and deliver workshops for Inuit women that focus on better understanding how governance works in Nunavut and on encouraging them to take elected leadership roles at a community, regional and/or territorial level.

To inform the development of workshop materials, QIA interviewed 14 Inuit women who shared their knowledge as experienced and emerging leaders.

QIA held a total of four workshops in three Qikiqtani communities throughout the 2023-2024 fiscal year: one in Arctic Bay, one in Kimmirut and two in Sanikiluaq.

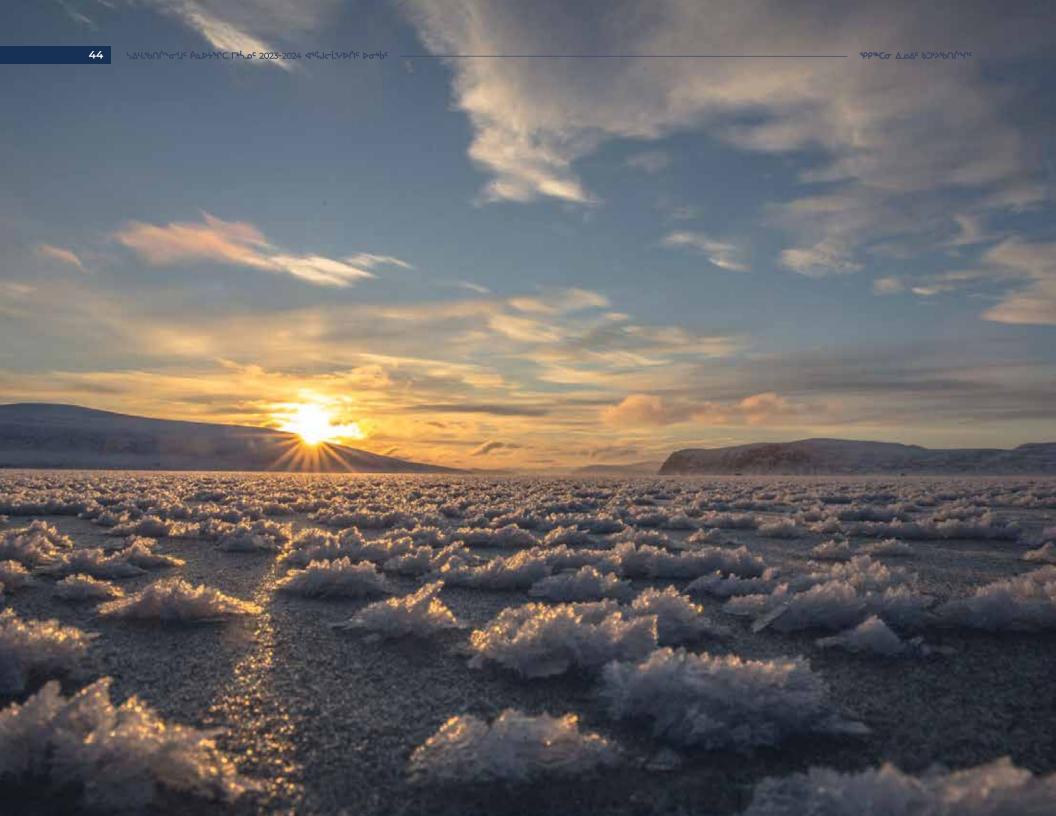
After hearing the needs of the workshop participants, QIA will be designing relevant materials to help inform potential women leaders on how governance works in Nunavut and give them the tools needed to empower them to become leaders in their communities and across the territory.





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The Qikiqtani Inuit Association should establish a program that will enable Inuit to develop and utilize the governance skills they will require to strengthen their political and community engagement in a civil society.



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The goal of the Saimaqatigiingniq Fund's Travel and Healing Program is to address the QTC's recommendations of on-site healing programs for families affected by the Government of Canada's forced relocations of Qikiqtani Inuit.

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The Government of Canada should provide funding for on-site healing programs for the families affected by the closing of Kivitoo, Padloping and South Camp (Belcher Islands) communities. 

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In July 2023, QIA's Travel and Healing Coordinator traveled to Qikiqtarjuaq to host a retreat at Kivitoo (Qivittuu) and Padloping Island (Paallavvik). Unfortunately, due to ice conditions an alternate spot was chosen at Tasialuk, near Qikiqtarjuaq.

Families traveled by boat to this three-day healing camp. Activities at the camp included sharing food and memories, camping, and fishing. QIA enlisted the support of Ilisaqsivik who provided Inuit counsellors to work with families and individuals during the camp.

QIA also traveled to Sanikiluaq this summer to engage with community members regarding the development of a travel and healing program.

QIA plans to travel to Paallavik and Qivittuu, pending ice conditions, in summer of 2024. A travel and healing program will be held in Sanikiluaq in 2025.







# OTHER HIGHLIGHTS SUPPORTED BY THE SAIMAQATIGIINGNIQ FUND

In 2023-2024, QIA supported other initiatives which are not specific to Saimaqatigiingniq Fund programs including Red Dress Day, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, meeting with Reconciliation Western Australia, and attending the Avannaata Qimussersui.



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#### QIA SUPPORTS THE NANILAVUT PROGRAM

The Saimaqatigiingniq Fund staff supports Qikiqtani Inuit with missing relatives who were sent to southern provinces for medical treatment during tuberculosis outbreaks between the 1940s and 1960s, by connecting them with Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) and the Nanilavut program.

In 2013, the QTC published the Thematic Reports and Special Studies book which includes a chapter dedicated to "Aanniajuliriniq: Health Care in the Qikiqtaaluk". This chapter includes testimonies from Inuit who spoke of their experiences with tuberculosis, and other health concerns, and being sent far away from home for medical treatment. Many did not return home, and families were not provided information on their whereabouts.

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The Government of Canada should defray the costs of allowing Inuit to locate and visit the burial sites of family members who died in southern Canada during medical treatment, in order to provide closure for those families.

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In March 2019, the Government of Canada acknowledged this dark chapter in Canadian history and apologized to those families. As a result of this, the Nanilavut program was launched to help Inuit families locate their loved ones' gravesites. 51

Nanilavut, meaning "let's find them" in Inuktitut, is a collaboration between the federal government, NTI, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and the four Inuit regions.

Project managers are responsible for managing a database of information on patients and provide support, travel and information to families who were sent away for medical reasons.

In 2022, NTI organized a group of survivors from tuberculosis to Hamilton, Ontario. Survivors were able to visit burial sites and placed names and markers for some of the Inuit buried there.

For more information on how to access services through Nanilavut, visit

www.itk.ca/projects/nanilavut/

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May 5<sup>th</sup> is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People, also known as Red Dress Day. The day honours and brings awareness to the thousands of Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people who have been subject to disproportionate violence in Canada.

Red Dress Day was inspired by Métis artist Jaime Black's REDress Project installation, in which she hung empty, red dresses to represent the missing and murdered women. Red dresses have become symbolic of the crisis as a result of her installation.

QIA showed solidarity by displaying red dresses in the office windows.



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## QIA RECOGNIZES NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

QIA and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. commemorated National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2023, hosting a community event in Iqaluit to recognize that "Every Child Matters".

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation honours the lost Indigenous children and survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities.







### MEETING WITH RECONCILIATION WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Qikiqtani Truth Commission has continued to reach worldwide audiences. In July 2023, QIA met with Reconciliation Western Australia, a not-for-profit organization providing leadership, advocacy and support for the reconciliation movement in western Australia. Members of Reconciliation Western Australia were awarded the Churchill Fellowship which allowed them to travel to Canada to learn about truth telling and commissions as they prepare their own journey towards reconciliation.

During the meeting at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation in Winnipeg, Manitoba, QIA shared the thorough history of the QTC, including the process, final report and recommendations as well as QIA's continued efforts of lobbying the Government of Canada for acknowledgement.



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### QIA ATTENDS A NATIONAL DOG TEAM RACE IN GREENLAND

QIA was invited to Ilulissat, Greenland to attend the Avannaata Qimussersui, Greenland's national dog team race, in March 2024. This race is a one-day, 40-kilometre event which happens every three years.

There were 36 racers, including racers from eastern Greenland for the first time. QIA was grateful to attend many events and hosted informative sessions about QIA throughout the week. QIA also watched a kid's six-kilometer dog team race and were amazed to see the entire community support these children.

QIA will continue to build and maintain these connections made with Greenland and plan to invite them to the next Qimuksiqtiit Regional Gathering and the Nunavut Quest.



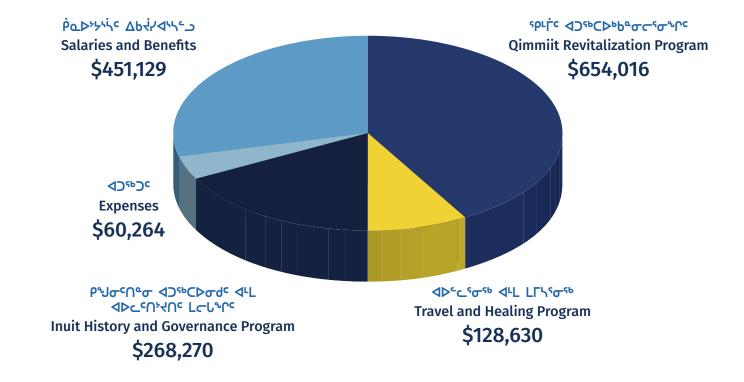


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The following financial summary is based on QIA's fiscal year beginning April 1, 2023 and completing March 31, 2024.

The financial summary is based on information contained in the Qikiqtani Inuit Association's Non-Consolidated Financial Statements as prepared for QIA by Lester Landau Chartered Professional Accountants and in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.





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#### qtcommission.ca

















