



Tungasuvvingat Inuit

TI CONCLUDES 32ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WITH MESSAGE OF GROWTH AND CHANGE

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Tungasuvvingat Inuit is pleased to announce the successful completion of our 32nd Annual General Meeting in Ottawa, ON on Friday, September 27th.

The AGM was well attended by the community and the theme of the day was 'growth and change'. 2018 - 2019 has seen unprecedented growth in the 32-year history of the organization. The growth of TI is in response to community need as the Inuit population continues to leave Inuit Nunangat (the north) to urban areas in the Fifth Region. (the south) Statistics indicate that more than 40% of Inuit in Canada now resides in the Fifth Region. TI provides more than twenty front-line Inuit-specific programs and services that range from housing support, health and wellness, counseling, employment and education to justice work, youth programs, poverty reduction, food security, cultural supports and many more.

As community needs have increased in the last fiscal year, the additional supports to answer the need was evident in the annual report. The staffing and additional program and service provisions have increased significantly. The staffing for TI is projected to exceed 100 employees and expand to 6 unique buildings in Ottawa and Toronto by the end of 2019.

A highlight of the AGM was the grand opening announcement for the nationally renowned Mamisarvik Healing Centre. Mamisarvik provides professional, confidential, non-judgmental recovery and healing services to Inuit men and women 18 years of age or older. It has been helping people to heal and make positive life changes since 2003. Elders offer traditional healing knowledge and incorporate on-the-land activities. October 25th, 2019 will be the grand opening event for the newly acquired and refurbished residential facility at 25 Rosemount Avenue in Ottawa. Mamisarvik will begin with day programming in the fall and residential programs beginning in January of 2020.

President Kaajuk Kablalik and the Board of Directors released the annual report that includes audited financial statements for 2018 - 2019. In addition, an election for vacant board positions occurred. TI proudly welcomes Chris Cote, Laura Hodgson and Judy Plourde as Directors on the Board. Mr. Cote and Ms. Hodgson had both been serving on an interim basis as Directors for the previous three months. The newly elected Directors will join current board members President Kaajuk Kablalik, and Directors Kathy Morgan, Scirish Panipak and Victoria McLean.

TI will continue to serve Ottawa and the Ontario region with Inuit-specific services and programs that are anchored in Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (societal values). 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 in the Fifth Region.

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Mamisarvik Healing
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October 25, 2019*

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Tungasuvvingat Inuit is the only Inuit-specific service organization of its kind in Canada offering 20+ highly integrated, front-line programs and services to urban Inuit in Ontario. Tungasuvvingat Inuit is a one-stop resource centre to meet the rapidly growing, complex and evolving needs of Inuit in Ontario and is recognized as a leading advocate for urban Inuit and is prominent within the framework of national Inuit organizations