

INUIT QAUJIMAJATUQANGIT KATIMAJIIT

| Terms of Reference

BACKGROUND

Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajiit provides advice and assistance with Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit to the Government of Nunavut. The Katimajiit is an external body, providing a non-governmental advisory resource for all departments to consult on their Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit initiatives. Working with the interdepartmental Tuttarviit, the Katimajiit assists in government efforts to achieve an Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit approach in its service delivery and day-to-day operations. The Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajiit does not limit departments in pursuing additional consultations, as required.

ROLE

The mandate of the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajiit is to make recommendations to the government on how to incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit to meet the Sivumut Abluqta Mandate. The Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajiit:

- Provides advice to the GN departments on their policies and approaches with regards to the delivery of programs and services in order to support the GN to adapt to a basis of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit;
- Provides advice to departments on their efforts to demonstrate traditional Inuit values through their day-to-day operations;
- Provides advice to departments on the viability of suggested approaches for improving governmental progress on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit issues;
- May offer advice to the government on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit issues at any time; and,
- Identifies and records *Inuit maligallaringit* (Inuit laws) for future generations of professionals implementing programs and services within the GN.

Departments remain ultimately responsible for decisions made on how and when to incorporate advice from the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajiit.

MEMBERS

The Katimajiit consists of a minimum of six and a maximum of 10 members, geographically and linguistically selected to represent the territory of Nunavut. Members will be respected individuals in their home communities with previous experience in working on community or territorial committees where consensus decision-making is the norm. Members will have well-formed views on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, and on its potential for improving government operations.

Nominations for appointment to the Katimajit are accepted from community governments (Hamlets), Inuit organizations and Members of the Legislative Assembly.

APPOINTMENTS

The Minister responsible for Culture and Heritage appoints members to serve for terms up to three years. There is no limit on how many terms an Elder is reappointed.

The Department of Culture and Heritage administers appointments and selection criteria, and presents names to the Minister for review and approval.

STRUCTURE

The Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit is an external body linked to the government through the interdepartmental Tuttarviit. Under the chairmanship of the Director of IQ, the Tuttarviit consists of cross-departmental representation. The IQ Director provides a liaison between the Katimajit and Tuttarviit, as well as supplying logistical and records management support to the Katimajit.

MEETINGS

At its discretion, Cabinet and/or Ministers may choose to meet with the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit at any time. The Katimajit meets as needed, but at a minimum of three times annually in locations determined by the members.

Although the Katimajit will usually conduct meetings entirely in the Inuit languages, Culture & Heritage will provide interpreter/translator services as needed. The Katimajit shall conduct its meetings in the format that is most acceptable to the members.

HONORARIA

Honoraria and expenses will be paid by the Department of Culture and Heritage in accordance with the provisions of the *Financial Administration Manual* for non-regulatory bodies.

COMMUNICATION

The Tuttarviit, through the Director of IQ, consults with the Katimajit to determine the most appropriate and useful methodology for the government in requesting advice. The government recognizes formal communication methods may not be the most useful. Therefore, oral communication methods may be utilized.

Communication flowing from the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit to departments takes two forms:

1) Internal

- After each meeting of the Katimajit, the Director of IQ completes a report and submits it to the Tuttarviit;
- Recommendations from the report are reviewed by departments, Katimajit advice is considered and the resulting action is documented and returned to the Director of IQ for filing in an Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Records Repository at Culture & Heritage;
- Departments may choose to communicate their Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit initiatives publicly (i.e., with a news release) at any time.

2) Public

- The Katimajit will produce an annual report for Cabinet detailing government Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit initiatives and recommendations.

FUNDING

The Legislative Assembly, through the Department of Culture and Heritage allocates ongoing funding annually for the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit.

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed by Culture and Heritage at the completion of each term, and recommendations for changes can be made to more effectively fulfill the IQK's mandate.

PREROGATIVE OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Nothing in this Directive shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of the Executive Council to take actions outside the provision of this Directive.