

INUIT LEADERSHIP

There are 4 Inuit regions in Canada: Nunatsiavut (Northern Labrador), Nunavut, Nunavik (Northern Québec), and Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Northwest Territories). Together, the 4 regions are called Nunangat. Inuit also live elsewhere in Canada.

NUNAVUT

Nunavut is both a territory of Canada and an Inuit region. Check out "In my Province or Territory" in People & Places to learn more about Nunavut's government at the territorial level.

Community Councils: At the more local level, Nunavut is made up of 25 communities or hamlets, and one city (Iqaluit). Each community council makes decisions and plans on behalf of the community. The leader of the council is called a mayor.

NUNAVIK

Inuit in Nunavik are negotiating a self-government agreement with Canada. Until then, the Kativik Regional Government (KRG) is the regional authority in Nunavik.

KRG has authority over areas like: economic development, policing, Inuit hunting, fishing and trapping support, employment, sports, and more.

KRG is led by a Council and Executive Committee. Council members are elected by the 14 Northern villages and the Naskapi First Nation of Kawawachikamach. To find out who your Council member is, go to the KRG's website.

NUNATSIAVUT

Although Nunatsiavut remains part of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Nunatsiavut government has authority over areas like health, education, culture, and justice.

The Nunatsiavut government is made up of five Inuit Community Governments.

The government makes its laws in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. The AngajukKâk (head) of each Inuit Community Government represents the people of their community in the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

INUVIALUIT SETTLEMENT REGION

Inuvialuit are negotiating a self-government agreement with Canada.

For now, the Inuvialut Regional Corporation (IRC) represents the interests of Inuvialuit.

Each Inuvialuit community has a Community Corporation with elected directors. To find out who the directors and chair of your Community Corporation are, go to your community's website.

The chairs of each Community Corporation, together with the chair of IRC, form the IRC leadership (called a Board of Directors).

INUIT TAPIRIIT KANATAMI

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami advocates for all Canadian Inuit in national politics. Its board has representatives from each Inuit region, from the Inuit Circumpolar Council - Canada, from Pauktuutit - Inuit Women of Canada, and from the National Inuit Youth Council.