



NUNAVUT CLIMATE CHANGE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Climate Change Secretariat

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INTRODUCTION



Youth committee members from left to right:

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Over the weekend of October 23rd-24th the Climate Change Secretariat (CCS) held the kick-off meeting for the newly established Nunavut Climate Change Youth Advisory Committee! (NuCCYAC).

Members as well as staff had the chance to gather and meet in person in Iqaluit. The main purpose for this initial meeting was to determine the goals of the youth over their two-year term.

In total, five out of the six accepted members and two staff from the CCS attended.



The CCS also hired a facilitator, Miali Coley-Sudlovenick with Allurvik (seen in centre), who was essential in providing a neutral perspective and creating a safe space for all in attendance to get accustomed to each other.



Purpose of Kick-off Meeting

In addition to meeting everyone for the first time, we assembled the committee to briefly go over a climate change introduction as the CCS was unaware of the level of knowledge each individual holds in relation to climate change as a whole and in Nunavut.

The CCS was also working to identify the goals of each member; what it is they would like to come out of their time during their participation in this committee.

With this, the CCS then attempted to distinguish what assistance could be provided to achieve these desired outcomes.



These actions were accomplished through roundtable discussions, brainstorming sessions, conversations over breakfasts and lunches, and through activities such as bannock-making.

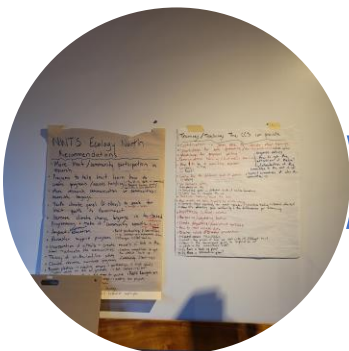
With the material collected over the two-day gathering, the next steps are being arranged in order to keep the progress in motion.

Next steps:



Develop communications strategy

- How the committee will continue to stay in contact



Organize training for youth members

- How to be on a committee workshop
- Inuit Qaujimaqatunqangit teaching



Finalize governance structures

- Terms of Reference
- Conflict of Interest
- Confidentiality Agreement

In recognition of this being Nunavut's first Youth Advisory Committee on climate change, the CCS thanks the youth for dedicating their time and knowledge into this kick-off meeting.

We are happy to share the success of this weekend after many delays due to multiple factors. This was made possible by the staff of the CCS and of course the recommendations of Nunavut's own youth.

We look forward to sharing more stories and information with the continuation of this work.

