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Inuit Women's Association of Nunavik

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019

SATURVIIT INUIT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NUNAVIK

BACKGROUND

During the summer of 2005, Inuit women came from each of the Nunavik's 14 communities and from the South to meet at Qilalugaq camp near Puvirnituq. They discussed issues they felt were important to their communities: parenting, child abuse, suicide, education, language, healing and violence. They recommended the creation of a women's association to strengthen the voices of Nunavik women.

Saturviit is a non-profit organization open to all women 16 years old and over who are JBNQA beneficiaries. Associate Membership is available for non-beneficiaries, businesses and organizations, Membership is free.

MISSION

To represent Nunavik women and their children and advocate for their well-being and interests.

Our **Vision** is to guide women to take actions to strengthen their voice and to prosper in all aspects of life; we advocate for programs and services that promote and support healthy women and families.

OBJECTIVES

1. to advocate for women and children in Nunavik
2. to develop activities to counter violence against women and children and improve their well-being
3. to provide tools to help the women to fulfill themselves in the political, economic or in their social life
4. to support community projects that benefit women
5. to represent Inuit women of Nunavik in the national, provincial and regional meetings.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Saturviit is composed of 8 elected Directors representing women living in the three main regions of Nunavik (Hudson coast, Hudson Strait, Ungava Coast) and Inuit women living out of territory in Urban areas. The Board was elected in 2018 for a 3-year period. This year the Board of Directors had 8 meetings, 2 of which were in person.

Saturviit congratulated Annie Ittoshat, representative of the Urban area, as she was named Assistant Bishop for the North. Rev. Annie Ittoshat has served as a priest at the Church of the Epiphany in Verdun, Que. Annie previously worked as Aboriginal community minister for the diocese of Montreal. Annie is originally from the community of Kuujjuarapik.

The **Board** welcomed in December Eva Saunders as the Out of territory representative.

Sarah Aloupa – President – Hudson Strait
Annie Arnatuk – Vice-President – Hudson Strait
Winifred Nungak - 2nd Vice-President – Ungava Coast
Alexa Keleutak – Treasurer – Out of territory
Trina Qumaluk – Secretary – Hudson Coast
Annie Nulukie - Ungava Coast
Anna Ohaituk – Huddson Coast
Annie Ittoshat / Eva Saunders – Out of territory

Staff: Jeannie Nayoumealuk – Executive Director
Sylvie Cornez – Assistant Executive Director
Peggy Large – Accounting
Betsy Tukkiapik – Secretay
Stacey Kasudlak-Moreau - Communication Officer (Project)

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Top left: Anna Ohaituk *Bottom left*: Trina Qumaluk *Top Right*: Annie Ittoshat, *Bottom right*: Annie Nulukie; surrounding Executive Director Jeannie Nayoumealuk

OUR ACTIONS FOR 2019

OBJECTIVE 1 – ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF NUNAVIK

Saturviit provided a letter of support to the '**Qanuikkat Siqinirmiut'** Health survey and is part of the Community Advisory Committee. This community-based project aims to describe the health and wellness of Inuit in southern Quebec to help develop culturally relevant Inuit-specific programs and services that address the needs of the Inuit community in the South. A census of the Southern population was completed.

The McGill Cervical Cancer pilot program is on-going, Saturviit is consulted by the research committee. A Newsletter was created by the research team.

The inquiry into the **Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls** concluded in 2019 with a closing ceremony; follow-up committees are planned to assure the implementation of recommendations.

Projects 2020

The Health survey **Qanuikkat Siqinirmiut** will finalize the form for the health survey and will be distributing throughout Souther Quebec. Saturviit will continue to participate on the Executive committee of the research.

To round out the general public consultation launched in October 2019, the Quebec government wishes to take a specific approach for the First Nations and Inuit in order to identify the issues and needs concerning bullying and cyberbullying and to develop concrete responses. Saturviit will participate in this government consultation.

OBJECTIVE 2 - DEVELOP ACTIVITIES TO COUNTER VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Montreal Inuit Women's Forum
Saturviit finalized the Executive Summary of the Forum. The report in Inuktitut and English is available upon request.

Arnaliat Nipingit
Saturviit Board of Directors hosted on March 4th to 8th the 5th edition of Arnaliat Nipingit in Kuujjuarapik. Women from Nunavik communities along with representatives from Chisasibi and Montreal came together to hear presentations and discuss the theme for this year 'Our Children'

For the occasion special guest were invited to discuss services and programs: President and CEO of Montreal West Island Integrated University Health and Social Services Centre, Lynne McVey, on the challenges of the medical services and access to proper medical services in Montreal.

Participants were also able to discuss with the President of Kativik Regional Government, Jennifer Munich, on the different services KRG administers in the communities and with Minnie

Grey, Executive Director of Nunavik Health Board Director, on programs and services from the Health Board of Nunavik.

Ivakkak race – Kuujjuarapik March 2019

Participants felt that Nunavik needed more suicide prevention measures, support for front-line workers and better services in the North. Other services were discussed such as policing and cultural sensitivity training for individual that work in the North.

Produce DVD #2 on conjugal violence, Saturviit Board of Directors has decided to develop the after-care program that will accompany the DVD before producing the next DVD

Projects 2020:

Development of program: Saturviit has secured the help of experts to develop the aftercare program for the DVD project Domestic Violence. Discussion with Nunavik Health Board to develop the program in 2020.

Preparation for the next ***Arnaliat Nipingit*** that will be held in 2021. Location and theme to be determine.

OBJECTIVE 3: PROVIDE TOOLS TO HELP THE WOMEN TO FULFILL THEMSELVES

The distribution of the **Justice Booklet** was completed this year with the collaboration of Makivik local Justice Community Committees.

Saturviit increased its **Board** members to 8 Directors adding a voice to the Board from the Out of territory area.

Provide **training** to Board of Directors:
The Board of Directors spent 2 days in meeting to discuss an action plan for the Association. A throughout review of our Mission and objectives brought a better comprehension of Saturviit's priorities.

A training session was also provided to the staff and Board members by Law Firm Kasserwan Arteau on note taking and the rules for agenda and minutes of meeting.

Translate **Web site** to Inuktitut:
Saturviit has started up-dating & translating the Web site. The project is subsidized by Heritage Canada and the ILA program. Saturviit new Communication Officer, Stacey Kasudlak-Moreau is coordinating the project.

During Arnaliat Nipingit, Saturviit revealed its new Role Model Award, the Elisapie Inukpuk Award, recognizing the special contribution of dedicated women in their community. The winners for 2019 are:

- Hudson Coast: Elisapee Tookalook
- Hudson Strait: Annie Alaku
- Ungava Bay: Eva Lepage
- Out of territory: Annie Ittoshat

Develop new **training workshop**:
During the year the content of Saturviit new workshop 'Women in Politics' was developed; funding was secured for the project through Makivik Ungaluk program and Kativik Regional Government.

Financial development:
In order to help the Association developed more funding opportunities, Saturviit has received funding from Status of Women Canada to develop a Fundraising program. Fundraising consultant BNP Strategies is working with Saturviit and the Board of Directors.

Projects 2020:

The new **workshop Arnait Qanirratut / Women in Politics** will be given to all Nunavik communities as well as Chisasibi. Trainers that will be providing the workshops will be trained in Montreal before launching the program. Annie Tertiluk and Lucy Kumarluk will be providing the workshops in Nunavik.
Complete translation of **Web site** to Inuktitut
Develop Presentation Document for Saturviit for Financial Development project

OBJECTIVE 4: SUPPORT COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Saturviit continues to promote and encourage women to apply to Saturviit Community project Funding, you can find forms to apply on our web site www.saturviit.ca

Projects subsidized in 2019:
Kuujjuarapik – Kamik making
Inukjuaq – Kamik making
Montreal – Grief session with jewelry making
Puvirnituq – Elder story telling
Support of Hannah's journey
The Inukjuaq Soup kitchen

Projects 2020:

Provide more information on Community project Funding on local radio and during Arnait Qanirratut workshop
Develop Inuit Coalition project for Montreal; the project will bring together Inuit organizations in Montreal to develop an Action Plan.

OBJECTIVE 5: REPRESENT INUIT WOMEN OF NUNAVIK

Our Board of Directors and staff represent the interest of Nunavik women on different committees to talk about the issues that are important

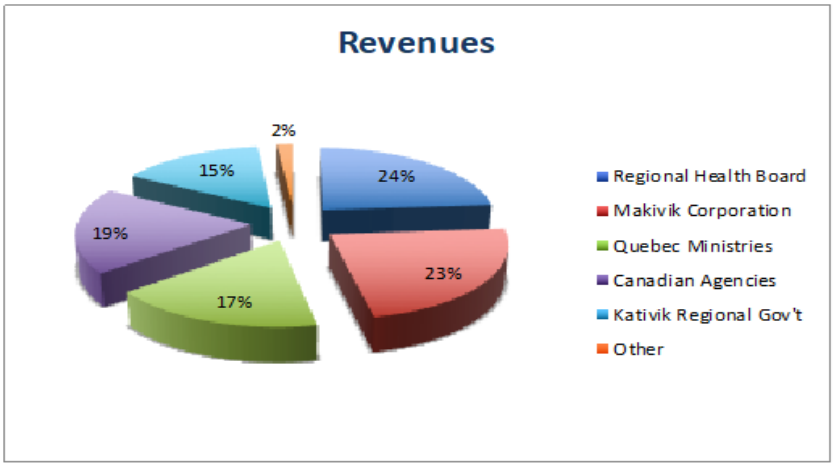
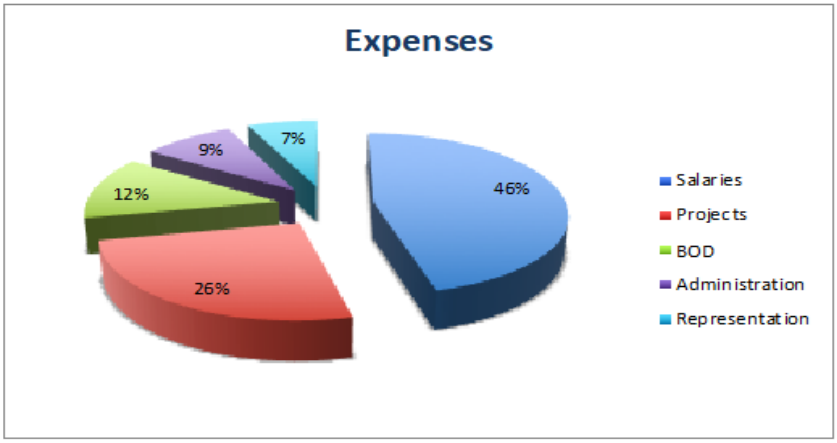
Our **Partners**:

- Kativik Regional Government
- Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services
- Makivik
- Secrétariat à la condition féminine

Committees Saturviit was involved in 2019

- Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry (Jeannie Nayoumealuk)
- Sukait committee on Youth Protection (Sarah Aloupa)
- Tuberculosis health issue (Trina Qumaluk)
- Cervical cancer research committee (Jeannie Nayoumealuk)
- Suicide prevention committee (Annie Angnatuk)(?)
- Sexual Abuse & Family Violence (Annie Nulukie)
- Representation on Human Trafficking committees (Sylvie Cornez)
- Food Security (Anna Ohaituk)
- Pauktuutit – Nunavik representation (Alexa Keleutak)
- Consultation on Family Law – Quebec Justice Minister (?)
- Quebec government Indigenous Women Table (SAA/SCF)

Our Network of **Friends**

- Kativik Ilisarniliriniq
- Tungasuvvingat Inuit
- Inuit Tapiri Kanatami
- Southern Quebec Inuit Association

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