



RECREATION Department

ACTIVITY REPORT February – May 2024

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

From March 10-16, the Arctic Winter Games were held in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough in Alaska.

Team Nunavik Québec (TNQ) finished with 27 medals; 8 gold, 11 silver and 8 bronze. We also finished with six fourth-place and 15 fifth-place finishes. (See Appendix A for medal listing.) These Games included a podium sweep (second year in a row), of Dene games female U18 in finger pull (Samantha Rupert, Aiva Lingard and Ambriel Rupert), Dene games female, first ever open category gold medals in pole push (Tina Mifsud, Sarah Angnatuk, Judith Alaku Naluiyuk and Louisa Berthe) and finger pull (Louisa Berthe), and first ever gold medal for table tennis in U18 mix doubles (Simon Qitsualuk Aliqu and Jady Caalai Quissa).

Also, during the Games, distinctive Fair Play Pins were awarded to athletes, coaches, officials and others from all contingents that reflected the Games objectives of fair play and team spirit. We received eight fair play pins, including two TNQ members who received two pins each.

The team performed very well and the team atmosphere was amazing. Other contingents, volunteers and international committee members all had positive feedback about TNQ's composure throughout the Games. A big thank you and congratulations to everyone on the team!

Team Nunavik Québec

The total number of TNQ participants at the 2024 Games was 80, involving 54 athletes, 6 cultural performers, 11 coaches, 2 cultural managers and 7 mission staff. NV representation was as follows:

Kuujuaq-23	Salluit-6
Kangiqualujuaq-6	Ivujivik-3
Tasiujaq-0	Akulivik-0
Aupaluk-4	Puvirnituaq-7
Kangirsuk-2	Inukjuak-17
Quaqtaq-1	Umiujaq-0
Kangiqualujuaq-4	Kuujuaapik/Whapmagoostui-5
Other: Gaspé coast-1 (chef de mission)	Toronto-1 (cultural manager)

ESUMA support

With the support of ESUMA, TNQ was able to purchase sport-specific shoes and equipment for the badminton and table tennis teams. We also had kamiks made for the snowshoe team.

Passports

We organized a passport clinic in Kuujuaq from February 21-23, with the assistance of a Service Canada agent. Sixteen athletes travelled to Kuujuaq to finalize their passport applications. Emma Cain, Pamela Stevenson and Anthony Arreak from Makivvik assisted the Service Canada agent in filling out forms, serving as guarantor and arranging passport photos.

Within a month we were able to process and finalize close to 50 passports. On March 6-7 in Kuujuaq, 39 passports were handed personally to participants by Service Canada agents.

Team Nunavik AWG Membership

The Arctic Winter Games International Committee (AWGIC) is formally considering Team Nunavik Québec as full members of the Arctic Winter Games.

- At the 2024 Games, TNQ received positive signals from the AWGIC.
 - The AWGIC outlined next steps in a meeting with KRG and Makivvik.
- The AWGIC requires a bylaw change that takes time due to meeting assembly processes.
 - The AWGIC AGM takes place in June 2024.
- TNQ membership could come into effect as of January 1, 2025. This allows time for the AWGIC to adapt policies, negotiate a contract and hold the membership date on the AWGIC fiscal (calendar) year date.

The department is assessing the various sports that the region is active in, in relation to AWG events, and will continue discussions with the AWGIC to determine how full membership may impact TNQ team numbers and participation at future AWG.

Cultural team training sessions

The cultural team met in Kuujuaq in February and March to put the finishing touches to their AWG performance. The training sessions helped prepare the team, and led to great performances during the Games.

TNQ feedback survey

TNQ members have been invited to participate in an online survey to help better understand the needs of the team going forward, and to better plan logistics, coach and athlete trainings, sport specific equipment and clothing requirements, and athlete trials and selection processes.

2024 AWG video

We have worked with the Communications Department to prepare a commemorative video highlighting the participation of our athletes and performers. The video will be unveiled during the Regional Council.

Logistics for 2026 AWG in Whitehorse, Yukon

We have begun work on the 2026 AWG Charter. Discussion of apparel clothing theme and style has begun. We also are working on a draft timeline of all 2026 preparations.

STAFF

A listing of the employees of the Recreation Department is provided in Appendix B.

APPENDIX A

TEAM NUNAVIK QUÉBEC MEDALS

GOLD

Event	Name
Dene Games Stick Pull 2006 or later Female	Maria Aitchison
Dene Games Hand Games Open Male	Team Nunavik
Dene Games Finger Pull 2006 or later Female	Samantha Rupert
Dene Games Finger Pull Open Female	Louisa Berthe
Dene Games All Around 2006 or later Female	Samantha Rupert
Table Tennis Doubles 2006 or later Mix	Team Nunavik
Dene Games Pole Push 2006 or later Female	Team Nunavik
Dene Games Pole Push Open Female	Team Nunavik

SILVER

Event	Name
Arctic Sports Head Pull Open Male	Christopher Angatookalook
Dene Games Stick Pull Open Female	Tina Mifsud
Dene Games Snow Snake Open Female	Judith Alaku Naluiyuk
Table Tennis Singles 2006 or later Female	Jady Caalai Quissa
Arctic Sports Arm Pull Open Female	Deseray Cumberbatch
Arctic Sports Kneel Jump Open Male	Joseph Nowkawalk
Dene Games Finger Pull 2006 or later Female	Aiva Lingard
Dene Games All Around 2006 or later Female	Aiva Lingard
Dene Games All Around Open Female	Tina Mifsud
Table Tennis Team Event 2006 or later Mix	Team Nunavik
Table Tennis Doubles 2006 or later Female	Team Nunavik

BRONZE

Event	Name
<u>Snowshoeing 2.5 km Cross Country 2009 or later Female</u>	<u>Hannah Mae Annanack</u>
<u>Arctic Sports Two Foot High Kick Open Female</u>	<u>Deseray Cumberbatch</u>
<u>Arctic Sports Kneel Jump 2007 or later Female</u>	<u>Amy May</u>
<u>Dene Games Hand Games Open Female</u>	<u>Team Nunavik</u>
<u>Dene Games Finger Pull 2006 or later Female</u>	<u>Ambriel Rupert</u>
<u>Dene Games All Around Open Female</u>	<u>Judith Alaku Nalujyuk</u>
<u>Table Tennis Doubles 2009 or later Male</u>	<u>Team Nunavik</u>

FAIRPLAY PINS

Madison York – snowshoe athlete

Émile Maheu – snowshoe coach

Devon Imak (2) – badminton athlete

Christopher Angatookalook (2) – arctic sports coach/athlete

Paul York – dene games athlete

Jady Quissa – table tennis athlete

APPENDIX B – STAFF