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## **Team Nunavik Québec gathering for community send-off to Mat-Su 2024 Arctic Winter Games in Alaska**

**Kuujuaq, Quebec, March 5, 2024** — They come from Kuujuarapik, Inukjuak and Puvirnituk on the Hudson Coast; from Ivujivik, Salluit and Kangiqsujaq on the Hudson Strait; and from Kangirsuk, Aupaluk, Kuujuaq and Kangiqsualujuaq in Ungava Bay. On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 60 athletes and cultural performers from across Nunavik's northern villages gather in Kuujuaq to hold a team send-off rally for the 2024 Arctic Winter Games in Matanuska Susitna Valley, Alaska.

Team Nunavik Québec (TNQ) is well represented at the Arctic Winter Games, which run from March 10-16, 2024. TNQ consists of 54 athletes and 6 cultural performers; supported by 11 coaches, 2 cultural managers, and 8 mission staff.

The Arctic Winter Games is a biennial, international circumpolar sport competition for northern and Arctic athletes. The Games bring together over 4,000 athletes and visitors from Alaska, the Northwest Territories, Yukon, Nunavut, Kalaallit Nunaat (Greenland), Northern Alberta, Sápmi (northern Finland, Norway and Sweden), and, of course, Nunavik.

This is the 16<sup>th</sup> time for TNQ at the Arctic Winter Games. Athletes will be competing in five categories: Arctic Sports, Badminton, Dene Games, Table Tennis and Snowshoeing. Nunavik's cultural contingent are performers from the Cirqiniq (Nunavik circus) showcase.

TNQ is supported by financial and technical assistance from the Kativik Regional Government (KRG), the Makivvik Corporation, the Government of Quebec, and ESUMA.

The KRG invites all Nunavimmiut to support the team, to watch their performances, and to send messages of encouragement on social media: @TeamNunavikQuebec

Quote:

"I'm very proud of our athletes and performers who have overcome many challenges to travel to the Mat-Su 2024 Arctic Winter Games in Alaska. They are amazing role models for other Inuit youth, and proof of what Nunavummiut can achieve when we work together and set our minds, muscles and talents to the task. Go Nunavik Go!"

– Hilda Snowball, Chairperson, KRG

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The Kativik Regional Government delivers comprehensive public services to Nunavimmiut under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (1978). KRG is governed by a 17-member Council of elected municipal representatives from Nunavik's 14 northern villages, an elected Chair and Vice-Chair, and the chief of the Naskapi First Nation of Kawawachikamach.

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