



NUNAVUT ARTS AMBASSADOR POLICY

Government of Nunavut

POLICY STATEMENT

The Government of Nunavut is committed to recognizing individuals who, through their efforts, have made and continue to make a sustained and important contribution to celebrating Nunavut's arts in a national or international context. The purpose of this policy is to support and provide recognition to individuals who promote the growth and authenticity of fine art created in Nunavut.

PRINCIPLES

This policy is based on the following principles:

Economic importance of fine arts in Nunavut: The creation of fine art is of special importance to Nunavut's cultural and economic vibrancy.

Global recognition: Nunavut's fine arts have been recognized and esteemed throughout the world. Continuing promotion and recognition in national and international markets are essential to the continued economic prosperity of Nunavut artists.

Cultural integrity: Nunavummiut participate in the global arts economy while maintaining their culture and traditions.

INUIT SOCIETAL VALUES

This policy is guided by, and will be administered in a manner consistent with, the following Inuit Societal Values:

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| <i>Aajiiqatigiinniq</i> : | Decision making through discussion and consensus. |
| <i>Tunnganarniq</i> : | Fostering good spirit by being open, welcoming and inclusive. |
| <i>Pijitsirniq</i> : | Serving and providing for family and/or community. |

APPLICATION

This policy applies to Government of Nunavut staff and organizations involved in activities related to conferring the title of Nunavut Arts Ambassador to individuals.

DEFINITIONS

Art: Includes, but is not necessarily limited to, traditional and contemporary visual arts, textile arts, sculpture, photography, film, television, digital media, literature and poetry, and performing arts.

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Nomination committee: A committee struck under this policy tasked with administering calls for nomination, reviewing nominations, and supporting recommendations.

Nunavut Arts Ambassador: An individual to whom the title has been conferred under this policy.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Executive Council

Executive Council may confer the title of Nunavut Arts Ambassador to a person recommended by the Minister of Economic Development & Transportation. In order to make recommendations to the Executive Council, the Minister of Economic Development & Transportation requires the agreement of the Minister of Culture & Heritage.

Executive Council may revoke the title where there is reason to believe, determined by consensus of the Executive Council, that a Nunavut Arts Ambassador has acted counter to the spirit of this policy or Inuit Societal Values, or has failed to adhere to generally-accepted moral or ethical standards.

Ministers

With the agreement of the Minister of Culture & Heritage, the Minister of Economic Development & Transportation may recommend that the title of “Nunavut Arts Ambassador” be conferred on an individual.

Deputy Ministers

The Deputy Ministers of Economic Development & Transportation and Culture & Heritage are accountable for striking a Nomination Committee, appointing staff to the committee, providing direction to the committee, and approving recommendations for submission to Executive Council.

Nomination Committee

In accordance with direction received, the Committee issues calls for nomination, evaluates nominations and prepares recommendations to the Deputy Ministers through discussion and consensus.

Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) may recommend an individual for appointment to the Nomination Committee. Irrespective of whether NTI chooses to recommend or refrain from recommending an individual to the Nomination Committee, NTI will be provided an opportunity to comment on nominations under review. In consultation with NTI, the Nomination Committee will agree upon Terms of Reference for the role of NTI. Recommendations and comments to the Nomination Committee must be made in accordance with the *Government of Nunavut – NTI Nunavut Arts Ambassador Terms of Reference*.

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PROVISIONS

- Acting in accordance with direction received from Deputy Ministers, the Nomination Committee may issue calls for nomination to the public, to government bodies, or to non-governmental organizations.
- No financial benefits or remuneration are provided by the Government of Nunavut to a Nunavut Arts Ambassador, with the exception of hospitality, gifts or token gifts in accordance with the Financial Administration Manual.
- An individual named as Nunavut Arts Ambassador must meet the following criteria:
 - Must have an extraordinary record of promoting the appreciation of Inuit culture or Nunavut art in Canada or internationally; or
 - Must have, directly or indirectly, made an extraordinary contribution to improving opportunities for Nunavut artists in Canadian and international markets.
 - In addition, a Nunavut Arts Ambassador must have made either of the previous two achievements over a long period of time and a) through service on a voluntary basis or b) in a capacity where financial gain or remuneration was not the primary motivation.
- Actions considered to be counter to the spirit of this policy are those which either:
 - Contravene the roles, responsibilities and provisions of this policy;
 - Contravene generally-accepted moral and ethical standards;
 - Injure the cultural significance, economic importance, global recognition or promotion of Nunavut art; or,
 - Contravene federal and territorial legislation and policies.
- Revocation of any designation made under this policy must occur in a procedurally fair manner from an administrative law perspective. The Department of Justice can assist the department to develop same as and when required.

PREROGATIVE OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Nothing in this directive shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of Executive Council to make decisions or take action respecting the recognition of individuals for their contribution to Nunavut arts or culture outside the provisions of this directive.

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