

Nunavut Inuit Delegation to France

Biographies



[Aluki Kotierk](#)

Ms. Aluki Kotierk was re-elected as the President of [Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated](#) (NTI) on February 9, 2021. She has a passion to empowering and improving Inuit lives and has a keen interest in ensuring Inuit culture and language are better incorporated into the way programs and services are delivered. After attaining a bachelor's and master's degree from Trent University, Ms. Kotierk worked for various Inuit organizations including Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada (now Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami) and Nunavut Sivuniksavut. Ms. Kotierk returned to Nunavut where she has held senior management positions in the Government of Nunavut and the Office of the Languages Commissioner. Prior to her public election to the position of President, Ms. Kotierk was Director of Inuit Employment and Training for NTI. Originally from Igloolik, she lives in Iqaluit with her family.

[Steve Mapsalak](#)

Mr. Steve Mapsalak is a member of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, which is an Institute of Public Government under the *Nunavut Agreement*, a constitutionally protected treaty. He is a former two-term Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) in the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut. He first won the Akulliq seat in 2004. In 2013, he was re-elected to the legislature in the new district of Aivilik. Mr. Mapsalak was previously the Mayor of Naujaat, the Chair of the Board of Governors for the Nunavut Arctic College, the Treasurer for the Inuit Heritage Trust, and Senior Administrative Officer at the Hamlet of Naujaat. Mr. Mapsalak lives in Naujaat, Nunavut.



Photo: Stewart Burnett

Tanya Tungilik

Ms. Tanya Tungilik seeks justice for her late father, Marius Tungilik. On July 29, 2022, in Iqaluit, Tanya addressed Pope Francis with Marius' story and the intergenerational trauma their family lives with. Marius alleged sexual abuse by Brother Lucien Parent while attending Sir Joseph Bernier and Turquetil Hall, an Oblate operated residential school in Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut. Marius also alleged sexual abuse by Father Joannès Rivoire in Naujaat at the local grocery store. These allegations led to charges and an arrest warrant which Rivoire has evaded since 1998 by residing in France under the protection of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, an order of Roman Catholics. Ms. Tungilik has had a long career in human resources, as her father did. She lives in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut and is the mother to Michael.

Jesse Tungilik

Mr. Jesse Tungilik is an interdisciplinary artist based in Iqaluit, Nunavut. He is the creator of *The Spirit of Intergenerational Trauma*, an insect-like creature haunted by a spirit of trauma, represented by a fused figure on its back. It documents Jesse's complex relationship with his father, the late Marius Tungilik. The sculpture is about Jesse's healing from intergenerational trauma. He lives in Iqaluit, Nunavut.



Photo: Cora DeVos

Kilikvak Kabloona

Kilikvak Kabloona is the Chief Executive Officer of Nunavut Tunngavik Inc (NTI) and affiliated companies including Makigiaqta Inuit Training Corporation and Nunavut Tunngavik Foundation. Ms. Kabloona works towards Inuit economic, social and cultural well-being through the full implementation of the *Nunavut Agreement*. Prior to joining NTI, she was Associate Deputy Minister for the Government of Nunavut and responsible for developing an action plan to reduce the incidence of suicide by Nunavut Inuit. A risk factor for suicide in Nunavut is childhood sexual abuse. Ms. Kabloona holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Calgary, a Management Diploma from Thompson Rivers University and a Certificate in Indigenous Languages from the University of Victoria and Pirurvik Centre. Originally from Baker Lake, she lives in Iqaluit, Nunavut with her family.



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David Aglukark

David Aglukark Jr. is the Program Manager, Missing Children of Residential Schools for Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI). In this role, he collects data on Inuit children who died while attending residential school, oral history on Inuit children who attended residential schools and never returned, and Inuit babies born to students of residential school and are missing. Mr. Aglukark retired in 2021 from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police after 25 years of service and is a graduate of Nunavut Sivuniksavut. Originally from Arviat, he lives in Iqaluit, Nunavut with his family.