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The 2018 Arctic Winter Games: Team Nunavik-Québec going to the South Slave, NWT!

Kuujuuaq, Québec, March 16, 2018 – With the team stronger than ever, Team Nunavik-Québec (TNQ) athletes will compete in five disciplines: Arctic Sports, Badminton, Dene Games, Snowshoeing and Table Tennis.

Fifty-two athletes and three cultural performers make up TNQ at the South Slave Arctic Winter Games in Hay River and Fort Smith, Northwest Territories from March 18-24. The team will be supported by 10 coaches, eight mission staff and one chaperone.

TNQ athletes usually perform well in the Arctic Sports and Dene Games competitions and excellent results are also expected this year. As well, despite being one of the smaller contingents, the team regularly earns more ulus (the AWG medal equivalent) per athlete than much larger teams.

“There’s talent in every one of our communities. I’m so honoured to travel to Hay River and Fort Smith to support our athletes and cultural performers and support the healthy lifestyle the Games represent,” says Jennifer Munick, Chairperson of the Kativik Regional Government (KRG).

“Every athlete has worked incredibly hard to get ready for this event. The Games are always special and this time is no different,” says Karin Kettler, TNQ’s Chef de Mission for the KRG.

The team’s flag bearer during Sunday’s opening ceremonies will be Paulusie Nuktie. Originally from Kangiqsujuaq, and now living in Kuujuuaq, Paulusie will compete in badminton.

The team will once again be publishing results and stories on a variety of media platforms, such as social media and local radio. This year, live video broadcasts of special performances are also planned. Follow TNQ at the AWG by visiting their Facebook page, Team Nunavik-Québec, as well as through results and newsletters posted on www.krg.ca or by signing up for the team’s daily email news update.

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About the Arctic Winter Games

The AWG is a biennial, international sports competition for athletes and cultural participants from Nunavik, Nunavut, the Northwest Territories, Yukon, northern Alberta, Greenland, Yamal (Russia) and Sapmi (Scandinavia).

About the Kativik Regional Government

The KRG is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. The organization has jurisdiction over nearly the entire territory of Québec north of the 55th parallel in areas such as municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use planning, civil security and economic development.

About TNQ

Québec sent athletes to the Arctic Winter Games (AWG) in 1972, 1974, 1976 and from 1986. Since 2000, Team Nunavik–Québec (TNQ) has carried on this participation every two years as a guest contingent.