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## Message from the Minister



The 2007 Canada Winter Games has provided Nunavut with the unique opportunity to showcase our talents, our culture, our craftsmanship and most of all, our hospitality to the rest of Canada.

The athletes that will represent Nunavut at the 2007 Canada Winter Games have trained and competed hard to be here, with much assistance from the committed group of volunteer coaches, managers and mission staff that have accompanied them on this journey.

The goal of the three Northern territories to present the North through the Pan North approach will become reality in the next two weeks of competition, demonstrations and showcase events. The opportunity for the North to host the South is at hand and I am certain the results of many individual's efforts will make this experience a positive and memorable one for all involved.

Thank you to the Host Society for their efforts in organizing these Games, recognizing the unique challenges that have been overcome to coordinate these Games in a northern environment.

Thank you to all the levels of government and private sector contributors that have assisted in the organization and implementation of these Games for our youth.

Good luck to all the participants of the 2007 Canada Winter Games and welcome to all the visitors of our great white north.

The Honourable Louis Tapardjuk  
Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth  
Government of Nunavut

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## Message from the Chef de Mission



It is my pleasure to present the 2007 Canada Winter Games Team Nunavut to the rest of Canada.

With the Pan North approach to these Games being agreed upon by the three territories, the team that has been assembled represents a wide cross section of Nunavut that includes athletes, artistic performers, visual artists, traditional sport athletes, youth ambassadors and other volunteers from across Nunavut.

As sport development within Nunavut grows, so too does our representative team numbers. I am proud to say that we have increased our sport involvement from two sports to five sports since the last Canada Winter Games in 2003. Also included, through the Pan North approach, are athletes competing in Inuit Games and Dene Games, sports which I am sure will prove to be very popular for spectators.

I would like to thank the Host Society, the Canada Games Council and Sport Canada for allowing Nunavut the opportunity to participate in these Games, making them truly a Canada Games.

Thank you to the City of Whitehorse for hosting our team, as I am sure these Games will provide all participants with many memorable experiences.

Frank Tootoo, Chef de Mission

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## Hometown List

### Arctic Bay

Benita Ejangiaq - Dene Games  
Maria Barnabus - Dene Games  
Alisha Shooyook - Dene Games  
Roxanne Kigutaq - Dene Games  
Joe Audlakiak - Dene Games  
Matthew Akikuluk - Dene Games  
Tom Naqiktarvik - Dene Games  
Steve Oqallak - Dene Games  
Thomas Levi - Coach, Dene Games  
Susie Shooyook - Coach, Dene Games  
Simeonie Attagutsiak - NAP  
Audrey Qamanirq - Manager NAP

### Arviat

Jordan Konek - NAP

### Baker Lake

Paula Piryuaq - Badminton  
John Ray Mariq - Badminton  
Brad Mainse - Coach, Badminton  
Randy (Tootoo) Tanuyak - Inuit Games  
Donovan Nagyugalik - Table Tennis  
Margaret Kaluraq - Manager, Table Tennis  
Frank Tootoo - Chef de Mission  
Kyle Seeley - Assistant Chef de Mission  
Jason Fesyk - Mission Staff  
Phillipa (Pippa) Gammage - Mission Staff

### Chesterfield Inlet

Blair Tautu - Inuit Games  
James Tautu - Inuit Games  
Rebecca Sammurtok - Inuit Games

### Coral Harbour

Charlie Nakoolak - Badminton

### Gjoa Haven

Kevin (Andy) Hiqiniq - Badminton  
Joanie Pooyatak - Badminton  
Allen Anavilok - Coach, Inuit Games  
Paul Puqiqnak - Mission Staff

### Iqaluit

Chantelle Masson - Badminton  
Teresa Tufts - Curling  
Sara Tufts - Curling  
Colleen Neily - Curling  
Stephanie Matthews - Curling  
Denise Hutchings - Coach, Curling  
Frederick (Alek) Montpetit - Curling  
George MacKay - Curling

Jon Neily - Curling

Alexander Liptak - Curling  
Dan Kleinschroth - Curling (Peace River AB)  
Eugene Dederick - Judo  
Zachery Green - Judo  
Ron Woodman, Manger, Judo  
Mario DesForges - Coach, Judo (Ottawa)  
Renee Russell - Coach, Judo  
Roxanne Simms - NAP  
Manasie Kendall - Speed Skating  
Aqqik Peter - Speed Skating  
Philip Verreault - Speed Skating  
Leetia Nuyalia - Speed Skating  
Sarah Ali - Speed Skating  
John Maurice - Coach, Speed Skating  
Josee Tremblay - Manager, Speed Skating  
Michael King - Table Tennis  
James Pitseolak - Table Tennis  
Minnie Saqiqtaq - Table Tennis  
Louis Nutarariaq - Table Tennis  
Pia Tikivik - Table Tennis  
Steven (Mathew) Alainga - Mission Staff  
Tom Thompson - Mission Staff  
Peter Geikie - Mission Staff

### Kugluktuk

Darlene Hokanak - Coach, Inuit Games  
Vikki Niptanatiak - Table Tennis  
Mahik Havioyak - Table Tennis  
Atilla Csaba - Coach, Table Tennis

### Pond Inlet

Chris Merkosak - Inuit Games

### Rankin Inlet

Tapaarjuk Friesen - Badminton  
Kelli McLarty - Badminton  
Karen McLarty - Manger, Badminton  
Susie Pearce - Mission Staff

### Repulse Bay

Micheal Putulik - Badminton  
Francois (Joshua) Bruce - Inuit Games

### Taloyoak

David Anavilok - Badminton

### Whale Cove

Malaiyah Enuapik - Inuit Games

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## Badminton

### Micheal Putulik



Hometown: Repulse Bay  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2003 CWG, 2003 WCSG, 2002, 2004,  
2006 AWG

### Kelli McLarty



Hometown: Rankin Inlet  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2003 WCSG, 2004, 2006 AWG

### Andy Hiqiniq



Hometown: Gjoa Haven  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 Nunavut U23 Silver

### Joanie Pooyatak



Hometown: Gjoa Haven  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG

### David Anavilok



Hometown: Gjoa Haven  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
AWG 2006

### Paula Piryuaq



Hometown: Baker Lake  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG

### Charlie Nakoolak



Hometown: Coral Harbour  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
AWG 2004

### Chantelle Masson



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 Nunavut U16 Gold

### John Ray Mariq



Hometown: Baker Lake  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG

### Karen McLarty – Manager



Hometown: Rankin Inlet  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2003 WCSG, 2004 AWG, 2006 AWG  
Team Manager

### Tapaarjuk Friesen



Hometown: Rankin Inlet  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2003 WCSG, 2004 AWG

### Brad Mainse - Coach



Hometown: Baker Lake  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG Coach

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## Curling

### Jon Neily



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG

### Teresa Tufts



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG

### George MacKay



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG

### Colleen Neily



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG

### Alexander Liptak



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG

### Sara Tufts



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG

### Alek Monpetit



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG

### Stephanie Matthews



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG

### Dan Kleinschroth - Coach



Hometown: Peace River, AB  
Comments/Accomplishments: Help a  
group of young athletes have the  
experience of their lives.

### Denise Hutchings - Manager



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG Coach

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## Judo

### Eugene Dederick



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
Competed in a National event in  
Lethbridge and International event in  
Edmonton in 2006.

### Zack Green



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
Blue belt in Judo and competed in an  
International event in Edmonton in  
2006.

### Mario DesForges - Coach



Hometown: Ottawa, ON  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
Founder of Nunavut Judo

### Renee Russell - Coach



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Occupation:  
Teacher

### Ron Woodman - Manager



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Occupation:  
Teacher

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## Speed Skating

### Aqpiq Peter



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2003 CWG, 2004 & 2006 AWG

### Leetia Nuyalia



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2004 AWG, 2006 AWG Silver Medalist

### Manasie Kendall



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2005/06 Nunavut Athlete of the Year.  
5 Gold Medals at the 2006 AWG

### John Maurice - Coach



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2003 CWG,  
2006 AWG - Coached team to 1<sup>st</sup> place finish

### Philip Verreault



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG - Gold and Silver Medalist

### Josee Tremblay - Manager



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Occupation: Manager, Resource Management, Iqaluit Airport

### Sarah Ali



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG double Bronze Medalist

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## Table Tennis

### Louis Nutarariaq



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 Territorial Gold Medal

### Vikki Niptanatiak



Hometown: Kugluktuk  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 Territorial Silver Medal

### Donovan Nagyougalik



Hometown: Baker Lake  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 Territorial Silver Medal

### Mahik Havioyak



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 Territorial Silver Medal

### Michael King



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 Territorial Gold Medal

### Pia Tikivik



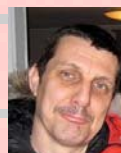
Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 Territorial Gold Medal

### James Pitseolak



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 Territorial Silver Medal

### Atilla Csaba - Coach



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Occupation:  
Teacher

### Minnie Saqiqtaq



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 Territorial Gold Medal

### Margaret Kaluraq - Manager



Hometown: Baker Lake  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
Hope to have a safe and fun time.

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## Inuit Games

### Joshua Bruce



Hometown: Repulse Bay  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG

### Malaiyah Enuapik



Hometown: Whale Cove  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG

### James Tautu



Hometown: Chesterfield Inlet  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2002 AWG

### Blair Tautu



Hometown: Chesterfield Inlet  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2002, 2004 & 2006 AWG  
Has been competing in Inuit Games  
for 8 years

### Tootoo Tanuyak



Hometown: Baker Lake  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2004 AWG  
1<sup>st</sup> place 2006 Nunavut Territorial

### Rebecca Sammurtok



Hometown: Chesterfield Inlet  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2002 & 2004 AWG

### Chris Merkosak



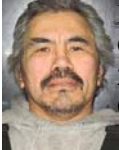
Hometown: Pond Inlet  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2002 & 2004 AWG

### Darlene Hokanak - Coach



Hometown: Kugluktuk  
Occupation: Wildlife Clerk,  
Government of Nunavut

### Allen Anavilok - Coach



Hometown: Gjoa Haven  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2002 & 2004 AWG Inuit Games  
Coach

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## Dene Games

### Benita Ejangiaq



Hometown: Arctic Bay  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
1<sup>st</sup> year competing in Dene Games

### Joe Audlakiak



Hometown: Arctic Bay  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG - Bronze, pole push

### Marie Barnabus



Hometown: Arctic Bay  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
Hope to get a medal and meet new friends from all over Canada.

### Matthew Akikuluk



Hometown: Arctic Bay  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG - Silver, finger pull and Bronze, pole push

### Alisha Shooyook



Hometown: Arctic Bay  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
I'm pretty excited to participate in the Dene Games at CWG.

### Tom Naqiktarvik



Hometown: Arctic Bay  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG - Gold, snow snake  
Bronze, stick pull & pole push and Bronze, all around

### Roxanne Kigutaq



Hometown: Arctic Bay  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
1<sup>st</sup> year competing in Dene Games

### Steve Oqallak



Hometown: Arctic Bay  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
2006 AWG - Bronze, pole push

### Susie Shooyook - Coach



Hometown: Arctic Bay  
Comments/Accomplishments:  
Hope to meet new people and have fun

### Thomas Levi - Coach



Hometown: Arctic Bay  
Occupation: Recreation Coordinator

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## National Artistic Program

### Jordan Konek

Hometown: Arviat  
Actor



### Simeonie Attagutsiak

Hometown: Arctic Bay  
Drum Dancer



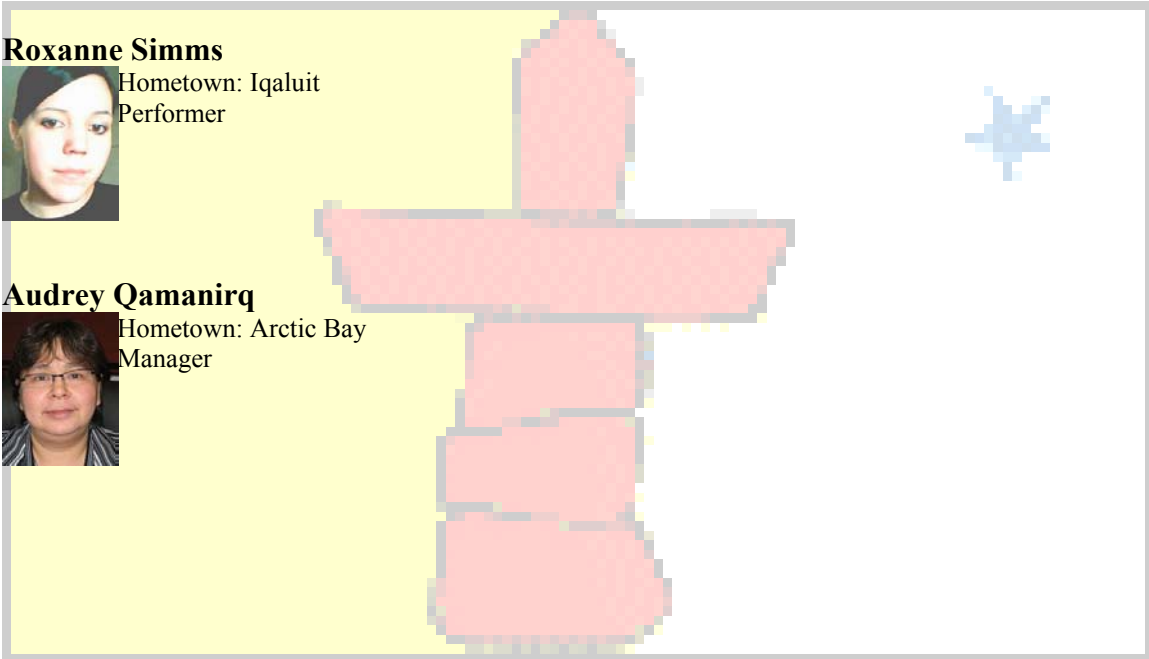
### Roxanne Simms

Hometown: Iqaluit  
Performer



### Audrey Qamanirq

Hometown: Arctic Bay  
Manager



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## Mission Staff

### Frank Tootoo – Chef de Mission



Hometown: Baker Lake  
Occupation: Director, Sport Nunavut

### Jason Fesyk



Hometown: Baker Lake  
Occupation: Sport Development  
Officer  
Sport: Badminton

### Kyle Seeley – Assistant Chef de Mission



Hometown: Baker Lake  
Occupation: Sport Manager, Sport  
Nunavut  
Sport: Judo

### Pippa Gammage



Hometown: Baker Lake  
Occupation: Teacher  
Sport: Woman's Curling

### Tom Thompson



Hometown: Baker Lake  
Occupation: Assistant Deputy  
Minister - Human Resources  
Sport: Speed Skating

### Paul Puqinaq



Hometown: Gjoa Haven  
Occupation: Recreation Coordinator  
Sport: Dene Games

### Susie Pearce



Hometown: Rankin Inlet  
Occupation: Public Health Nurse  
Sport: Inuit Games

### Matthew Alainga



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Occupation: Teacher  
Sport: Table Tennis

### Peter Geikie



Hometown: Iqaluit  
Occupation: Assistant Deputy  
Minister - Education  
Sport: Men's Curling

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