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Nunatsiavut Government congratulates Natan Obed on being reelected President of ITK

Nunatsiavut President Johannes Lampe says he's pleased to have the opportunity to continue working with newly reelected Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami President Natan Obed.

"During the past three years Natan has demonstrated his strong leadership abilities, both nationally and internationally, on matters of importance to all Inuit within Inuit Nunangat," says President Lampe. "He has proven time and time again that he is more than capable of handling every situation in which he finds himself with a sense of proportion. His straight-forward resolve to achieve solutions or desired results, combined with his wholesome character, have garnered him the respect of the ITK board. On behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government, and indeed Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, I offer my congratulations to Natan in his reelection."

Obed was reelected to a second term by delegates from the four Inuit regions and the Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada during ITK's Annual General Meeting in Inuvik this week.

Born in Nain, Obed left Nunatsiavut in the 1990s to pursue a bachelor's degree in English and American Studies at Boston's Tufts University, where he also became a star defenseman playing in the New England college hockey circuit. He also played Junior A hockey with the Helena Ice Pirates.

He later worked for the Labrador Inuit Association and helped to implement an Inuit impact and benefits agreement with the Voisey's Bay Nickel Company (now Vale). From there, he served nearly two years as ITK's director of socio-economic development before moving to Iqaluit to take on the role as director of social and cultural development for Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. before being elected as ITK President for the first time in 2015.

Obed also serves as a trustee on the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, which looks after Labrador Inuit business interests through the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies.

ITK is the national Inuit organization in Canada, representing four Inuit regions – Nunatsiavut, Nunavik (northern Quebec), Nunavut, and the Inuvialuit Settlement Region in the Northwest Territories.

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