



**PITQUHIRNIKKUT  
ILHAUTINIQ**  
KITIKMEOT HERITAGE SOCIETY

## **The Pitquhirkkut Ilihautiniq / Kitikmeot Heritage Society Board of Directors Names Inuinnaqtun Leader Emily Angulalik New Executive Director!**

**August 31, 2021, Cambridge Bay, Nunavut** – Today, the Pitquhirkkut Ilihautiniq / Kitikmeot Heritage Society is pleased to announce the appointment of Emily Angulalik as Executive Director. Emily succeeds Kim Crockatt, who had been appointed Interim Executive Director May 28, 2021. Effective September 1, 2021, Emily will assume the position of Executive Director and Kim will return to her role as Chief Finance and Operations Officer. With continuity and stability at our forefront, Emily and Kim will continue to work alongside each other to ensure an effective transition. The vacant position of Chair of the Board of Directors has been filled by Annie Atighioyak.

The Board of Directors would like to express sincere gratitude to Kim Crockatt for serving as Interim Executive Director for the last three months.

**“The Executive Director has a vital role in our organization and to the people it serves, working to nurture our language and culture. Working with Emily, we will continue to follow our vision to carry out programming for our future generations.” – PI/KHS Board of Directors**

Since founding the Kitikmeot Heritage Society alongside Kim Crockatt, Ekvana Angulalik, and Reverend Keith Todd in 1996, Emily has held various staff and Board positions, including Executive Director from 2005 to 2007, and most recently as our Manager of Inuinnaqtun Revitalization. Her continuous involvement and leadership over the last 25 years has provided a solid foundation from which the Society continues to grow. An exceptional teacher and linguist, Emily previously worked as an Inuinnaqtun Instructor at Nunavut Arctic College for 8 years and continues to serve the community as a translator. Earlier this year, she received the 2021 Indspire Award for Culture, Heritage and Spirituality, a testament to her incredible and inspiring contributions to Inuinnaqtun revitalization.

**“Without guidance from the Board, I cannot make this. When we all work together and move forward, we can achieve our goals!” – Emily Angulalik**

This appointment comes at a critical time for our organization. With fewer than 600 speakers of Inuinnaqtun, we are working to reawaken our language, reclaim our identity and find our voices in Inuinnaqtun once again, so that generations to come will inherit the connection to our ancestors and their knowledge, values and worldview.

As Executive Director, Emily will oversee the administration, programs and strategic planning for the Pitquhirnikkut Ilihautiniq / Kitikmeot Heritage Society. Emily has an innate ability to bring people together, beginning in the early days of the Society, connecting our Elders, knowledge holders, and community members for projects and landcamps, to chairing our present-day language committee, Inikhaliuqatigiit, and linking a network of regional language leaders. Emily will continue to work to bring together Inuinait communities and create innovative solutions to overcoming geographical, political and economic barriers to knowledge exchange and revitalization. A proven leader with a strong vision, she will work to foster a unified Inuinait voice that speaks to the issues and priorities of our respective communities, and calls for initiatives of change. She will guide our team to harness the expertise of remaining Elders and Inuinnaqtun speakers and direct their valuable knowledge towards the renewal of our culture.

Emily carries the knowledge and strength of our ancestors and Elders who inspired her and have led her on this path. Under her leadership, we see a very hopeful future.

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**About the Pitquhirnikkut Ilihautiniq / Kitikmeot Heritage Society**

*Founded in 1996, the Pitquhirnikkut Ilihautiniq / Kitikmeot Heritage Society is guided by an Inuinait Board, and is one of the territory's longest established heritage organizations. We address projects of importance to the revival of Inuit culture, language and history and focus on the critical needs of Inuinait—a distinct regional group of Inuit living in the Central Canadian Arctic. The Inuinnaqtun language—the foundation of Inuinait culture—has less than 600 fluent speakers remaining. By most estimates, it is a language that will be extinct in less than two generations. Faced with an urgent timeline, we have made an unwavering commitment to support the renewal of Inuinait culture and the revitalization of Inuinnaqtun. For more information about our activities and ongoing programs, please visit [www.kitikmeotheritage.ca](http://www.kitikmeotheritage.ca).*