
THE SELTZER-CHAN POND INLET FOUNDATION 2025



TRAVEL IN CANADA

After her acceptance to the **Northern Youth Abroad** program in October 2024, Trisha Killiktee spent months completing assignments in preparation for a summer placement in southern Canada. Along with the other 15-20 year olds selected from across Nunavut and the NWT, Trisha traveled to Ottawa in June 2025 for a one-week orientation. While staying in an Algonquin College residence, the participants developed skills in leadership, teamwork, confidence, and workplace readiness.

From Ottawa Trisha traveled with another participant to Sussex Corner, New Brunswick. They lived with a host family for five weeks and volunteered 35 hours a week at the Sussex Sharing Club. During their time on the east coast, they also visited many tourist sites and continued to work towards earning high school credits as part of the program. In August the participants returned to Ottawa for a re-orientation week to reflect, celebrate and plan how to apply their experiences in their home communities.

Trisha wrote: “I am truly grateful for the opportunity it gave me to learn, grow and represent my community.”



TRAVEL ABROAD

Two Pond Inlet young people lived in Ottawa this year as part of the **Nunavut Sivuniksavut** program. The program includes a trip to another country in May. This year, one student visited Hawaii and the other went to Mexico. On these trips the students exchange information with other Indigenous groups to share and showcase Inuit culture, learn about other Indigenous cultures and better understand how the Inuit story fits into the international context.

HELP AT HOME

The Inuit Child First Initiative is funded by Indigenous Services Canada to provide socio-economic support for Inuit children and youths, including health care and education. Until March, 2025, Hamlets like Pond Inlet would request support for the children in their community in the form of a universal food voucher program. This spring, the monthly voucher program was canceled and replaced with an individual needs-based system. Families in northern communities often face food insecurity and the change in the program left people scrambling to make ends meet. With help from the Seltzer-Chan Foundation, individuals in Pond Inlet stepped up to purchase and distribute food hampers to ensure children had access to healthy food.

MUSIC EDUCATION

Pond Inlet students continue to benefit from music workshops and virtual music lessons online. Elementary teacher Janika Clattenburg reports: “This program opened the door to music education that our students embraced with enthusiasm and joy.”

THE 2025 GRANTS

The Seltzer-Chan Pond Inlet Foundation is proud to report that a total of \$46,783 was distributed in 2025 at the time of writing. The total awards since 1999 is \$807,936. Your donations supported:

- Nasivvik High School graduate awards
- Northern Youth Abroad
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- Nunavut Sivuniksavut
- Travel to sports tournaments
- The Pond Inlet Women's Shelter
- Groceries for families in need
- Tusarnaarniq Sivumut Association (TSA) and Fiddles North music workshops

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Canadian donations will receive tax receipts.

2025 Pond Inlet Committee:

Seepoorah Allooloo (SCPIF local co-ordinator), Karen Gallagher, Trudy Pettigrew, David Parks, Reepa Tagak

Directors: Dorene Seltzer, Gareth Seltzer, Phillip King and Rosemary Waterston

TRAVEL TO SPORTS TOURNAMENTS

Travel in the north shockingly expensive. The foundation helped a number of athletes travel from Pond Inlet to participate in sports tournaments where they met people with shared interests and honed their skills.

HOCKEY



Sylvia Pewatoalook leads the Women's Hockey Team in Pond and has participated in many tournaments including the Arctic Winter Games. The 24-year old traveled to Rankin Inlet for the *Young at Heart* women's hockey tournament where she learned new skills to bring back to her home team.

BADMINTON

From September to November the Pond Inlet Badminton team practiced three times a week to prepare for the *Territorial Badminton Tournament* and held bake sales to raise some of the money needed for the flights to Iqaluit. Eight team members and two chaperones spent four nights at the Iqaluit high school during the tournament. They probably didn't get much sleep but they had fun, won bronze in the Senior Girls Doubles match, met other athletes, explored Iqaluit and made coach Sarah VanZeumeren proud.



Team members: Corianne Killiktee, Jasmin Kasarnak, Sheldon Angnetsiak, Jamie Killiktee, Ishmeal Katsaq, Joseph Koonoo, Angela Ootoovak, and Kara Ootoovak. Chaperons: Sarah VanZeumeren and Brendan Johnson.

TABLE TENNIS



Alain Nutarak and Nicholas Shappa traveled to Iqaluit to try out for the *Arctic Winter Games*. They brought home the bronze medal in the Under 18 Doubles Category and a box of donated equipment that will be used to help start an Under 15 and Under 18 girls' table tennis program. This sport helps youth to stay active, build confidence, and develop new skills.

100% of donations received go directly to grant recipients.

The Foundation is volunteer-operated; all administrative costs are covered by board members.