

College Chemistry Canada Conference 2026

Theme: “Chemistry for All”

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VENUE

The 2026 C3 Conference is to be held at the **Nunatta Campus of Nunavut Arctic College** (NAC), Iqaluit, Nunavut. Founded in 1995, NAC has three campuses (each in a different time zone) together with 24 learning centres. It is rapidly growing, and has collaboration agreements with southern universities to enable students to complete degree programs.

Note that no alcohol is permitted on the NAC Campus.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

The theme of the Conference is **Chemistry for All**. We invite speakers especially on topics related to chemistry and Indigenous peoples.

Keynote speaker: Enooyaq Sudlovenick: mercury in beluga whales from Inuit and scientific perspectives.

Keynote speaker: Svetlana Barkanova, NSERC Chairs for Inclusion in Science and Engineering Pilot Program: Science in Rural Classrooms

Speaker: Jennifer Winters, CIC High School Chemistry Teaching Award recipient, 2024: “Incorporating Inuit content in chemistry courses for Inuit students.”

Speaker: Erika Taylor: “Adding Inuit content to Ontario high school chemistry”

TRANSPORTATION

By air: Canadian North (AKT) is the sole carrier throughout Nunavut. Flights are usually twice-a-day by Boeing 737-700 between Ottawa and Iqaluit; there is also twice-a-week service from western Canada. Canadian North is a member of Aeroplan. There is also a flight by Air Greenland between Iqaluit and Nuuk, capital of Greenland.

Local: Caribou Tuktu Cabs, flat rate of \$9 currently, you may be required to share journey with travellers going in the same direction.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Residence Accommodations: The new (alcohol-banned) residence will probably have 20 rooms available, some with one, some with two beds. The daily rate per unit is currently \$135.00.

Hotels:

Capital Suites Iqaluit (from \$200)

Frobisher Inn (\$324)

Atsarniit Hotel and Conference Centre (\$400)

REGISTRATION FEE

In consideration of the high transportation costs to reach Iqaluit, it is hoped to have a very low registration fee which will include a meal package from Friday evening until Monday morning, inclusive. This will also include a three-hour bus tour of Iqaluit, museum, visitors centre, and the neighbouring community of Niaqunngut (Apex).

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, 28th May

NAC students meet and greet Thursday-arriving participants at the Iqaluit airport on Thursday's flight from Ottawa.

Friday, 29th May

NAC students meet and greet Friday-arriving participants at the Iqaluit airport on Friday's two flights from Ottawa.

Tours of Iqaluit and Niaqunngut (Apex) with stops at Museum and Visitors Centre [Friday morning, Friday afternoon].

MIXER (AQSARNIIT HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE)

Presentations by Inuit Elder; Welcome by representative of Nunavut Department of Education; booth exhibits of Inuit handicrafts for purchase, commercial company booths; and tour company booths.

Saturday, 30th May

Communal Breakfast at NAC.

Welcome by President NAC.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Enooyaq Sudlovenick

Morning Sessions

Communal Lunch at NAC.

Afternoon Sessions

BANQUET (AQSARNIIT HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE)

Followed by entertainment: Inuit throat-singers, drummers, etc.

Sunday, 31st May

Fun Run.

Communal Breakfast at NAC.

Keynote speaker: Dr. Svetlana Barkanova

Morning sessions

Communal Lunch at NAC.

Afternoon sessions and C3 AGM

EVENING DINNER AND SOCIAL EVENT (NUNAVUT ARCTIC COLLEGE)

Note: no alcohol is permitted on Campus.

Monday, 1st June

Communal Breakfast at NAC.

For those unable to take one of the pre-Conference tours, morning tour of Iqaluit and Niaqunngut (Apex) with stops at the Museum and Visitors Centre.

Morning and Afternoon flights to Ottawa.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Nunavut

Nunavut is a self-governing Territory of Canada. It is the central unit of the *Inuit Nunangat* (the Inuit homelands). The other units are autonomous parts of Provinces: Nunatsiavut (Newfoundland & Labrador); Nunavik (Quebec); and Inuvialuit (Northwest Territories/Yukon).

Inuit

Inuit are genetically-distinct Indigenous peoples. Inuit are not part of the First Nations. Inuit had a separate northern migration route across from Asia to Alaska, Canada, and Greenland.

There are 70,000 Inuit in Canada, 31,000 living in Nunavut.

Inuktitut is the common language, of which there are many distinct dialects.

Iqaluit

Iqaluit, population 7,000, located on Baffin Island, is the capital (and only) city of Nunavut.

English is spoken by almost everyone, while about 45% are also fluent in Inuktitut.

Daytime temperatures for the end of May are usually between minus 5 and plus 10 degC.

Daylight for the end of May is from 2:40 a.m. to 10:25 p.m.

Ottawa is 2,000 km south of Iqaluit while Ajuittuq (Grise Fiord), the farthest north settlement in Nunavut, is 1,500 km north of Iqaluit.

Iqaluit Highlights

Unikkaarvik Visitor Centre

Nunatta Sunakkutaangit Museum

Nunavut Legislative Assembly Building

St. Jude's Anglican Cathedral

Old Hudson's Bay Stores, Niaqunngut (Apex)

Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park

Qaummaarviit Territorial Historic Park

For additional information, see: <https://www.iqaluit.ca/visitors/what-do>



Iqaluit with Nunavut Arctic College in the foreground