

College Chemistry Canada Conference 2026

ABOUT IQUALUIT

Location

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.

Weather Information

Daytime temperatures for the end of May are usually between minus 5 and plus 10 degC. With climate change being more acute in the Arctic than elsewhere on the Planet, check the forecasts before you leave home and pack accordingly.

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



Very Brief History

Iqaluit (English translation: *place of many fish*) has been a traditional fishing location used by Inuit and their predecessors, the Paleo-Eskimo (Dorset culture) and Thule, for thousands of years (you can learn more about the Arctic Indigenous peoples on the C3 Conference City Tour at the **Nunatta Sunakkutaangit Museum**, and at the **Unikkaarvik Visitor Centre**).

Niaqunngut

Niaqunngut (Apex), about 5 km from Iqaluit, is a small, independent, Inuit community. The old Hudsons Bay stores are still there. A monument to Inuit who went south as tuberculosis patients, and did not return, is located in front of the nursing station on the bank of the creek (included in the tour).