

New Uvagut TV to feature all programming made in Inuktitut language

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A scene from Tia and Piujuq is shown in this 2019 handout photo.

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A new Indigenous television channel featuring programming that's entirely in the Inuktitut

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Uvagut TV, created by Nunavut Independent Television Network, will be available nationally to Shaw Direct customers, and to Arctic Co-ops Cable subscribers in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. It also streams online at Uvagut.tv.

Lucy Tulugarjuk, NITV chair and executive director, said in a news release that seeing the Inuit language full time on television is a “dream come true.”

Tulugarjuk, who is also director of the Inuit-language children’s film *Tia and Piujuq*, said Uvagut TV is part of the “fight against time” to keep the Inuit culture alive.

Programming at launch includes Inuit Broadcasting Corporation’s children’s series *Takuginai*; a slate of films including *Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner*; daily live information show *Welcome to My Qammaq*; and planned live coverage of events such as the Nunavut Impact Review Board public hearings into the Baffinland Iron Mine Phase 2 expansion.

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