



**RENEWABLE RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT,
LANDS and PARKS department**

**ACTIVITY REPORT
DECEMBER 2020 TO FEBRUARY 2021**

Mandates and responsibilities:

- Fishing and Trapping Support Program: overall program administration, technical assistance to the Community programs and management of the regional program;
 - Uumajuit Wardens Program: wildlife protection on the land in in the marine sectors;
 - Environmental Program: technical assistance to the Northern Villages, environmental monitoring, research, climate change and environmental projects;
 - Land Use Planning: technical assistance to the Northern Villages and regional planning;
 - National Parks development and operation.
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1. INUIT HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING SUPPORT PROGRAM

- At the end of November, the 2020 HSP budget was transmitted to the Minister of Forests, Wildlife and Parks (MFFP);
- Following the approval by the KRG Council, the Community Agreements for 2021 were transmitted to the NVs for their approval;
- At the end of January, the first payments to the communities which total \$ 3,362,189 have been made following receipt of the signed agreements and budgets;
- Puvirnituaq HSP boat project ; Following a public call for tenders, final approval of a contract is pending;
- Nunavik Land Mobile Radio Project, telephone consultations were held with 10 Communities and the plans and specifications are being finalized in preparation for a public call for tenders;
- Umiujaq HSP Community Freezer Project: following funding approval, plans and specifications are being finalized with MPW in preparation for a call for tenders;
- Nunavik Trail Marking Project, planning and consultations are underway to renew the current trail marking and to install markers on new trails;
- Meat cutting courses were delivered in Kuujuaq and Inukjuak;
- Assistance for the replacement of lost hunting equipment was approved by the executive committee to assist hunters from Kangirsuaq and Inukjuak

2. UUMAJUIT WARDENS PROGRAM

- The wardens completed a total of XX patrol days in 2020 and 85 patrol days in 2021;
- Weekly telephone meetings with Quebec Wildlife Protection Officers (MFFP) as well as DFO representatives and all wardens/technicians are active and ongoing;
- Statistics reporting on Beluga sightings and harvests along with monitoring of hunting on a daily basis, ongoing with each warden/technician;
- The Wardens adhere to the Nunavik and MFFP Covid-19 protocols for Wildlife Protection Assistants;

- Joint Patrol with MFFP by helicopter by wardens from Kangiqsualujjuaq and Kuujjuaq;
- Yearly Refresher on hold until Pandemic is under control;
- Met with representatives of DFO concerning the Nunavik Aboriginal Aquatic and Ocean Management Program Agreement 2020-21 and the proposed renewal for 2021-25;
- As part of the Nunavik Indigenous Guardians Initiative, the Wardens continue to document and report observations on environmental and climate changes on the land;
- Recruitment for a warden in Quaqtaq on going.

3. ENVIRONMENT

Residual Material Management

- Nunavik Residual Material Management Plan 2021-2027
 - Public Consultations on the Nunavik Residual Material Management Plan 2021-2027 were held from November 16 to December 4 using different virtual platforms such as interviews with organisations, online survey for all Nunavimmiut, radio call-in show on TNI and Facebook live event on KRG Facebook page;
 - Complete report of the Consultations is available on the KRG website;
 - The draft Plan was revised to include the comments gathered during the consultations and was sent to Recyc-Québec for approval on January 7th 2021;
- Signature of MELCC agreement (PGMRTN) for \$ 670 000; this funding will complete the funding needs for the 3 projects of waste management in 2021: Inukjuak composter, Kuujjuaq ecocentre and training project for operators of the residual material sites of the 14 villages;
- Management of the residual hazardous materials stockpile site cleanup program: clean up has been completed in Kangiqsujuaq (Umiujaq and Ivujivik earlier in 2020);
- Organized a meeting with the associations in charge of the Extended Producers Responsibility to discuss the management and implementation of EPR products recycling in Nunavik;
- Participated in a meeting of the provincial joint committee on the modernization of the returnable containers system.
- Participated in a meeting of the provincial working group on the modernization of the selective collection system

Spill Management

- Continued the monitoring and follow-up of hydrocarbon spill reports, with added support to the regional organizations in regards to environment regulations and clean-up procedures;
- During this period, there were 11 spills reported to KRG from mining companies and regional organizations;

Quarry and Borrow pits

- The MERN leases and the MELCC certificate of authorization were delivered to the NV of Tasiujaq for their sand pits.

Climate Change Adaptation and Monitoring

- Followed-up with funding recipients and generally acted as the liaison between the *Climate Change Preparedness in the North* (CCPN) program and Nunavik;
- Organized and participated in Nunavik Climate Change Committee on Adaptation meetings on December 4, 11 and 17, as well as follow-up meetings in January to provide feedback and recommendations on Nunavik Climate Change Adaptation projects. The Committee consists of members from KRG, Makivik, RNUK, and advisory members from MELCC (Québec), Ouranos and CIRNAC (Federal);
- Through discussions of the Nunavik Climate Change Committee on Adaptation, 3 (three) Nunavik projects were recommended and are set to receive funding from CCPN : climate change-informed design management costs of Makivik's 'Community Food Centre Project in

Inukjuak', KRG's 'Trail Marking Project' in partnership with Makivik, and Avataq's 'Climate Change Preparedness and Archaeological Heritage: assessing the impact of climate change at the Nunaingok Site, Ikirasaq';

- Participated in bi-monthly conference calls with CCPN staff and Climate Change Adaptation Liaisons from other Northern regions;
- Supported working group and community consultations related to the Nunavik Climate Change Strategy, led by Makivik. Discussions with the NVs will take place during the week of February 15 to help identify community priorities. Surveys with all Nunavik organizations are being planned and will be distributed in the spring of 2021.
- Remotely participated in ArcticNet/Arctic Change 2020 on December 8-10;

Environmental Research

- Together with the Inuit Research Advisor, the Nunavik Regional Research Authority (NRRA) steering committee organized 3 monthly meetings during this period for the assessment and planning that is necessary prior to establishing the NRRA;
- The Inuit Research Advisor participated by videoconference or teleconference in the:
 - Inuit Research Advisor's meeting with ITK;
 - Institut Nordique du Québec for a Video Presentation and panel member for Covid related impacts on research;
 - Annual meeting of the Tuksik Research Program OHMI Steering Committee to review and make recommendations on research projects
 - Regional meeting for Qanuilirpitaa;
 - Data Management Committee – Qanuilirpitaa (4 meetings during this period)
 - National Health Survey- Regional review for Children's questionnaire;
 - ArcticNet conference, presentation and member of panel;
 - Northern Contaminants Program Management Committee;
 - ArcticNet Inuit Advisory Committee to discuss and review the North by North Program and the Inuit Nunangat Research Program;
 - Nunavik Nutrition and Health Committee to review and make recommendations regarding current research studies;
 - Regional Action Team – Nutaratsaliit Qanuingisiarningit Niqituinnanut;
 - ICC Canada Regional knowledge mobilization;
 - Hudson Bay Consortium Steering Committee to discuss planning for 2021;
- As part of a pan-arctic research program from Environment Canada (EC), the "Persistent Organic Pollutant" and Mercury samplers were changed on January 7. The sampling site is located about 25 km north of Kuujuaq.

Regional Environment

- Attended the 166th meeting of the Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee on December 2 and 3, 2020 by videoconference;
- Abandoned mineral exploration site rehabilitation project:
 - A meeting with community representatives was held in Kangiqsualujuaq in December. The 2020 activities were presented and the planning for 2021 work was also discussed;
 - Attended the Steering Committee meeting on December 10;
 - Requested an extension of contribution agreement until March 2024 due to COVID-19 and the discovery of new abandoned sites;

4. LAND USE PLANNING

Regional Planning

- The Master Plan for the Land Use in the Kativik Region have been approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in January;

- Participated in a meeting on the elaboration of the Public Kativik Land Use Plan with Ministry of Natural Resources at the end of November;

Municipal Planning, Expansion Plans and Technical Assistance Program

- Collaborated with MPW and other organizations for the planning of the 2021 social housing construction season;
- Technical assistance was provided to Puvirnituq, Ivujivik, concerning specific construction projects. Assistance was also provided in Umiujaq and Kuujjuaq on zoning bylaw questions.

Geomatics

- Produce maps series for Umiujaq and Inukjuak;

5. PROTECTED AREAS

20% Protected Areas

- Discussion with the Advisory Committee are undergoing regarding the scope of the consultation project on protected areas in Nunavik;
- Finalized the English version of the document *Nunavik Conservation Framework - Protected Area Planning*;
- Specific Agreement to preserve the Cambrien Lake / Nachicapau Lake / Fort Mackenzie (Waskaikinis) Areas:
 - Participated in the first meeting of the implementation subcommittee of specific commitments concerning mining activity in the Lake Nachicapau sector on December 4, 2020.
- Government announcement on officially protecting 20% of Nunavik as Protected Areas on December 11, 2020

30% Protected Areas

- Participated in the 30% Nunavik Nation Table meeting on November 18, 2020 with indigenous nations and regional organizations as well as in the 30% Sub Working Group meetings on November 19, 2020;
- Participated in the 30% Working Group meeting on December 15, 2020 which aimed at updating the file to the co-presidents and to discuss the timeline to finalize the development of the 30% mechanism.

6. PARKS

GENERAL

- Considering the COVID-19 pandemic, the Nunavik Parks remained closed to visitors from outside Nunavik until at least May 31, 2021. Nunavik Parks is dedicating its efforts regionally to offer activities to Nunavimmiut (youth cultural camps, elders, students, etc.);
- The Nunavik Parks Infrastructure Agreement 2020-2027 with MFFP is signed. An amount of 8.62 M\$ will be allocated over 8 years for the infrastructures development for the 4 parks;
- 4 days First Aid Training was given to all parks employees in the communities in as well as a few park employees from Kuujjuaq;
- 2021 Nunavik Park poster calendars was distributed;
- The Nunavik Parks website was updated;
- Nunavik Parks Reservation Policies had been revised for 2021;
- Bi-weekly videoconference meetings with the Kuujjuaq parks team as well as bi-weekly videoconference meetings with park's management are ongoing;
- Meeting with Kuujjuaq team, parks' management and Visitor Experience Officers in Kuujjuaq

February 15-19 to discuss 2021 tasks and objectives, activities and experiences, and provide some training.

B) PARC NATIONAL DES PINGUALUIT

- There were 15 visitors in the park at the end of January for the igloo building workshop in collaboration with the culture committee of Kangiqsujuaq;
- There were 43 visitors at the visitor center, mostly from school groups;
- Employees and community members were invited to take part in the inugait (seal flipper bones) and ajagaaq (string) games workshop with stories and songs with Qiallak Qumaaluk;
- Lukasi Nappaaluk was interviewed on Inuit naming of qallunaat first comers (Ijautialuk, Tunusuittuq, Ikajurtialuk, Kuniurtualuk, etc) and how they contributed in the lives of the Inuit;
- Wardens and assistants went to the park to transport materials, equipment and to fix the Environment Canada weather station.
- Participated in a meeting on February 1 with the Tursukattaq park extension project Working Group to discuss about the project and to initiate discussions on the delimitation of the study area.
- Adami Tuniq was hired as a temporary Park Wrden;

C) PARC NATIONAL KUURURJUAQ

- There were no visitor in the park or the visitor center during this period;
- A tent was prepared for visitors at Qamanialuk;
- A fish survey was realized in December at Qamanialuk. Project done in collaboration with Nunavik Research Center;
- Opened and prepared Quurlutuarjuq camp. Hauling drums and materials;
- Met with the Landholding and NV to discuss potential camp site at Qamanialuk and Quurlutuarjuq;

D) PARC NATIONAL ULITTANIUJALIK

- There were no visitors in the park during this period;
- Planing is underway for future Park Infrastructures;

E) PARC NATIONAL TURSUJUQ

- There were no visitors in the park during this period and 9 at the visitor center;
- Wardens did maintenance on all snowmobiles;
- Visitor Experience Officer, Coordinator and wardens did an inventory and clean up of all gear;

7. PARK PROJECTS

A) PARC NATIONAL ILULIQ PROJECT

- Participated in a meeting on January 29 with the MFFP;
 - follow-up on MERN's position on the Study Area according to their fieldworks results. This will constitute the basis for discussions on a conjoint boundary proposition for the park project to be discussed with the Working Group;
 - to discuss the next step towards the creation of Iluliq National Park.

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