



TRANSPORTATION department

ACTIVITY REPORT

DECEMBER 2020 TO FEBRUARY 2021

The Transportation department is responsible for the safe and secure management of 14 certified airports, 14 Marine Ports, the Usijit para-transport and public transit services, and the Off Highway Vehicle awareness program in Nunavik.

Human Resources

Hiring:

- Ron Gordon, Assistant Coordinator, Kuujjuaq
- James Kristensen, Seasonal Maintainer, Kangiqsujuaq
- Alec Ooavut, Seasonal Maintainer, Quaqaq

Training:

- WHMIS training was provided for Coordinators and Headquarter staff in December 2020
- WHMIS training for all front-line staff is planned for Spring 2021
- Winter Aircraft Movement Surface Condition Reporting training is planned for Spring 2021 for Quaqaq, Kangirsuk, Aupaluk, Tasiujaq and Kangiqsualujjuaq staff
- Orientation and initial training for new maintainers was held in February 2020 in Kuujjuaq
- Wildlife management training for new staff and those needing recurrent training is planned for Summer/Fall 2020.

Management and Operations

- Flights coming into Nunavik airports continue to require permission before departure
- Collaborated with Communications department to develop communications plan in the event of airport emergency situations in December 2020
- An aeronautical study of Kuujjuaraapik traffic and NAV CANADA level of service was conducted by NAV CANADA and was shared with the Department and Minister of Transport Quebec. This can potentially mean that Kuujjuaraapik airport will lose the NAV

CANADA Remote Aerodrome Advisory Services because of continued low traffic volumes.

- VORTEX software designed specifically for airport safety and operations began Phase one roll-out in December 2020. This will significantly improve reviewing and correcting all reported safety incidents and accidents.
- Transport Canada accepted corrective action plans from 2018 inspection with the condition that controlling Foreign object debris (FOD) in Kuujjuaraapik requiring further action
- There were three emergency responses for Kuujjuaq airport between December and February: a medical emergency in December, a disabled aircraft in December; and a disabled aircraft in January.
- Live emergency exercises are being planned for Kangiqsualujjuaq (in June), Ivujivik, Kangiqsujuaq, Salluit and Puvirnituk (October/November).
- The Department fully supported distribution requirements to ensure COVID-19 vaccines can safely arrive into Nunavik in January 2021.

Infrastructure and Projects

- Construction of Salluit terminal project is temporarily suspended from January 2021 until further notice

Environmental Management

- An environmental inspection was completed for Kuujjuaq airport. Non-conformities regarding barrel storage were addressed to the responsible stakeholders. They all offered a very good collaboration and non conformities have been resolved. The management of the VOR storage area has improved in 2020. More work is planned for the Summer 2021.
- Funding has been requested to Transport Canada for a complementary phase II environmental assessment at the Kuujjuaq airport.
- There were three small spills that occurred between December and February: approximately 20L of hydraulic oil in Kangiqsujuaq, 2L of aviation gas in Puvirnituk, and unknown volume of hydraulic leak in Kuujjuaraapik. Affected snow was removed and stored in barrels. Those sites will be inspected during the summer of 2021, and more works will be done if the remediation is not completed.
- KRG Transport sent 114 barrels of residual waste and 22 empty cylinders (compressed gas) with the retrograde sealift. A clear retrograde procedure is now being developed to be more proficient in 2021. An inventory and a sites prioritization have been done for an efficient clean up of residual waste in 2021.

- A video showing how to manage residual wastes and dangerous goods is in production. It will be complementary to the spill response and residual waste management training given to our staff on a regular basis.
- Remediation works were completed for external airport users in Akulivik, Kuujjuaq, and Kangiqsujaq. Reports were received in December 2020 to validate that there is no further work required. A memo was sent to all airport users to remind them the steps they should follow in case of a spill.
- A policy of barrel (petroleum product) storage on airside is in development. All users of airside facilities will be informed of that policy once

Wildlife Management

- 2020 wildlife observations data have been compiled: 3 strikes occurred in 2020 with no damages to aircrafts were reported. The 2020 data was used to determine specific mitigation measures according to the risk assessment associated with a specific species for each season.
- Dog incursions are still the main wildlife issue in Nunavik airports. It is extremely dangerous for both aircrafts dogs. Holes in fences have been fixed in Aupaluk, and the presence of a dog controller makes a big difference in Kangirsuk.
- Wildlife observation reporting will be transitioned to the AIM program, which is more user friendly method for reporting wildlife data.

Marine Port Management

- Requests for funding have been made to the NTCF (National Trade Corridors Fund - Government of Canada) and to the PETMAF funding program (Programme d'aide à l'amélioration de l'efficacité du transport maritime, aérien et ferroviaire en matière de réduction des émissions de GES - Government of Québec) for the realization of an extensive study on every 14 marinas. This study will cover the capacity of marinas, their usability at low tides, access roads, staying/laying down areas, ramp ease of access, visibility (lighting), docking facilities, freight management facilities, interactions between sealift and local users (subsistence fishing and hunting), potential impacts of climate changes on the operating life of marinas, and potential reduction of carbon gas emissions.

Bus Statistics

- Daily bus statistics are needed from in order to continue receiving the operational funds from the Minister of Transport Quebec

January-December 2020 bus statistics

	Usijiit	Public Transit	# of Days in Year with Statistics
Kangiqsualujuaq	Not available	Not available	0
Kuujjuaq	Not available	Not available	0
Tasiujaq	57	485	57
Aupaluk	336	2234	81
Kangirsuk	1614	1730	66
Quaqtaq	418	1445	41
Kangiqsujuaq	4205	5839	212
Salluit	2225	4190	128
Ivujivik	445	1091	35
Akulivik	958	806	33
Puvirnituq	1219	293	42
Inukjuak	48	198	10
Umiujaq	48	198	0
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