



REGIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Department

ACTIVITY REPORT SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER

DEPARTMENT MANDATES

The Regional and Local Development Department provides an essential link between the economic development strategies of the provincial and federal governments and the region's businesses and social economy enterprises. It is also closely involved in community socio-economic planning and project implementation. The Department delivers programs serving three main sectors:

Regional Development Local Development Business Development

Public consultation and advice on regional development

-Until 2003: the role of the Kativik Regional Development Council (KRDC) (JBNQA)

-2004 Sivunirmut Agreement: KRG assumes greater autonomy in the establishment of its priorities, its mandates and the allocation of its funds

-Spring of 2015: Bill 28, recognizes the KRG as the primary interlocutor of the Government for the territory or community it represents as regards regional development

A. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NUNAVIK ELDERS

-NV's Local Coordinators "Advisors"

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAMH) informed the Department of the approval of KRG's request for 3-year funding of the NVs positions for the period 2022-2025. The Department brought a few administrative points to MAMH: the need for MAMH to consider that these positions are for apprentices, the retroactivity of the funding and results of a less than 36-month activities.

The Department included training sessions' funding in the 2023 KRG budget.

-October 1, 2022 International Day for Older Persons

The Theme: For them, with them.

The Department coordinated promotion of this event in Nunavik. TNI broadcast a message by Bobby Snowball on this occasion.

-Major renovations of Elders' apartments

The Department coordinated a meeting that included representatives of the Nunavik Elders Committee, Makivik Corporation, and the Kativik Regional Government. This high-level meeting lasted for a few hours, the focus of which was the need for a multi-year program to undertake major renovations of Elders' apartments. It was agreed that a professional report must be produced to determine many aspects prior to addressing the required funding.

The objective of this initiative is to allow Nunavik seniors to remain at their dwelling places for as long as they want.

-Quebec Seniors Tribute Award 2022 (Prix Hommage)

The Prix Hommage Aînés from the Government of Quebec recognizes the contribution of a senior who volunteers in their region to promote the well-being of seniors and their increased participation in society.

Nunavik's elder nominee is Annie Alaku, Salluit Deputy Mayor who participated in the MSSS official event in Quebec city held the 1st week of November.

Innaviutik: Elders interview project

A funding proposal for 2023 was presented to the KRG to ensure the continuation of the project beyond 2022. As of October 2022, some 70 elders were interviewed.

Culture

Quebec ministry of culture and communication (CALQ) followed up on steps taken in November 2021 to introduce the position of culture development officer to Nunavik Northern Villages. The department proposed starting with the NVs of Quaqtaq, Kuujuaraapik, and Kuujuuaq.

QALQ proposed that an NV's Local Elders' Committee Coordinator might take part in the functions of the culture development officer. Discussions continue with QALAQ, Avataq, and the KRG RLDD and must include the proposed NVs.

Nunavik Food Sector Development

Strengthening Food Autonomy throughout Quebec

The following are comments provided at the conference on Strengthening Food Autonomy throughout Quebec held November 15 and 16 in Victoriaville, Quebec. The department coordinated the participation of the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services Jordyn Stafford, Food Security Lead, Joanie Richer Nunavik Food Security Strategy, and Hans Godbout the Director of Sirivik Food Centre of Inukjuak in addition, the Department ensured the participation of a retired expert, an ex-MAPAQ employee, and Indigenous Affairs Policy Advisor Camille Choquette.

Region name: Nunavik

1. Territorial particularity:

- Nunavik is governed by JBNQA and subsequent agreements
- Predominantly Inuit culture engaged in “mixed” economy
- Regional Governance insured by Nunavik organisations
- Increased Inuit socio-political autonomy trend
- 14045 inhabitants live in fourteen coastal villages

Geography

- Boreal
 - Taiga; Spruce/ Lichen
 - Tundra; Tundra Forest
- Arctic
 - Permafrost
 - Tundra (arctic shrubs) and (arctic herbaceous)

2. The needs of the region:

- Increased cross-organizational effectiveness toward food autonomy in Nunavik
- Establish a Nunavik Food Autonomy Policy: to implement and support production, processing, market and sharing of food (re. Inuit country food rights)
- Expand quantitatively and improve qualitatively animal and vegetable production
- Negotiate delegation of food authorities from Quebec and federal governments to Nunavik organizations
- Merge food production and health and security governance across organizations
- Secure on-going funding (Quebec and Canada governments) until food autonomy is realized: includes human resources capacity enhancement and infrastructure to store, process, share and distribute food
- Partnerships between Nunavik and other regions to acquire and transfer knowledge and best practices
- Continued support to make harvesting of traditional foods accessible, affordable, and sustainable for Nunavimmiut
- Strengthened processes to reduce and manage food waste in food systems

3. Proposals for the SAT Forum: the main priorities to bring to the provincial level.

1. Fund the development of a Nunavik Food Autonomy Policy (NFAP)
2. Establish a regional fund to implement policy animal and vegetable production
3. Increase human resources capacity in each food industry sectors in Nunavik communities
4. Ensure federal and provincial funding for food specific infrastructures
5. Improve and support cost of living reduction measures
6. Ensure ongoing funding in Nunavik to address food programs needs, interventions and Hunter Support programs

Recommendations for concrete actions the SAT forum can take to facilitate a stronger food system;

- **Share-** Create a mechanism for inter-regions collaboration to transfer knowledge

- **Inform**- Publish a quarterly information sheet (in French, English: and in Nunavik: KRG will ensure translation to Inuktitut)
- **Acknowledge**- Create a yearly award for initiatives that achieve Excellency in developing and implementing actions that improve food security
- **Advocate**- facilitate collaboration between actors working on food security to request equity-based funding and programs from our governments. Concretely, this can be to highlight current inequities in the province, to gather policy monitoring tools, and to suggest/coordinate advocacy strategies.

4. Successful conditions for territorial food system governance

- Establish a Nunavik Food Autonomy Policy
- Increased Inuit autonomy over the current Nunavik food system (measurable and non-measurable outcomes)
- The whole of Government-approach: on the local, regional, provincial and federal levels
- Full collaboration of provincial and federal governments: complementary policies (not competition) and synchronization of actions time-wise
- Inclusion of the Food sector in regional development plans (in all regions)
- Quarterly Follow-Up SAT meetings

5. Success stories - initiatives/tools/strategies

- Hunter Support Program
- [Sirivik food centre](#)
- School Food Program
- [NRBHSS Local Food Project Program](#)
- On-the-land hunting and harvesting initiatives
- Local Food Production projects (hydroponic and soil based greenhouse initiatives)
- [Community Freezers](#)
- Community Harvesting Boats
- [Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami Food Security Strategy](#)
- Nunavik Food Security Strategy (process underway)

-Hiring a specialist

The Department is adding a new position at the Regional and Local Development Department, Nunavik Food Sector Development Officer.

Among proposed functions:

- Develop food-processing projects safely and with product high quality;
- Motivate promoters to start and complete business plans;
- Motivate prospective enterprise and collective enterprises;
- Resolve issues with production or employees while also minimizing down time and ensuring reasonable solutions;
- Ensuring all standards are met;
- Train new employees to use equipment properly and safely.
- Teach employees about safety procedures and rules, and assign safety equipment.

Tourism

The department made a presentation at the Annual General Meeting of the Nunavik Tourism Association. The 3-item presentation was:

- the change in the marketplace for tourism products, post the covid pandemic and the need to adjust tourism operators' strategies to this new reality;
- the focus on Nunavik's local economies;
- RLDD funding and financing programs both for businesses and for sector development.

The Local Economy

-Think tank

The Department coordinated a one-day think tank on the role of Nunavik organizations in developing the local economy

Participants present:

Kativik Regional Government

Makivik Corporation

Fédération des coopératives du Nouveau-Québec

Chantier de l'économie sociale

Conseil québécois de la coopération et de la mutualité

Le Centre d'études pour l'autonomie économique des Premiers Peuples et des Inuit (AEPPI) de l'Université du Québec à Montréal

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The conference was a unique opportunity to bring together different stakeholders involved in the social economy in Nunavik: key regional economic development actors (FCNQ, Makivik, KRG), the two organizations responsible for facilitating the deployment of support organizations and initiatives for collective entrepreneurship throughout the province (Chantier, CQCM) and academics (UQÀM).

The Purpose of the meeting is for each participating organization to state its role in developing the local economy

- All actors show willingness to collaborate and mutualize resources/energy to support social economy initiatives in Nunavik but are still unclear on the action plan/which projects to prioritize
- A follow-up meeting this winter with all participants would aim to identify specific actions participants could collaborate on, based on the ideas evoked at this meeting and the interest and capacities of all stakeholders.

The morning of the meeting focused on different perspectives on the needs and solutions to develop Nunavik local economies.

-Important factors to consider in 2023

- Local economy profiles in 2023: 3 Northern Villages
- Quebec Wellbeing Indicators

B. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Business start-up and expansion

The following is a list of business development projects and business advisory services that the Department offices in Kuujjuaq worked on for the period. Some files, which were reported in the last activity report, carry over in this report since they are awaiting promoters' input or other research to be completed.

<u>Sector/Business Activity</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>File Status</u>
1. Inuk Strength Kuujjuaq Gym-2022 acquisition of equipment	Kuujjuaq	Completed
2. Kayuk Enterprises renovation of a building for lease	Inukjuak	Completed
3. Munick-Watkins Enterprises Inc. Etua's Arctic Adventures establishment	Kuujjuaq	Completed
4. Johnny and Billy Cain Outfitters Infrastructure Renovations	Tasiujaq	Completed
5. Will Eetuk	Kuujjuaraapik	Preliminary info.
6. Attatuvik Inc.-real estate	Kuujjuaq	Financing proposal

2022: January-November financing per economic sector

<u>Sector</u>	<u>Projects' costs</u>	<u>KRG financing and funding</u>	<u>%</u>
New Infrastructure	\$ 15,325,502	\$ 2,150,000	14.0%
Infrastructure Renovations	\$ 110,305	\$ 99,439	90.1%
Business establishment	\$ 1,090,066	\$ 106,116	9.7%
Acquisition of Equipment	\$ 1,987,372	\$ 426,736	21.5%
subtotal	\$ 18,513,245	\$ 2,782,291	15.0%
Under study			
Infrastructure	\$ 12,000,000	\$ 1,150,000	9.6%
Total	\$30,513,244.65	\$ 3,932,291	12.9%

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