



TRANSPORTATION Department

ACTIVITY REPORT OCTOBER to DECEMBER 2022

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:

- Kim Jones, Airport Janitor, Kuujjuaraapik

Training:

The wildlife management training that was planned in September had to be postponed due to several constraints beyond our control. It will be rescheduled during winter 2023.

One (1) candidate sent to Fort Smith for OC training and expected to finish by January. Three (3) additional candidates are expected to be enrolled for the January intake.

Operations

Two (2) CARS (Umiujaq and Akulivik) currently rely on rotational observer-communicators; the local positions have not yet been filled.

Two (2) CARS (Salluit and Ivujivik) currently each rely on one (1) rotational observer-communicator; the remaining local positions have not yet been filled. We have a trainee in Salluit who will undertake Site Certification early November.

One (1) Unicom station (Inukjuak) is on reduced hours, one (1) local position remains vacant. We have a trainee who will undertake Site Certification early November.

Because of the open Observer/Communicator (OC) positions, we are forced to close stations periodically. All closures are immediately, or as soon as possible, reported to MTQ and other users through email and NOTAMS, as per the Sivunirmut Agreement. Efforts are ongoing to recruit candidates and successfully have them trained to fill open positions.

We have begun in-house auditing the weather product to ensure that each Observer/site meets the standard. This is not mandatory but a good practice and a tool for consistency and measures any need for improvement.

There are two (2) vacant Maintainer positions, one each in Puvirnituk and Kuujjuarapik. Seasonal maintainers returned to work October 3rd. We have begun the on-call schedule for maintainers, which will continue through the winter season.

Movement Area Maintenance:

Maintainers, with the help of KI trainers, have resurfaced all the runways before winter season as part of the training. KI will return to Puvirnituk in early November for runway preparation before freeze up. They have planned to visit five (5) other airports to assist in winter maintenance preparations.

We have collected information from airports regarding degradations on the movement areas and the amount of gravel used over summer to repair those degradations. This information is required by the MTQ to determine the infrastructure condition and amount of gravel required to replenish stockpiles.

In the fall we kept working in collaboration with NAV Canada to ensure safe operations during blasting operations in different villages, NOTAM's issued and OCs broadcast to pilots with the required information.

Wildlife Management

- Principal wildlife intrusions on air side during the months of September and October were:
 - Migrating **Canada and Snow geese** (75% of wildlife intrusions – most sites). NOTAMs were issued for the fourteen (14) airports, runway inspections were increased, pyrotechnic tools were used, and voice advisories were given to pilots.
 - **Dogs** (15% of wildlife intrusions – Kuujjuarapik, Puvirnituk, Salluit, Quaqtaq, Aupaluk and Kuujjuaq). The upward trend in dog incursions at airports, which has been observed since the spring, continued. In order to mitigate this safety issue, we continue to encourage our staff to work with local dogcatchers, to chase dogs using paintball guns, to fix fence issues, and to raise awareness among people in communities to keep dogs tied up.
 - Two bird strikes happened in Kuujjuarapik since the beginning of September. No damages were reported, and strikes have been reported to Transport Canada.

Environmental Management

The environmental team visited the fourteen (14) airports during the past months. Environmental inspections were conducted, and they included heating oil tank and refuelling stations inspections, soil samples collection, contaminated soils excavations, drum storage policy application, and dangerous good storage and handling awareness with local staff.

Residual waste for disposal at proper facilities down South were prepared. Overall, 95 drums of residual waste, 8 crates of old batteries, 5 crates of old paint, 12 empty cylinders of oxygen or acetylene, and 47 Quatex bags of contaminated soils were packed, labeled, and booked on the last sealift's retrograde.

Finally, airports fences were also inspected, and work plans site-specific will be produced in the coming months. These work plans will list site-specific problems and possible solutions.

Infrastructure and Projects

- Akulivik resurfacing – Work was started but due to many delays, work will continue into 2023.
- Kuujjuaraapik – Drilling work was completed on September 11.
- Kuujjuaq – Work has started on the hangar extension, expected completion in January 2023;
- Puvirnituaq – Air Inuit Warehouse: work has started on this project with expected completion in January 2023;
- Puvirnituaq – Resurfacing, blasting starting in November for preparation of resurfacing.
- Inukjuak – Electrical work, starting October 3.

Marine Port Management

Letter to Minister of Transport Quebec crafted by KRG Transport Department and Makivik Marine detailing the need to have a comprehensive study done to determine the condition and viability of existing marinas, this letter is accompanied by a terms of reference that will be used by the consultant performing the study.

The study will determine present condition and usability, identifying short and long-term actions for yearly preventative maintenance requirements and long-term capital requirements that will see improved usability of our marinas.

Bus Statistics

- Daily bus statistics are required in order to continue receiving the operational funds from the MTQ

January to October 2022 bus statistics

	# of Usijiit Riders	# of Public Transit Riders	# of Year-to-Date Days with Statistics	Last Date of Bus Statistics Submitted
Kangihsualujjuaq	-	-	-	-
Kuujjuaq	3555	466	35	Oct 12, 2022
Tasiujaq	1447	828	98	Nov 14, 2022
Aupaluk	1530		97	Aug 11, 2022
Kangirsuk	2125	1122	36	No 14, 2022

Quaqtaq	241	880	36	Oct 11, 2022
Kangiqsujuaq	238	-	97	Aug 11, 2022
Salluit	1980	4326	51	Nov 14, 2022
Ivujivik	544	473	36	Oct 11, 2022
Akulivik	-	-	-	-
Puvirnituaq	-	-	-	-
Inukjuak	220	1049	36	Oct 11, 2022
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