



TRANSPORTATION department

ACTIVITY REPORT JUNE to SEPTEMBER 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:

- Noah Matthew Jaaka, Coordinator, Airport Operations and Maintenance, Kangiqsujaq (transfer from being a temporary OC to Coordinator)
- Sandy Novalinga, Airport Maintainer, Puvirnituq
- Lucassie Kudlu, Assistant Coordinator, Regulatory Process (transfer from being Assistant Coordinator, Airport Operations and Maintenance to Assistant Coordinator, Regulatory Process)

Training:

- Three (3) employees, from the head office completed the International Air Transport Association (IATA), and the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) trainings for the transport of dangerous goods.
- Falcon Environmental provided the Wildlife Management Training to ten (10) employees at Inukjuak June 8 and 9th. Another training session is planned in Kangiqsujaq September 27th-28th.
- Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) training is provided to all new employees. The training is completed online, and it is accompanied by a workplace awareness session given by the environmental team, at each airport.
- Fort Smith:
KRG-Transport had five (5) students attend the July 5 Observer Communicator weather/radio course in Fort Smith, three (3) students remain and continue to study until the course ends in September. Once passed the three (3) will cover Salluit, Inukjuak and 1 rotational traveler. We are hoping to send 5-7 students to the September 27 intake at Fort Smith. They will fill open OC positions for, two (2) in Umiujaq, two (2) in Ivujivik, two (2) in Akulivik and one (1) rotational traveler from Kangirsuk. We are starting to fill these open positions.

- Maintainer heavy equipment operator training:
Since October, 2021, in collaboration with (KI) Kativik Ilisarnilriniq, KRG-Transport has been providing continual training to all our maintainers working at Nunavik airports. We instruct winter maintenance in winter and summer maintenance in summer, this includes adding and using gravel to repair our runways in Nunavik. The trainers also help the communities-with fixing roads as part of the training, with the permission of the local NV. This training has been very successful; staff want it to continue as they are improving their skills from this program. The quality of our runway maintenance is improving every year because of staffs participation in this program. Our goal is to keep track of staff training hours and KI will issue real HEO certificates to the ones that did not possess it when hired.
- AMSCR-GRF-CRFI/AMSCR-CRO with Terry Townshend:
Transport will give training in September for (AMSCR) Aircraft Movement Surface Condition Report/ (RSC) Runway Surface Condition reports; this is highly regulated so we need to keep all our staff certified. Training will be performed at; Kuujuaq, Puvirnituaq, Kuujjuaraapik. Staff will be flown in from other communities for the practical training portion, twenty-two (22), mostly new hires will be trained during these sessions. All are signed up to the online portion of this training. The remaining staff will be required to recertify next year. This will be accomplished with our own in house trainers and signing into the online training portal. We estimate about forty (40) staff will need to do the online training after the original twenty-two (22).

Operations

Observer-Communicators recertification: eighteen (18) observer-communicators (OC) who required recertification are now certified.

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 at each airport.

One (1) Unicom station (Inukjuak) is on reduced hours, one (1) local position remains vacant.

Because of the open 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. (See training section of this report).

There are no vacant Maintainer positions at the moment.

Movement Area Maintenance: Our local staff, with the help of the two (2) trainers, have resurfaced the runways for Kangiqsualujuaq, Quaqaq, Kangiqsujuaq, Salluit, Akulivik, Ivujivik and Kuujjuarapik. The remaining airports are expected to be completed before winter season.

Regulatory & Safety

- In Q3 we have received 258 **CADORs** (Civil Aviation Daily Occurrence Reports) from 15 airports. The breakdown is as follows:
 - CARs operations (92.6%), incursions (0%), inaccurate aeronautical info. (1.9%)
 - Various at: Ivujivik (19.4%), Salluit (14.7%), Tasiujaq (12.8%), Kuujjuaq (2.7%), Kuujjuaraapik (3.1%)
- 15 **Safety cases** initiated for 15 airports.
 - Aviation Safety (20%)
 - Security & other safety items (6.7%)
 - OH&S (46.7%)
 - Inukjuak (6.7%)
 - Kuujjuaq (13.3%)
 - Kuujjuaraapik (26.7%)
- 6 reported **incidents & CADORs** directly related to **Safety cases**.
- 23 **Regulatory process incidents**. In addition eight (8) operational incidents related to safety.
- **Emergency exercises**
 - YGW & YLU exercises completed. YMU exercise postponed to end of August due to COVID protocol;
 - Seven (7) tabletops remaining. Those airports are Inukjuak, Kangiqsualujjuaq, Kuujjuaq, Puvirnituaq, Salluit, Umiujaq and Ivujivik. (Planned during the months of: August, September & October);
 - Five (5) full-scale exercise remaining. Those airports are Tasiujaq, Quaataq, Aupaluk, and Akulivik. (Planned for: August). Kangirsuk exercise postponed to October.
- **Security Exercise**
 - Kuujjuaq and Kuujjuaraapik airports, designated as Class 3 airports, are required to have security exercises to test all responding agencies readiness in case of an incident.
 - Kuujjuaraapik security exercise completed
 - Kuujjuaq security exercise will follow up after the emergency exercise scheduled for the 2nd or 3rd week of October.
- **Safety Committee**
 - Safety Committee session completed in YGW & YLU. Session planned for remaining communities after their emergency exercise
- **Security Committee**
 - Security Committee is required by regulation for YGW & YVP
 - YGW session completed
 - Planned in YVP after the safety committee session in October

- **OH&S Inspection**

- Workplace inspection every month (or) at least a once a year complete inspection is mandated by the Canada labor code;
 - Inspections completed for YPX, YMU, YPH, YKO & YMU
 - YAS, YLA, YTQ, YIK, YZG, YKG planned for August & September

Wildlife Management

- Principal wildlife intrusions on air side during the period between June to September were:
 - Migrating **Canada and Snow geese** (65% of wildlife intrusions – every sites). NOTAMs were issued for the 14 airports, runway inspections were increased, pyrotechnic tools were used, and voice advisories were given to pilots.
 - **Caribous** (12% of wildlife intrusions – mostly in Salluit): Large numbers of caribous were observed airside in Salluit at the beginning of July. Québec FIC and Air Inuit dispatch were informed, it was not possible to issue NOTAM since there is already a caribou warning in the CFS, runway inspections were increased, caribous were chased off the runway using vehicles and pyrotechnic tools, and voice advisories were given to pilots. Fencing issues, mostly related to permafrost, were reported to MTQ a few years ago.
 - **Dogs** (4% of wildlife intrusions – Kuujuaq, Aupaluk, Kangirsuk, Kangiqsujaq, Akulivik, and Puvirnituk). An increase of reports on dogs was observed in spring and summer seasons. Most staff are now using paintball guns to mitigate this safety issue at airports. Posters displayed in every community explains the use of paintball guns at airports. We also encourage our staff to work with local dogcatchers.
 - **Gulls** (3% of wildlife intrusions - Kangiqsualujuaq, Quaqtak, Akulivik, and Kuujuarapik). Gulls are present at airports located close to the local dump. They get used to most mitigation tools. Issuing NOTAMs and providing voice advisories to pilots are the best way to mitigate the safety issue they represent. We will always be exploring new methods to mitigate these types of incursions.
 - A **black bear** was observed at Kuujuaq airport between June 15 and 18th. A NOTAM was issued, and our local team, supported by wildlife protection agents and fire fighters, patrolled the airport zone. A report was also sent to TC. The bear exited airside on its own and without incident.

Environmental Management

The environmental team is currently achieving filed works and environmental inspections within the 14 communities, which involve:

- Soil remediation following spills that occurred during the previous year;
- Packing and labelling residual waste in preparation for their shipping on retrograde sealift for proper disposal in southern facilities (including contaminated soils);
- Airport sites inspections focused on the prevention of environmental incidents, and providing awareness to local staff;
- The application of the updated version of the drum storage policy; making sure it is understood and respected by airport users and employees;
- Working on a plan to dispose obsolete heavy equipment properly, (2 vehicles in Tasiujaq, 3 vehicles at Ivujivik, 1 vehicle at Puvirnituk, 2 vehicles at Inukjuak, 1 vehicle at Umiujaq, and 3 vehicles at Kuujuarapik).

Infrastructure and Projects

- Aupaluk lighting project - is postponed until next year due to MTQ scheduling of material and equipment;
- Kangirsuk RTIL - is postponed until next year due to MTQ scheduling of material and equipment;
- Akulivik resurfacing - is in progress and is expected to be completed late October;
- Kangiqsujaq resurfacing - this has been postponed until next year;
- Kuujjuaraapik - Drilling work is going ahead, expected to be started possibly end of August, start of September;
- Kuujjuaq warehouse is almost complete, work has started on the hangar extension until January 2023;
- Puvirnituk – Air Inuit Warehouse: work has started on this project and is expected to be completed in January 2023;
- Kuujjuaraapik – Garage concrete pads have been replaced. This project is now finished;
- Salluit – Culverts; this project has been postponed until next year.

Marine Port Management

- From May 3rd to May 5th, KRG Transport Department participated with Civil Security and Environment departments, at a Sharing Workshop on Kuujjuaq' s coastal sensitivities to marine incidents. The workshop aims to examine and share knowledge to improve preparedness for the management of marine incidents. The knowledge and tools developed will directly serve the Northern Village of Kuujjuaq, and regional organizations throughout Nunavik.
- The department has received the Marina Maintenance funds (\$400,000) for this year and because the amount is so small per village (\$28,571.00) it was decided to give each village equal amounts and it could be used to repair the ramps and other high use areas. Further discussions are ongoing with MTQ Marine division to continue and increase this funding going forward.
- Makivik marine section is assisting the Transport Department on our request to La Société du Plan Nord to acquire funding for a study that will gather comprehensive information to better understand the condition and viability of the marine facilities in each community. This study will take into account both present and predicted future needs with the goal of improving our marine infrastructures thus improving community living. With this study, we can then seek funds to facilitate those identified needs.

Bus Statistics

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

January to August 2022 bus statistics

	# of Usijiit Riders	# of Public Transit Riders	# of Year-to-Date Days with Statistics	Last Date of Bus Statistics Submitted
Kangiqsualujuaq	-	-	-	-
Kuujjuaq	-	-	-	-
Tasiujaq	713	537	16	July 30, 2022
Aupaluk	1530	-	17	July 29, 2022
Kangirsuk	1518	681	11	August 04, 2022
Quaqtaq	128	403	31	July 22, 2022
Kangiqsujuaq	238	-	143	March 25, 2022
Salluit	1268	3469	16	July 30, 2022
Ivujivik	206	207	14	August 01, 2022
Akulivik	-	-	-	-
Puvirnituaq	-	-	-	-
Inukjuak	188	825	16	July 30, 2022
Umiujaq	-	-	-	-
Kuujjuaraapik	-	-	-	-

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