



REGIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Department

ACTIVITY REPORT FEBRUARY-MAY 2023

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

-Nunavik Elders' Councillor

Benjamin Arreak, Counselor for elders moved to a new position at Isuarsivik on April 11.

-NV's Local Coordinators' "Advisors"

Department Director will work on a training program that will include at distance one-on-one, sessions and when accommodations are available, group sessions.

-Meeting with the NVs Secretary Treasurers: to provide information on change in job tasks for the NV's Elders' coordinators. Emphasis on reporting.

-Meeting with Minister responsible for Seniors:

Members of the Elders' Committee, KRG RLDD personnel met with Minister Sonia Belanger in Kuujuaq. Lucy Kumarluk, KRG Vice Chairperson addressed the Minister concerning the need for housing for Elders in the region.

It is to note that KRG MSSS funding agreement ended March 31st 2023.

KRG provided the Minister's cabinet with the following information on the 2023 action plan:

Nunavik Seniors Action Plan 2023 To Improve and Adapt Living Conditions

1. Dialogue and support to Seniors locally

- a. Trips to Villages
 - i. Meeting Mayor, Regional representative and councillors
 - ii. Working with Local Elders' Coordinator/advisor
 - iii. Radio shows
- b. Northern Villages seniors' projects

2. Nunavik Elders' Committee

- a. Advanced familiarization training:
 - i. Actualities
 - ii. Representation of issues
 - 1. Daily living
 - 2. Social issues
 - 3. Political

3. Kativik Regional Government'' 2017 Seniors'' Policy and Action Plan: implementation of actions

- a. Action 3: Assist Elders with personal financial management
- b. Action 4: Assist Elders update personal documents
- c. Action 11: Produce a video illustrating best practices in food production, distribution and sharing
- d. Action 18: Inform Nunavimmiut of the yearly October 1: International Seniors' Day
- e. Action 26: Nunavik Prix Hommage (acknowledgment) : Establish three (3) categories

4. Nunavik Seniors' Directory

- a. Update the 2012 directory
- b. Add new services

-Approval of 2023 Elders' Summer Camp- all NVs: activities and funding: **\$211,047**

-Culture

Aumaaggiivik – Nunavik Arts Secretariat
2022-2023 and 2023-2024 operational funding **\$125,000** per year
TAKUMINARTULIURNIMUT Grant Program **\$82,000**

Innaviut – Elders Interviews Project 2023 **\$313,809.38**

Ivakkak Dogsled Race 2023: **\$50,000**

B. Poverty Reduction

The Ad Hoc Poverty Reduction Working Group Meeting coordinated by Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) held consultation sessions and discussed many aspects concerning the poverty issue prior to final submission to ITK.

Inuit Nunangat Poverty Reduction Strategy and Implementation Plan: Draft Long-term Vision, Outcomes, and Principles

The long-term vision, outcomes, and principles are intended to guide the Inuit Nunangat Poverty Reduction Strategy and Implementation Plan. The following statements below are based on input from the Ad Hoc Poverty Reduction Working Group.

Long-Term Vision

Through the elimination of poverty, Inuit are self-reliant, have the means to prosper, and have a good quality life grounded in Inuit culture and thriving community.

Long-term Outcomes

- Poverty is eliminated across Inuit Nunangat and the basic needs of Inuit are met.
- Inuit culture, traditions, and language are thriving and recognized as essential to Inuit well-being.
- Inuit communities are healed from intergenerational trauma and are healthy and well.
- Inuit have access to quality education and employment, leading to greater independence.
- Women and youth are empowered to be participating and leading members of society.

Principles



-Self-Determination: Ensuring Inuit shape and lead efforts that enable poverty reduction in their regions and communities.



-Holistic Health and Wellbeing: Adopting holistic and cultural approaches to support health and well-being, and prevent poverty.



-Empowerment: Inspiring and equipping Inuit with what they need to have control of their own futures.



-Social Equity: Making poverty reduction policies, programs and services more equitable.



-Working Together: Supporting one another and seeking assistance when needed, to achieve positive and sustainable outcomes for Inuit.



-Respect for Gender Diversity: Applying a gendered lens to ensure initiatives meet the unique needs of Inuit women and gender-diverse Inuit.

Interview Findings:

Interviewees reflected on the topics that should be focused on through the Strategy. The priorities identified by interviewees are outlined below and further elaborated on in the tables that follow.

Possible Strategy Priorities

1. Culture and Traditional Livelihoods:

Supporting Inuit culture and traditional practices, which are critical to well-being and are a key source of income for many

2. Family and Community Supports:

Providing holistic assistance to Inuit families and communities, who are essential to the prevention and reduction of poverty

3. Capacity:

Investing in the capacity of Inuit organizations and governments to deliver Inuit-led / Inuit-determined poverty reduction efforts

4. Investing in Youth:

Supporting future generations of Inuit by offering opportunities to connect with their culture and communities, build confidence, and determine their futures

5. Income Security and Cost of Living:

Ensuring Inuit have sufficient income, aligned with the cost of living in Inuit Nunangat/their region, to meet their basic needs and have a good quality of life

6. Economic Participation:

Improving the accessibility and quality of training and job opportunities for Inuit who would like to pursue employment in the wage economy

7. Social and Community Infrastructure:

Investing in social and community infrastructure to support Inuit well-being and meet basic needs

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C. Nunavik Food Sector Development

The Department participated in meetings with Quebec Ministry of Agriculture, Fishing, and Food (MAPAQ) with the target on pinpointing 2023 projects to develop and implement.

MAPAQ was of the opinion of consulting first, but with the participation of Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services' (the NRBHSS) personnel who provided information related to the food sector in Nunavik, the Department proposed using these materials for the 2023 projects' recommendations.

During 2017 and 2018, the Department participated in four workshops-very well attended-coordinated by the NRBHSS, the main recommendations are:

1. Support and create local food production (local food projects at large) and sharing opportunities
2. Income, employment and housing/infrastructure improvement support
3. Community engagement and involvement
4. Life skills and knowledge
5. Life skills and knowledge (Develop formal training opportunities, and adapt tools)
6. Food system and well-being: Relates to the Climate change adaptation strategy and environment conservation
7. Increase availability of affordable and nutritious food for vulnerable groups
8. Food supply chains, food-specific storage space, and food waste management

Each of these recommendations includes a number of actions (projects) that should be implemented.

D BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Business start-up and expansion

The following is a list of business development projects and business advisory services that the Department office in Kuujuaq 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.

Sector/Business Activity

1. Pyramid Camp- equipment update
2. Ungava Tours- bridge financing
3. 9248-6273 Quebec Inc. service building construction
4. GJ's Qaqqakallalik Coffee shop, Kangirsuk
5. Nunavik TV new service

E LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

IQITSIVIK Salluit Family House
Construction of new a facility

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