



ACTIVITY REPORT RENEWABLE RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, LANDS AND PARKS March to May 2023

Mandates and responsibilities:

- Fishing and Trapping Support Program: overall program administration, technical assistance to Community programs and management of the regional program;
 - Uumajuit Wardens Program: wildlife protection on the land in the marine sectors;
 - Environmental Program: technical assistance to the Northern Villages, environmental monitoring, research, climate change and environmental projects;
 - Land Use Planning: technical assistance to the Northern Villages and regional planning;
 - National Parks development and operation.
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1. INUIT HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING SUPPORT PROGRAM

- The construction of a landing barge for Kuujjuaraapik had been delayed and should hopefully will be ready;
- Tasiujaq boat is now done and ready to set sail, registrations to Transport Canada and the insurance are being done;
- Boat builders went to Kangirsuk and Inukjuak to inspect the boat and motors, fibre-glassing for the Kangirsuk boat will be done this season;
- Boat builders will also visit Kangiqsujuaq, Kangiqsualujjuaq and Salluit second week of June to assess work required on boats;
- The Nunavik Land Mobile Radio project is in the process for Ivujivik, Inukjuak, Umiujaq and Kuujjuaraapik; shelters should be arriving by sealift this summer;
- Tender for the community freezer for Quaqtaq was launched and waiting for results.;
- Tender for solar lights for three (3) communities Kangiqsujuaq, Quaqtaq & Inukjuak will also go out soon;
- Freezers for Puvirnitug, Salluit and Inukjuak were serviced.
- Community visits were done in Kangirsuk, Kangiqsualujjuaq, Ivujivik and Akulivik.

2. UUMAJUIT WARDENS PROGRAM

- In 2023 so far 334 days of patrol days with three (3) days search and rescue;
- Regular Weekly telephone meetings held with Quebec Wildlife Protection Officers, (MELCCFP) DFO representatives and all wardens are active and ongoing;
- Statistics reporting on Beluga sightings and harvests along with monitoring of hunting on a daily basis, ongoing with each warden;
- As part of the Nunavik Indigenous Guardians Initiative, the Wardens continue to document and report observations on environmental and climate changes on the land;
- Participated in the monthly meetings of the KRG/DFO Liaison committee;
- Recruitment for a warden in Aupaluk and Kuujjuaq is ongoing;
- DFO officers patrolled with our wardens in the Hudson straight communities;
- Planning of updating communications equipment still in progress, warden used the *InReach* devices to contact a fellow warden to get help sent for stuck skidoo, *InReach* unit is a valuable tool;
- Working through some technical issues with laptops and internet that would allow for all

wardens to submit weekly reports;

- Ongoing work with different departments of MELCCFP on research studies with wardens assistance in few communities, visits underway and more to continue at the end of May.

3. ENVIRONMENT

Residual Material Management

- New agreement was signed with the Ministry of Environment of Quebec (MELCCFP) to finance the waste management projects in Nunavik for a maximum of \$5,393,032;
- Composting project in Inukjuak; representatives from the NV of Inukjuak along with KRG specialists visited “Brome Compost” production plant, including thermophilic composting projects using the same equipment purchased for Inukjuak project;
- KRG’s waste management team took part in Americana Symposium in Montreal, it was a great opportunity to get up to date on the new regulations in waste management;
- Several call for tenders have been launched for waste management projects:
 - Metal project:
 - purchase of a baler logger: opening of the tenders on March 23rd and signature of the contract on March 30th,
 - purchase of a skytrak: opening of the tenders on April 11 and signature of the contract on May 3,
 - Ecocenter project in Kuujjuaq: Construction of the site; opening of the first tenders on May 2nd and relaunch for opening on May 30th,
 - Recycling center in Kangiqsualujjuaq and Kangiqsujuaq:
 - purchase modified containers: opening of the tenders on February 27 and signature of the contract on March 3,
 - End-life-vehicle site in Quaqtaq:
 - purchase fences: opening of the tenders on May 1 and signature of the contract on March 18,
 - construction of the site: opening of the tenders on May 11 and signature of the contract on May 18,
 - Landfill sites: purchase five (5) landfill reception offices; opening of the tenders on March 27 and signature of the contract on March 30th,
 - Composting project in Inukjuak: purchase sorting equipment; opening of the tenders on February 22 and signature of the contract on February 28,
 - In order to support waste management projects: a communication firm has been hired to create a communication strategy and develop communication tools for different projects; opening of the tenders on April 4 and signature of the contract on April 11,
- The KRG environment section worked with the legal department for modifications to municipal by-laws concerning the solid waste disposal sites and the dumping of waste such as adding new sections that aim to ban the disposal of asbestos, asphalt shingles and to update the section on contaminated soils disposal;
- New agreement was signed with Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA) to define the modalities of electronic appliances recycling in Nunavik.

Spill Management

- During the reporting period, twenty-six (26) spills were reported to the KRG: eight (8) from mining companies and eighteen (18) reported or observed from regional organizations;
- Meeting with the MTQ regarding the management of contaminated soils stored north of the Salluit airport. Work is planned for this summer;

- Meeting with MRNF and MELCCFP regarding the oil spills occurring in Puvirnituk, the KRG will keep the MRNF informed about contaminated sites and further meetings are planned to discuss the monitoring and follow-up required for certain contaminated sites;
- Environmental prevention inspections were undertaken in Salluit and Kangirsuk on heating oil tanks and drums to identify leaks or possible non-compliance; the owner of the buildings have been contacted;
- In March, the environmental specialists took part in a one week practical training to improve their skills and knowledge in the rehabilitation of contaminated soils, soil characterization, and the quality of field sampling;

Environmental Research

The Inuit Research Advisor (IRA) participated to:

- Nunavik Nutrition and Health Committee meeting held in Quebec City from March 29-30. Purpose of the meeting was for reviewing Research Proposals that funnel through Northern Contaminants Program. There were thirteen (13) proposals that will be conducted in Nunavik Region. Also visited the University of Laval Laboratory that specializes with methylmercury and damaging effect of chemicals that are present in the north;
- Nunavik Health Survey committee meeting held in Kuujuaq on April 12, discussed findings and the planning for the next surveys that will occur in Nunavik;
- Atanniuvik Database Workshop will be held in Kuujuaq on May 15 to 17;
- Arctic Net Research Management Committee was held on March 15, during this meeting fifty-one (51) projects for the Canadian arctic were reviewed and Makivik was approved as an official member of this committee.

Regional Environment

Caniapiscau Watershed Abandoned Outfitting Camp Clean-up:

- Addenda No.1 was signed on March 15 by the executive committee, extending the agreement by one year with ECCC due to COVID issues;

Nunavik Abandoned Mineral Exploration Sites Restoration:

- Participation to the Nunavik Mining Workshop held in Salluit at the end of March. The activity report of Nunavik Abandoned Mineral Exploration Restoration Sites 2022 was presented, ending the 15 year agreement with MRNF;
- Meeting of the communication committee (MRNF, KRG, Fond Restro-Action Nunavik) in February and April for planning the 2012-2022 reporting and communication strategy;

4. LAND USE PLANNING

Regional Planning

- Letters of Conformity: during this period, nine (9) projects of Land use occupations were approved;
- Three (3) consultation meetings on the draft land use planning by-law for the Kativik Region were held on February 14, 16 and 17, 2023 in Kangiqsujuaq, Kuujuaq and Kangiqsualujuaq, with representatives of five (5) Landholding Corporations (Nunaturlik, Tuvaaluk, Nayumivik, Qiniqtiq and Epigituk) and the Nunavik Landholding Corporation Association was also present in person to all the meetings;
- A virtual meeting with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forest (MNR) was held on March 6th to discuss the outfitting camps situation on the territory;

- A first virtual meeting with the Ministry of Environment (MELCCFP) was held on March 8th to discuss briefly the Land Use Planning By-law for the Kativik Region and the way the Ministry could provide assistance on this file.
- A consultation meeting on the draft bylaw was held on March 29th with the Executive Committee;
- A consultation meeting on the draft land use planning by-law for the Kativik Region was held on March 31st, 2023 in Aupaluk, with representatives of Nunavik LHC;
- The MNRF was carrying out a virtual consultation on April 14th, 2023 on the harmonious development of the mining activity. The purpose of the consultations is to hear from the public on the claim title granting process;

Municipal Planning, Expansion Plans and Technical Assistance Program

- Technical assistance was provided to: Salluit, Inukjuak, Kuujjuaq and Kuujjuarapik for consistent integration of construction projects into NV land use plans;
- Planning and coordinating the community's expansion areas for 2023-2024, the land use planning team met with the NVs of Tasiujaq, Ivujivik and Kangiqsujaq Kangirsuk, Akulivik and Aupaluk in collaboration with Makivvik construction;
- Planning and coordinating the community's expansion areas for 2023-2024 with other organization, KI, NRBHSS and Hydro-Québec.
- Land use section assisted Torngats Metal presentations in Kuujjuaq and in Kangiqsualujjuaq, for the eventual exploitation of strange lake deposit.
- Land use section continues its participation in Takuvuq project with partners for the creation of an online platform that will give access to all historic orthophotos of the communities and the region;
- Launching of Salluit 4 comprehensive area plan project with the signature of contract with an engineer firm, land planner and architects; visit of Salluit is planned during the last week of May;
- Public consultation process was initiated for the Puvirnituk master plan update. A contract was signed with consultants in public consultation to assist the Land use section with this project;
- Community master plan draft for Inukjuak, Ivujivik, Quaqtac and Kangiqsujaq are completed and will be presented to the communities in May/June.

5. PROTECTED AREAS

20% Protected Areas

- Finalization of Phase 1 of consultations on protected areas in Nunavik:
 - Kangiqsujaq, Salluit, Whapmagoostui and Kuujjuaraapik were consulted in March;
 - Ivujivik, Akulivik, Puvirnituk, Inukjuak, Umiujaq and Quaqtac were consulted in April;
 - Kawawachikamach was consulted in May;
- Specific Agreement to preserve the Cambrien Lake / Nachicapau Lake / Fort Mackenzie (Waskaikinis) Areas:
 - Participated in a meeting of the Subcommittee on the search for alternatives to hydroelectric power development in the area covered by the Agreement on March 23rd;
 - Participation in working sessions with the Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach and the MELCC representatives for the production of Cambrien / Nachicapau Status Report;

- Planning of knowledge acquisition fieldwork in protected areas for the summer of 2023: Instruments and equipment will be installed in Kovik River protected areas.

Park projects

- 11th meeting of the Iluiliq National Park Project Working Group was held in Ivujivik on May 18th-19th:
 - Protection around the thick-billed murre colony was discussed;
 - Air Inuit report on potential landing strips was presented;
 - The new mining claims acquired in the study area were presented;
- Government's position on the proposed limits for the park was discussed.

6. PARKS

General

- Nunavik Parks pavilion project in Kuujuaq was kicked off. A meeting was organized in person in February with parks employees, Nunavik Tourism Association and the architect mandated to proceed with the functional and technical program. We are currently analyzing different options for a lot. A presentation of the project will be done in August;
- Objectives 2023 were refined with all Nunavik Parks employees. Our strategic vision is based on three main axis: working together as one big network, growing through the development of new partnerships and putting the culture at the center of our operations;
- Nunavik Parks attended the International Indigenous Tourism Conference on March 8 to 10 in Winnipeg, MB;
- Nunavik Parks had a kiosk at the Montreal Adventure Show on March 25 and 26 to promote the packages offered in the parks;
- Kuujuaq employees participated in a Cultural sensitivity training and “Blanket exercise” given by Olivia Ikey;
- Assistant Director Parks Operations participated in the Annual General Meeting of Aventure Écotourisme Quebec;
- Patrols are planned in collaboration with Quebec Wildlife Protection Officers in all four national parks this summer;
- Mark Tertuluk made four (4) qullit intended for each park for qullik training with knowledge holder;
- Lucy Abraham was promoted as the Coordinator Nunavik Parks Management;
- Elise Rioux-Paquette resigned as a conservation education specialist and Jennifer Simard resigned as a Visitor experience technician. The hiring process is underway;
- A Safety Technician position was created. The hiring process is underway;
- A position was reviewed and the hiring process is under way to find a Project Manager Infrastructure.

Pingualuit

- There were ninety-seven (97) visitors in the park and one hundred and twenty (120) at the visitor center during this period;
- Met with the Landholding to discuss the tourism development of Kangiqsujaq and potential activities that could be offered to parks visitors;
- There was an Igloo building workshop for wardens and their helpers at Pingualuit at the end of January with Aquujaq Qisiiq as the instructor;
- Park Director and Nunavik Parks education technician visited Musée des Beaux-Arts, Musée Pointe-à-Callière, McCord Museum, Avataq and Québec’s archeological reserve

and Insectarium in Montréal. The purpose was to give orientation to update the exhibition at the pavilion and to create educational activities for students and visitors;

- Canadian Royal Mint produced a pure silver \$50.00 collectible coin on Pingualuit crater;

Kuururjuaq

- There were seventy-four (74) visitors in the park and fifty-six (56) at the visitor center during this period;
- Discussions are ongoing with Parks Canada to see how Parc national Kuururjuaq and Torngat Mountains National Park could work together;
- First aid training (4-days) in remote areas was offered to park's employees and community helpers week of May 29;
- Imalirijit project went to Qamanialuk to study the water, fish, snow and birch trees;
- The sudden melting of snow prevented more school trips.;

Ulittaniujalik

- There were no visitors in the park during this period;
- The École d'architecture presented the students projects to the park director. This collaboration is to help in the concept and development of the infrastructure in Qamanialuk area.

Tursujuq

- There were one hundred (100) visitors in the park and no visitor at the visitor center during this period;
- Harmonization committee meeting was held in Kuujjuaraapik on April 13. Some subjects discussed included a presentation of conservation work for 2023, discussion on the future exhibition in Kuujjuaraapik, summary of winter operations and statistics and planification for summer 2023;
- Three (3) domes were purchased and will be installed in the park to be used as shelters for ski packages;
- Parc national Tursujuq is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its creation this year. An activity will take place in Nastapoka in September. Another event will take place in Kuujjuaraapik-Whapmagoostui. Details will be communicated;
- First aid training (4 days) in remote areas was offered to park's employees and community helpers week of May 22;
- Hiring of Anna-Kim Page Cornforth as a Visitor Experience Officer in Umiujaq;
- Cabins were checked and minor repairs were done;
- Two (2) consultants went on an exploratory photography package in March. The purpose of this trip was to assess the potential of photography packages for visitors;
- Film crew along with two (2) skiers from Trans Boreale crossed the park in March, heading to Ivujivik;

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