



TRANSPORTATION Department

ACTIVITY REPORT

March – May 2023

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: Updated

Transportation Department hired the following individuals:

- Ned Gordon as Seasonal Airport Maintainer in Aupaluk

Training:

The Department sent three (3) observer communicator trainees to Fort Smith for training in January and another three (3) on the April intake. Unfortunately, none were successful.

The department is working on the possibility of training Observer Communicators here in Nunavik. We are currently in discussions with Nav Canada to gain their support to provide us the training material needed. If we are successful, we hope for a better success rate as we will not be constrained by time and the distance from Nunavik involved. We can provide all the support a student needs to be successful. If they have the desire, then we will give the time needed.

This year, the training for Heavy Equipment Operators will recommence. Due to funding changes that were unknown to the Transportation Department, it took some time to ensure the availability of the training. Indeed, the staff and airports greatly benefit from this training, and we can expect its continuation in the years to come.

Runway Surface Condition Reports are required by regulation. To further enhance airport and passenger safety all airport staff are now required through regulations to complete the new Ground Reporting Format training and pass with 100%. I am proud to say that our staff are doing very well.

Operations:

Two (2) CARS stations (Umiujaq and Akulivik) currently rely on rotational observer-communicators; both local positions remain vacant at each site;

Three (3) CARS (Ivujivik, Kangirsuk and Kangiqsualujjuaq) currently rely on rotational observer-communicators for one of the two (2) OC positions (in Kangiqsualujjuaq, one OC is currently on long-term sick leave, the two other positions are vacant).

Because of the vacant Observer/Communicator (OC) positions, stations are closed periodically. All closures are immediate, 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.

There are three (3) vacant Maintainer positions, two (2) in Puvirnituk and one (1) in Kuujjuaraapik. There has been no applicants for those positions in the past months of postings.

The Maintainers' Winter Schedule at airports ended in May, unless winter conditions persist.

Wildlife Management

- Airport Wildlife Management Training was held in Kuujjuaq on March 13 and 14. A total of nine (9) employees from eight (8) different communities successfully completed the training.
- A wildlife management committee has been set up at the Kuujjuaq airport. This committee, which is made up of the main organizations at the airport, Air Inuit Cargo, Air Inuit Passenger Service, Canadian North, Fédération des Coopératives du Nouveau-Québec (FCNQ) Fuel and Tivi. The committee first met on March 1. The focus was on the procedure to follow when dogs are seen on the air side, as well as the importance of reporting wildlife observations to KRG employees.
- A permit has been granted to Nunavik's 14 airports by the Ministry of the Environment, Wildlife and Parks, which allows KRG employees to kill wildlife at airports, as a last resort and to ensure safety.
- Winter fence inspections were conducted at Kangiqsualujjuaq, Kangiqsujuaq, Salluit, Puvirnituk and Inukjuak. These winter fence inspections were performed to target problematic areas with snow accumulation in winter, therefore assisting in prioritizing summer maintenance.
- Most airports reported crow issues during winter. The presence of crows at airports seems to be linked to food cargo on the apron, or trash (garbage bins full) at the airport. The environmental coordinator is currently working on a mitigation plan for next winter.

Environmental Management

- Launched a call for tender for site remediation at Puvirnituk (presence of contaminated soils close to the garage due to improper drum storage from airport users) and Kuujjuaraapik (presence of contaminated soils close to apron 2 due to contamination left after an emergency exercise few years ago).
- The project for the disposal of old heavy equipment was awarded, and in collaboration with the environmental team, they will plan their upcoming works at Tasiujaq, Ivujivik, Puvirnituk, Inukjuak and Kuujjuaraapik.
- Water samples were collected from drainage streams around the Kuujjuaq airport and shipped for glycol analyses in order to see if de-icing products have an impact on drainage water quality. Results of the analysis are expected in August.

- Information on de-icing activities and snow removal operations were collected for Kuujjuaraapik, Inukjuak, Puvirnituk and Salluit airports in order to develop future glycol management plans at those airports.
- The environmental specialist attended the Americana Conference that was held in Montreal March 20-22. Good contacts were made with potential new consultants who could bid on environmental works in Nunavik.

Infrastructure and Projects

- Akulivik: resurfacing : September
- Puvirnituk: resurfacing : June to September
- Kangiqsujuaq: resurfacing : July/August
- Aupaluk: RTIL (Runway Threshold Indication Light) : June 3rd to July 9th
- Kangirsuk: RTIL : June 7th to June 28th
- Quaqtak: RTIL : August 29th to September 18th
- Ivujivik: RTIL : July 27th to August 21st
- Akulivik: Fence replacement : August/September
- Inukjuak: correction work on the drainage of terminal : July/August
- Aupaluk: Drilling : July
- Quaqtak: Drilling : July
- Kuujjuaraapik: demolition of old hanger : September/October
- Kuujjuaq:
 1. Visual aids project - August 20th to October 28th, 2023 (10 weeks)
 2. Fence replacement – No timelines for the construction at this time
 3. Airside access gate replacement - 21st August to 1st October
- The purchase of new equipment for 2023.
 - 3 Loaders – Tender completed (Quaqtak, Kangiqsujuaq, Akulivik)
 - 2 Snow Blowers - Tender completed (Kuujjuaraapik, Puvirnituk)
 - 1 Compactor –Tender completed (Umiujaq)
 - 4 light vehicles - Tender ongoing (Umiujaq, Quaqtak, Kangirsuk, Kuujjuaq)
 - 1 Grader - Tender completed (Kuujjuaraapik)

Marine Port Management

A total of \$700,000 was allocated to KRG through the Quebec Governments 2022 and 2023 budgets, to provide maintenance support for the 14 marinas. This will assist NV's in doing essential maintenance. A letter sent to each NV will outline what will be eligible and the procedure to follow. It should be understood, these are not adequate funds, however it will help.

The Department made two applications to the Ocean Protection Plan, Safety Equipment and Basic Marine Infrastructure in Northern Communities Initiative.

- Application for funding to purchase marine spill response kits, produce environmental emergency plans and organize marine spill response training for all 14 communities.
- Application for funding to purchase trailer mounted emergency tower lighting X 2.

Both of these applications include the purchase of storage container.

Regulatory & Safety

- Safety Cases
 - Kuujjuaq Airport (YVP) apron edge light damage incidents - the number of light damage incidents has increased from past years. The team is working with apron users to reduce the number of incidents. Airline Operation Manager visited YVP to do an apron safety audit and training their operators. The Safety and Regulatory team will continue monitoring and apply further actions as necessary.
 - Kuujjuaq Airport (YVP) Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) activation in May - Air Inuit 737-300 lost an engine 15 minutes after taking off from YVP and returned to YVP while declaring an emergency. ECC was active. All emergency responders responded promptly. The Airport Duty Manager was working in the airfield and unable to attend at the ECC. The incident was resolved quickly.
- Emergency Exercises preparation
 - The team is working on the annual emergency exercises planning. The upcoming exercises are
 - Puvirnituq (YPX) tabletop exercise on May 16
 - Inukjuaq (YPH) tabletop exercise on May 20
 - Akulivik (YKO) full scale exercise on June 06
 - Salluit (YZG) tabletop exercise on June 27
 - Ivujivik (YIK) tabletop exercise on June 29

Bus Statistics

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

2023 bus statistics

	# of Usijit Riders	# of Public Transit Riders	# of Year-to-Date Days with Statistics	Last Date of Bus Statistics Submitted
Kangiqsualujuaq	53	59	103	Jan 26, 2023
Kuujuaq	-	-	-	-
Tasiujaq	-	-	-	-
Aupaluk	-	-	-	-
Kangirsuk	646	490	35	April 4, 2023
Quaqtaq	-	-	-	-
Kangiqsujuaq	-	-	-	-
Salluit	198	418	16	April 23, 2023
Ivujivik	782	1110	10	April 29, 2023
Akulivik	-	-	-	-
Puvirnituaq	-	-	-	-
Inukjuak	144	729	11	April 28, 2023
Umiujaq	-	-	-	-
Kuujjuaraapik	2782	3604	18	April 21, 2023

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