



## **CIVIL SECURITY DEPARTMENT**

### **ACTIVITY REPORT SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2023**

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The role of the Civil Security Department is to increase awareness of the importance of emergency preparedness in the communities and support-related activities. In particular, the Department works closely with the 14 Northern Villages to strengthen planning, human and physical resources for fire departments and search and rescue operations.

#### **Human Resources**

Hiring Process is ongoing for the following positions :

- Civil Security Coordinator
- Administrative Coordinator
- Administrative Technician
- 1 additional Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician
- Mechanic, rotation (New)

#### **Revised Nunavik Fire Safety Cover Plan (NFSCP):**

##### **Infrastructure Work and Annual Report**

The renovations of Kangirsujaq fire hall is complete. Puvirnituq and Inukjuak Firehalls are scheduled for completion in November of 2023. Aupaluk fire hall renovation is under way with completion anticipated for the end of this year. A new call for tender was launched and contracts were awarded for Tasiujaq and Kangirsuk in November with completion scheduled for fall of 2024.

Onsite visits and preparations for renovations of firehalls in Quaqtuq, Umiujaq, Akulivik, Ivujivik and Salluit are ongoing. These are in anticipation for tender processes in the coming months, with work scheduled to start and finish in 2024.

This is only possible with the excellent collaboration of the MPW Department.

#### **Fire Prevention**

The collaboration with Pivallianiq continues for residential fire safety initiatives.

The Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician (PSFPT) Mr. Pierre Luc Lessard has been vigilant in recent weeks travelling throughout Nunavik to deliver in person Fire Prevention messaging of the "Eight good behaviors campaign" to primary aged school children. This was made possible with excellent collaboration with local schools and members of the local fire departments. All communities are scheduled to be visited throughout October and November. The response and feedback has been welcoming and positive.

## **Emergency Planning**

### **Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan (NEPP)**

Planning and development of the Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan (NEPP) continues.

Civil Security Technicians play an essential role in providing liaison with Municipalities and ensuring regular updates of the Municipal Emergency Preparedness Plan (MEPP). Nunavik's three Civil Security technicians, Jordan Jones – Hudson Bay, Steven Walker – Hudson Strait, Kris Tukkiapik – Ungava Bay, successfully participated in a weeklong specialized Civil Security training session in Quebec City with the collaboration of provincial partners of the Minister of Public Safety (MSP) and consultants. In person visits and meeting with local municipal fire and Civil Security services, as well as provincial emergency coordination center were achieved. Of note a test of Nunavik's municipal preparedness with regards to the obligations of warning and mobilization lists, which has been in regulation since November 2019, was conducted. Three areas were verified on September 12<sup>th</sup> between 10:30 and 15:30.

#### **-Validation of the warning and mobilization contacts list and phone numbers.**

Twelve (12) municipalities (86%) of fourteen (14) responded to the calls and validated accurate contacts list and phone numbers.

#### **-Adoption of recent updates to warning and mobilization process by municipal council.**

Six (6) municipalities were **not sure** of adoption process.

Five (5) municipalities **did not adopt** the process.

One (1) municipality **did adopt** the process.

#### **-Authorization of the key person/s to initiate the warning and mobilization process.**

Ten (10) municipalities (72%) ensured their key person are **officially authorized**.

One municipality was **not sure** if the key person was officially authorized.

One municipality **did not** officially authorize their key person.

Although not a perfect score for this essential process, a very promising overview of the commitment from our regions municipalities of their Municipal Emergency Preparedness Planning (MEPP).

## **Unorganized Territory (UT)**

In collaboration with the Environment and Lands Section of the Renewable Resources Department, an emergency plan template was developed and will be required to be filled by companies, organizations or individuals that are undertaking fieldwork activities on the Unorganized Territory (UT) in order to gather the necessary minimal information on projects to ensure emergency preparedness.

## **Firefighter Training**

In collaboration with the Ecole National du Pompier Quebec (ENPQ) the Fire Fighter training officer, Mr. Louis Demers coordinated an instructor coaching and mentoring session in Kuujuaq at the Fire fighting training center on October 1 - 6. Participating from the ENPQ were the Director General, Mr. Stephane Valade and three senior instructors for the week. From Nunavik there were senior firefighters representing Kangiqsualujuaq, Aupaluk, Kangirsuk, Quaqtuaq, Kangirsujuaq and Kuujuarapik fire departments. All Civil Security technicians were fully involved

as well. Training and instructions focused on the latest training materials relevant to the Nunavik fire fighter training program as well as workshop and coaching techniques to help our regional team to better communicate and effectively share their knowledge and skills with their fellow younger and less experienced firefighters. The week went well, and all participants left with more skills and confidence in their techniques.

### **Other Activities**

Acquisition of specialized equipment for the Nunavik Rescue Boats has been ongoing during this quarter. New outboard motors were acquired for Inukjuak rescue boat. Automated Identification Systems (AIS) have been procured for all rescue boats. A gradual implementation of the FLIR infra red accessory, complimentary with the Raymarine Axiom system on all rescue boats, enabling the ability to search for a heat signature while under power have been acquired. As well various safety equipment including new life jackets for crew members have been acquired. These all to be distributed and installed by our mechanics and specialized technicians throughout the off season in preparation for next years boating season.

The CS director and Ungava Bay technician participated in a meeting with Trenton's Joint Rescue Coordination Center (JRCC) in early November. Participants included Nunavut's Director of Emergency Management (EM), a senior EM staff member, Canadian Coast Guard SAR staff, several experienced front-line SAR intervenors from Nunavut and Nunavik. The meeting provided a better understanding for all on realities and processes of each others' experience, realities, and best practices.

The team of CS technicians have been consistent in their support of municipal Civil Security responsibilities during this quarter, including assisting in Airport emergency exercise.

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