



## TRANSPORTATION Department

### ACTIVITY REPORT May-September 2023

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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:**

Transportation Department hired the following individuals:

- Marc Damant, Airport Manager, Kuujjuaq.
- Lee Grenier, Coordinator, Regulatory Processes
- Steve Banville, Rotational Mechanic
- Sandy Novalinga, Maintainer in Puvirnituaq
- Moukoko Boutoto, Janiitor Kuujjuaraapik
- Qirrtuuq Qiluqi, Maintainer Inukjuaq

Hiring qualified staff continues to be a challenge. OC, Maintainers and Program Support Staff are in short supply.

##### **Training:**

We are currently in final discussions with Nav Canada to obtain their support to provide us access to their training material (Library). With this support, we are hoping to achieve a better success rate.

Training for Heavy Equipment Operators commenced after some delay. The training commenced in June, July and August, visiting several Hudson airports, focused on runway gravel maintenance, and rebuilding our runways using our local teams

We expect this year's training to be completed by the end of October. This training regulated by Transport Canada; is required for all maintainers. It is our plan to continue this training each year.

Runway Surface Condition Report training has been successful, thanks to our Training Coordinator, Peter Annahatak. This significant task was placed on us by Transport Canada and with a limited timeline. Peter was able to accomplish this successfully. We continue to train staff that missed the training and for new hires.

We were unsuccessful in acquiring seats for the last intake of OC students in Fort Smith. This was attributed to our recent cyber incident. As a note: The fires in the NWT, forced evacuation of the school in Fort Smith. It is likely that the classes will not resume until January.

The recent cyber incident affected communications with NAV Canada, specifically on the allocation of seats for OC training. Transport department continues to work with NAV Canada for future seat allocations.

### **Operations:**

The Transportation Department will be moving into the new offices located in the Old Air Inuit Cargo Warehouse. The offices were under renovations and some minor deficiencies repair still need to be carried out before employees will move into the building, it is anticipated employees will be relocated by the end of September.

The recent cyber incident on our Intranet had minimal effect on our regional airport operations; we were able to keep in contact with airports through messenger and/or phone. IT performed with speed and efficiency to ensure day force was up and running.

There has been no change in the vacant OC positions, 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 immediately reported to MTQ and other users through email and NOTAMS, as per the Sivunirmut Agreement. Efforts will continue to recruit candidates and successfully have them trained to fill open positions.

There are four (4) vacant Maintainer positions, two (2) in Puvirnituk and two (2) in Kuujjuaraapik. We continue to post these positions with the anticipation that they will be filled.

The Maintainers' Winter Schedule at airports will start again in September/October, sooner if winter conditions arrive early.

### **Wildlife Management**

- Caribou reported on the airside at five (5) airports since May: Tasiujaq, Kangiqsujuaq, Salluit, Akulivik, and Puvirnituk. To assist in removing the Caribou, staff as part of their procedure opened all gates and proceeded to coax the caribou to exit through an open gate. NOTAMS were issued, and more frequent runway inspections were performed and voice advisories were issued to pilots. Works on fences carried out during the summer will help mitigate this problem in the future.
- Launched a call for tender for the development and the implementation of sites-specific wildlife management plans for Kuujjuaraapik, Inukjuak, Puvirnituk, Salluit, and Quaqtak airports.

- Wildlife management plans for other sites are currently being revised and updated by the environmental and wildlife coordinator.

### **Environmental Management**

- Obsolete heavy equipment from Tasiujaq, Ivujivik, Puvirnituk, Inukjuak and Kuujuaq airports were emptied of all fluids, packed, and shipped on the first sealift for proper disposal in a southerner facility. A total of four (4) loaders, three (3) graders, two (2) compactors, one (1) snow blower, and two (2) pickup trucks were shipped for proper disposal.
- Residual waste, like used oil, used filters, empty aerosol cans, oily rags and old batteries from airport garages crated and will be shipped and disposed in appropriate facilities down south. Environmental Coordinator is taking care of booking and declaration of dangerous goods in collaboration with our staff in every community.
- Environmental inspections conducted in most airports. Due to the lack of personnel, three (3) sites will not receive environmental inspection this year (Salluit, Kangiqsujaq and Quaqtaq).
- Water samples collected from drainage streams around the Kuujuaq airport during the snowmelt period showed an increase in glycol concentrations compared to previous concentrations. KRG Transport is now working in collaboration with Environment Canada, Air Inuit, and Transport Canada to find corrective measures and prevent any effect on natural fish habitat around the airport.

### **Infrastructure and Projects**

Akulivik runway resurfacing: Project has not started, possibility of postponement until next year.

Puvirnituk runway resurfacing: Project is ongoing, expected completion end of August.

Kangiqsujaq runway resurfacing project divided into eight stages

- Stage 1 – Blasting – completed 21st August, 2023
- Stage 2 – Movement area resurfacing and other works – ongoing, projected completion, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023
- Stage 3 – Tumulus for RTIL: runway 15 and 33 – pending
- Stage 4 – New tumulus for PAPI – pending
- Stage 5 – Replacement of Wind Direction Indicator (WDI) – pending
- Stage 6 – Installation of pedestrian gate – pending
- Stage 7 – Fences under the terminal building – pending
- Stage 8 – Gravel reserve (MG-20b Modified) – pending

Aupaluk Runway Threshold Indication Light (RTIL) replacement project: This project completed on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Kangirsuk (RTIL) replacement project: This project completed on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Quaqtaq (RTIL) replacement project: Project expected completion September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ivujivik (RTIL) replacement project: This project is delayed but it is projected to start on September 19<sup>th</sup> and finish on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Akulivik fence replacement: Project expected completion September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Inukjuak, Terminal Building drainage work: Project is ongoing, expected completion November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Aupaluk drilling project: Work will commence September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with expected completion by October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Quaqtaq drilling project: Expected project completion by September 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Kuujjuaq visual aids project: Expected project completion by October 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Kuujjuaq fence replacement: This project may be postponed until 2024  
Kuujjuaq new automatic airside gate: Project completed August.  
Phone patch systems for all 14 airports: contract awarded with expected start in September and completed in November this year.

## **Marine Port Management**

Letters have gone out to NV's advising them they have up to \$50,000 to spend on maintenance at the Marinas. The funding comes from the Provincial Governments 2022/23 budgets, for a total of \$700,000. These funds cannot be used for access roads or docking facilities. This will assist NVs in repairing ramps and seawalls.

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.

We have not yet heard if these projects have been approved.

## **Regulatory & Safety**

### Emergency Exercise

- Emergency exercises for 2023 at Akulivik and Ivujivik have changed. Initially planned for June, both exercises are postponed to late fall. This was to ensure preparations are completed.
- Aupaluk full-scale Emergency Exercise, originally planned for August 9, postponed until this fall. The reschedule is a result of a hotel room availability. A preliminary meeting with external emergency responders planned for two days in advance of the exercise to ensure a cohesive response strategy.
- Kuujjuaq full-scale emergency exercise set for September 18<sup>th</sup>. Internal preparation and meetings are ongoing. A pre-exercise meeting scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> in anticipation of the upcoming exercise.

### Emergency Incidents

- Kuujjuaq, an emergency incident occurred on May 4, activated the Emergency Control Centre. The incident, aircraft in flight experiencing engine failure. As usual, swift responses from all responders. The aircraft landed safely without incident.

Streamlined Procedure for KRG Airside Vehicle Operator's Permit (AVOP) Application.

The procedure for applying for the KRG Airside Vehicle Operator's Permit (AVOP) have undergone a streamlined transformation. The process now integrates online-based tests, optimizing efficiency. Upon request, all applicants, including external personnel, will gain access to digital training materials accompanied by online tests. After fulfilling all requirements, practical tests will be coordinated with local airport staff. Following the successful completion of these practical assessments, with permits issued to the applicants.

## **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	980	715	57	June 23, 2023
Quaqtaq	-	-	-	-
Kangiqsujuaq	1844	2621	22	July 29, 2023
Salluit	371	786	37	July 11, 2023
Ivujivik	864	1323	17	July 30, 2023
Akulivik	-	-	-	-
Puvirnituaq	-	-	-	-
Inukjuak	215	949	38	July 12, 2023
Umiujaq	-	-	-	-
Kuujjuaraapik	2782	3604	18	April 21, 2023

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