



REGIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Department

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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

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A Elders

2024 objective: Implement KRG 2017 Seniors' Policy and Action Plan with emphasis on communication, culture, recreation

Actions:

- The Department coordinated the participation of Elders' Committee representatives to the Makivvik's Human Resources Conference for Nunavik Organizations in April.
- Planning Elders' Committee meeting in Kuujjuaraapik to discuss 2024 projects and action plan. The meeting was postponed due to Elders' Committee multiple medical appointments out of Nunavik. Lodging of meeting attendees in Nunavik hotels is presenting difficulties for undertaking these meetings.
- The Department coordinated a meeting of the NVs Local Elders' Coordinators in Kuujjuaraapik to discuss local elders' projects, and improve and streamline funding applications to present to the Executive Committee.

2024 objective: Fund ten strategic/regional projects

Actions:

- The Department will process a funding request for the 2024 Elders' Summer Camp (Misarvik) in Kangirsuk. A total of 84 elders will participate (in seven groups). KRG requested funding participation is \$371,080 (76.3 % of event total cost of \$486,480).

2024 objective: Living conditions of seniors: Pursue Elders' apartments major renovations and upgrade

Actions

- The Elders' Committee requested the Nunavik Municipal Housing Bureau (NMHB) for a follow-up on its December 2023 promise to undertake a step to respond to the KRG-RLDD proposal to implement a pilot project in 2024, with a new social housing that is adapted to Elders. No response has been received since January 2024.
- Local Elders' Coordinators in three NV continue to collaborate with Nunavik health sector responsible for recommending housing adaptation to NMHB.

B REGIONAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

2024 objective: Sector development in arts, food, made-in-Nunavik, tourism, communications and retail.

Actions

- The Executive Committee approved funding of three food-related projects:
 - Acquisition of transport vehicles for Sirivvik Inukjuak Food Centre and Uvattinut adapted home in Puvirnituaq
 - Kangiqsualujuaq community green house.
- The Department is in the preliminary stage of a large Ilagiisaq – an FCNQ project that will provide improved food distribution and permit increased access to volume prices.
- The Executive Committee approved funding to assess and implement alternative energy for two Nunavik outfitters' operators.

C LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

2024 objective: Fund two community-service organizations' start-up and/or operations

Actions: No applications received

2024 objective: Pursue long-term local economy coordination by promoting "Growing Nunavik 14 local economies."

Action:

The Department prepared the fourth article on the local economy with the collaboration of economist Marie-Josée Loiselle. The article will appear in the summer edition of INUIT, Air Inuit in-flight magazine. The article is entitled "Getting Involved in My Local Economy."

2024 objective: Fund the March 2024 Makivvik Economic Summit

Actions:

- Funding of \$75,000 approved
- KRG Chairperson made a presentation at the Summit on KRG mandates related to economic development.

D BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

2024 objective: Assist ten business start-ups, expansions and partnerships: set-up and financing.

Action:

Co-funding of two aviation regional projects were approved.

2024 objective: Provide technical management assistance to five businesses through third-party professionals.

Action:

Two files are in progress.

E SUPPORTING NUNAVIK REGIONAL, SOCIAL ECONOMY AND BUSINESS

The Department participated with development partakers through virtual meetings:

- Indigenous Services Canada
 - o The Department coordinated a consultation session on Federal Procurement Policy and Process in Kuujjuaq on May 1. Twenty seven businesses and Makivik economic development personnel attended. A second session for the Landholding Corporation Association and Ilagiisaq was organized in May.

- Quebec Social Economy Network (Le Chantier de l'économie social)
 - o Ongoing discussions concerning the renewal of funding of social economy sector and enterprises. A two-year funding agreement starting April 2025 is in progress.

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