



REGIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Department

ACTIVITY REPORT JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2024

DEPARTMENT MANDATE

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 and recreation

Actions:

- Nunavik Elders' Summer Camp in Kangirsuk took place; awaiting activity report from Ilagisaaq
- Elders participated in the Avataq Culture Institute's 2024 meeting
- Elders' abuse awareness day promotion (June)
- Elders Directory: Development of the directory is ongoing with NRBHSS assisting to identify new information and program categories that will prove helpful to Elders

2024 objective: Fund ten strategic/regional projects

Action: No new activity during the period.

2024 objective: Elder living conditions – pursue major renovations and upgrades of Elders' apartments

Action:

No actions from Nunavik Regional Housing Bureau or Makivik Corporation construction department were received.

B. REGIONAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

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

Actions:

- Funding approval received for Avataq Cultural Institute and 2024 Arts Secretariat activities and Elders' recording project
- The Siriviik Food Centre in Inukjuak made a request for funding for upgrade of the community kitchen. The request will be analyzed and presented to the KRG-MAPAQ technical committee for recommendations to the KRG Executive, once a report on a prior project for acquisition of a food truck is received.
- The Department received an updated investment agreement from Tourism Québec. The KRG approved an investment in 2023 to undertake and implement tourism projects that introduce new technology, and support operators to attract tourists and recover business lost during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the Nunavik Tourism Association will make a call for projects in September, and the Department will participate in analyzing eligible projects.

C. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

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

Action: No applications received.

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

Action:

The Department prepared the fifth article on the local economy in collaboration with economist Marie-Josée Loiselle. The article will appear in the Fall edition of INUIT, Air Inuit's in-flight magazine. The article is entitled "Reading economic indicators."

D. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

2024 objective: Assist ten business start-ups with expansion, partnerships, set-up and financing

Action:

- Co-funding of two projects approved:
 - Ilagiisaq merchandise warehousing and facilities expansion
 - Salluit cleaning services

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

Action: One active file is in progress.

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