



REGIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

ACTIVITY REPORT NOVEMBER 2023-FEBRUARY 2024

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

Nunavik Elders' 2024 directory

Work on the new directory is progressing. The 2024 directory will include telephone numbers related to issues that concern Nunavik elders, mainly:

- wills and estate planning
- caregiving services
- Alzheimer's signs and advice
- KRG Nunavik Services

Adapted Elders' residence within the social housing.

-Meeting with the NRBHSS

As per discussions with Makivvik construction division and KMHB, the Department invited NRBHSS Medical Affairs and Physical Health, personnel in charge of other files- of assisting in identifying elders who require adaptation of their residences to facilitate daily functions.

-Presentation of a new concept to KMHB Board of Directors

The Department presented a request for new floor plans for Elders' residence-dwelling-

within social housing- for new construction starting in 2024. If accepted, the KRG would assume technical and professional costs.

B. Tourism

-2023-2024 NTA tourism development and promotion projects: \$80,000

- Website Makeover
- Ads and paid editorials in various intra-Québec publications incl. graphic production
- Coordination of intra-Québec media trips
- Participation in trade shows, conferences and tourism-related meetings
- Contribution to regional and provincial events/festivals
- Production of Nunavik Official Tourist Guide or other promotional brochure
- Reprints of Nunavik map-leaflet
- Production of 2024 Agenda
- Production of promotional materials
- Photo bank development and archive

C. Nunavik economy and entrepreneurship

-Nunavik Economic Summit

This Makivvik-sponsored event's main themes are economic development and Entrepreneurship.

RLDD recommended a contribution amount of \$75,000 towards the expenses of the event.

The last event was in 2010 in Kuujuaq. KRG Executive approved participating in this event's funding.

D. The social economy

Minnie Abraham

Promotion

-Taqramiut Inc. and CBC Tuttavik : radio message about funding availability for women and youth to start social economy enterprises and also to CBC Tuttavik to discuss women and youth competition forms are available at our Regional and Local Development Department, and that for any participant as group(s) would be eligible to receive \$1,000.00 as their pocket money when creating a business as social economy.

Follow up to do with Saturviit Inuit Women's Association, re. women groups in business.

F. Food sector development

Inukjuak Fish Hatchery Project

Due to the decreasing arctic char population in the nearby lakes of Inukjuak (within 25-30 km) mainly from over-fishing by gill-nets, the community has set plans to work with partners on developing various incubation systems to try to increase the arctic char populations. The plan is to increase the arctic char populations to sustain the fishing of them for long-term community benefit and sustainability.

Project partners and advisors:

Local HFTA – Local Project Promoter
 Unaaq Men’s Association of Inukjuak
 Gaetan Soucy, Fish Hatchery Consultant
 Makivik Research Center
 Makivik Renewable Resources Department
 Laval University - aquaculture
 KRG Renewable Resources Department
 KRG RLDD

Project funding participants:

Makivik Corporation
 SPN
 Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada
 KRG RLDD: Consolidated Makigiarutiit Fund, Food sector development fund

A business plan to realize an Arctic Char Hatchery will be developed in 2024.

Sirivik-Inukjuak

The Executive approved funding for Sirivik, Inukjuak incorporated in May 2020 as a non-profit organization, to acquire an adequate vehicle to transport food in Inukjuak.

Objectives:

- Contribute to food security
- Strengthen community
- Promote healthy eating habits

This community kitchen is now a food center that employs nine persons -according to needs- and directed by a 5-person board of directors.

Vehicle acquisition, outfitting and sealift transport:

MAPAQ-KRG sectoral specific agreements	\$ 14,705
Sealift and insurance during transport	
KRG Consolidated Makigiarutiit Fund contribution	\$107,759
To be adjusted with regard to sales taxes rebate	
Total	\$122,464

Background

The KRG funded Inukjuak Community Kitchen 2011-2012: an amount of \$20,000 to the Northern Village of Inukjuak for the acquisition of equipment. Since then, my efforts through the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services and community members have transformed the kitchen into a Food Centre with large ongoing plans to provide multiple projects that are supported by multiple provincial and regional organizations:

Uvattinut Supervised Apartments- Puvirnitug

This project is processed late in January and is being submitted to the KRG/MAPAQ technical committee for recommendation to the KRG Executive Committee.

Project submission (abbreviated) :

The primary objective of this application is to enhance food security in Puvirnitug. The content of the program is to provide prepared meals to the most vulnerable individuals and families in the community.

Factor requiring action:

-increase in the price of food groceries throughout Canada, amplified in remote communities due to transport and the absence of food banks and alternative resources.

Local solution:

In order to ensure the distribution of food across a rapidly expanding village we will require a vehicle, this vehicle will also permit us to pick up groceries at the different stores and at the local cargo. The vehicle will also be fitted with containers to hold the prepared food as well as increase our capacity to provide other services such as water pick up and delivery. Furthermore, we provide a cleaning service for elders and the vehicle would be useful in that regard, transportation of personnel and products and disposal of garbage. We also provide snow shoveling services which would also benefit and increase our capacity with a vehicle.

Project costs and funding:

-Hiring a cook	\$ 52,000
-food containers	\$ 7,000
-Vehicle acquisition, outfitting and sealift transport	<u>\$ 56,911</u>
Total	\$115,911

Funding

MAPAQ/KRG agreement	\$ 59,000
KRG consolidated Makigiarutiit fund	\$ 56,911
Total	\$115,911

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Innovative Territories in the Social and Solidarity

This organization was created 10 years ago by Quebec Social Economy Network to serve as a source of specialized expertise in many sectors. As the social economy was given higher importance in 2013 with Quebec adopting the framework law on the social economy, many commercial and community-serving organizations flourished and the need to come up with new ideas to grow the economy in a competitive environment.

The department updated Nunavik social economy enterprises' list to respond to the provincial prevailing movement. RLDD led in compiling of Nunavik enterprises' list, here below, with a total of 49 entities in multiple of sectors:

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| 1. Air Inuit (subsidiary-14 locations) | 6. Cooperative Associations (14) |
| 2. Nunavik Furs (subsidiary) | 7. Nunavik Landholding Corporations Association's subseries |
| 3. Halutik Enterprises (subsidiary) | 8. Childcare Centers |
| 4. Nunavik Geomatics (subsidiary) | 9. Ikajurtigiit Solidarity Coop |
| 5. Kautaq Construction (subsidiary) | |

RLDD now has a seat on the TIESS board of directors.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

It is noticed the absence of new business requests since November 2023

Business start-up and expansion

Inukjuak

-Pituvik LHC's business plan for a new commercial venture in 2024 to provide gravel crushing and weighing scale services.

Federal procurement

The Department will coordinate conducting an engagement session with Nunavik Inuit businesses and economic development officers.

This session is planned for the second week of April 2024. A KRG public announcement will be announced during the month of March.

This session and initiative is planned and funded by the Transformative Indigenous Procurement Strategy Directorate of Lands and Economic Development Sector / Indigenous Services Canada. Additional funding if required would be provided by the KRG-RLDD economic development programs.

-Promotion the local economy in Nunavik's 14 NVs

A fourth article to be published in Winter 2024 in Air Inuit's INUIT magazine explains the many trades and skills in our local economy, and the diversity of rich experiences and skillsets. The article goes on to describe how trades and craftsmanship are enabling our local social enterprises, private businesses, and the Northern Villages to fulfill their missions.

The 3 previous Air Inuit in-flight magazine articles covered :

Fall 2022: Growing Nunavik's 14 local economies.

September 2023: What about the local economy in your village?

Fall 2023: The local economy: it pays to be informed.

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