



TRANSPORTATION Department

ACTIVITY REPORT November 2023 - February 2024

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 recently hired the following individuals:

- Remi St-Arnaud, Maintainer Kuujjuarapik.
- Zack Tukkiapik, OC Kangirsuk.
- Jérémy Roussel, Environmental Specialist.
- Louis-Philippe Poirier, Mechanic.
- Patrick Caron, Mechanic.
- Jean-Luc Beauchemin, Communicator Puvirnituaq.
- Jake Annanack, Seasonal maintainer Kuujjuuaq.
- Nicholas Windt, Rotational OC (temp).
- Brian Jessie Jones, Operations Coordinator, OPS2.
- Caroline Vigneault, Coordinator, Nunavik Airports Operations.
- Denis Roy, Assistant Coordinator Regulatory Process.
- Jusipi Tullaugak, Maintainer Puvirnituaq.
- Lucassie Kudlu, Airport Manager, Kuujjuaraapik.
- Willie Sursilla, Maintainer Puvirnituaq.

Training

Nav Canada has agreed to provide the support we need to develop our own in-house Observer Communicator Training. We are currently going over the agreement and expect to have it signed by the end of February.

We will begin this year's maintainer equipment training once we have an agreement with KI (Kativik Ilisarniliriniq). Training will take the same format as previous years.

Our training Coordinator, Peter Annahatak, will begin Runway Surface Condition Reporting training for all maintainers this year. This mandatory training is provided online.

Wildlife management training was held on December 13 and 14 at Kuujjuarapik airport. A total of 11 employees coming from seven different sites received the training. Trainees learned more about the regulation related to wildlife management at airports, as well as prevention and mitigation measures.

Operations

We transitioned from Vortex Safety Management Systems (SMS) program to Akila SMS program effective January 1st, 2024. Prior to the transitioning, all staff were trained in Kuujjuaq and in all the communities.

There have been some changes in vacant Observer Communicator positions:

- We now have two vacant Rotational OC positions, out of a total of five.
- We still have two CARS stations (Umiujaq and Akulivik) that currently rely on rotational observer-communicators; both local positions remain vacant at each site.
- CARS in Ivujivik, Kangirsuk and Kangiqsualujjuaq rely on rotational OC for one of the two positions (in Kangiqsualujjuaq, one OC is currently on long-term sick leave, the two other positions are vacant).
- Because of the vacant 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.

Wildlife Management

- Dogs are still reported at most of our sites on a regular basis. Our staff is encouraged to mark dogs using paintball guns to make the dog's owner aware that their dog was on airside. The best way to reduce the number of dog sightings at airports is to inform dog owners.
- Ravens are present at every airport, and they benefit from the food cargo staying sometimes not attended on the apron. They are very hard to scare away since they get habituated to most mitigation measures. Bird spikes were ordered and will be installed on some rooftops and perches to test their efficiency.
- Kuujjuarapik, Umiujaq, Tasiujaq and Kuujjuaq airports observe many ptarmigan flocks during the winter season. Maintainers performed runway inspections more frequently and used pyrotechnics or even harvested, if needed to keep the runways safe.
- Fox observations are increasing at most sites. Maintainers are encouraged to trap foxes since they tend to chew on runway light cables, in addition to being a wildlife strike hazard.
- A wildlife management consultant visited Kuujjuarapik, Inukjuak, Puvirnituq, Salluit, and Quaqtac airports to issue site-specific wildlife management plans. The consultant spent time with local staff at each site to better understand site-specific issues to be able to come up with efficient solutions.

Environmental Management

- Residual waste produced by the 14 airport garages (mostly used oil, old batteries, old paint, aerosol cans, oily rags and used filters), as well as contaminated soils resulting from remediation works, were successfully picked up at Sainte Catherine port and transported to a proper disposal center.
- The environmental team is currently working on different tenders, including spill response training for staff, a study on glycol management (related to deicing activities) in a context of climate change at Kuujuaq airport, and environmental site assessments at Kuujuarapik, Puvirnituk and Ivujivik airports.

Infrastructure and Projects

- Phone patch systems for all 14 airports: The contract has been awarded but implementation is delayed to May with final commissioning expected on July 31st, 2024.
- Demolition of the old hangar at Kuujuaapik airport: Project schedule will be out once the contract is awarded by the MTQ.
- Akulivik runway resurfacing: We will have more information regarding the project schedule once a suitable contractor has been awarded the contract by the MTQ.
- Puvirnituk runway resurfacing and stabilization: Project schedule will be out once the contract is awarded by the MTQ. There is an ongoing consultation with all stakeholders (MTQ, NV of Puvirnituk, Health board, KRG and Air Inuit) on the potential impacts of the project and mitigation measures.
- Akulivik runway access road resurfacing: This will be completed along with the runway resurfacing work.
- Tasiujaq airport access road bridge reinforcement: Project schedule will be out once the contract is awarded by the MTQ.
- Installation of nacelles and containers in Kuujuarapik and Salluit: the preliminary phase of the work was completed at Salluit on November 20, 2023. The project is scheduled to resume on February 12, 2024, and the projected completion date is August 1st, 2024.
- Umiujaq airport PAPI (Precision Approach Path Indicator) relocation and installation of a motorised airside access gate: Project schedule will be out once the contract is awarded by the MTQ.

Marine Port Management

The Ocean Protection Plan, Safety Equipment and Basic Marine Infrastructure in Northern Communities Initiative funding has been approved for the two projects submitted by the Department:

- Marine Spill Kits, Environmental Emergency Plans, and Spill Response Training for 14 Nunavik Communities (\$504,000), and

- Emergency portable lighting (\$1,313,484).

An agreement between Transport Canada and the KRG regarding the funding is currently being drafted. Once the agreement process is completed, approval will then be sought from the provincial government. We will then proceed with developing the tender for a contractor to supply and install all portable lightings. A second tender will also be published for a contractor who will produce site-specific emergency plans, purchase containers with supplies, and provide training in all 14 communities. These projects will take place during 2024 and 2025.

Regulatory & Safety

Safety Management Plan: The Safety Management manual for all 14 Nunavik airports has been successfully updated. The manual reflects the northern operation environment while complying with regulations. It serves as guidance to ensure aviation safety in airport operations.

Safety and Regulations team meetings: In the start of the new year, the Safety and Regulation team has made it a point to meet monthly to improve communication and streamline projects. We started with our first meeting of the new year on January 19.

Upcoming plans for 2024

- 2024 is the year to conduct internal audit on airport operations in all 14 airports. All activities controlled by Airport Operation Manuals (AOM) are subject to audit. Additionally, the security programs at YVP and YGW will be inspected to assure aviation safety.
- Emergency exercise planning for all Nunavik airports.
- Occupational Health and Safety inspections in all 14 airports and garages.

Bus Statistics

- Daily bus statistics are required in order to continue receiving the operational funds from the MTQ.

2023 bus statistics

	# of Usijiit Riders	# of Public Transit Riders	# of Year-to-Date Days with Statistics	Last Date of Bus Statistics Submitted
Kangiqsualujjuaq	53	59	103	Jan 26, 2023
Kuujjuaq	-	-	-	-
Tasiujaq	-	-	-	-
Aupaluk	-	-	-	-
Kangirsuk	1348	945	61	Nov 23, 2023

Quaqtaq	-	-	-	-
Kangiqsujuaq	3590	4271	29	Dec 26, 2023
Salluit	462	1044	60	Nov 24, 2023
Ivujivik	1357	1926	77	Nov 7, 2023
Akulivik	-	-	-	-
Puvirnituaq	-	-	-	-
Inukjuak	215	949	38	July 12, 2023
Umiujaq	-	-	-	-
Kuujuaraapik	3159	3700	54	Nov 30, 2023

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