



REGIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Department

ACTIVITY REPORT DECEMBER 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2025

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

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The Sivunirmut Agreement establishes the Kativik Regional Government (KRG) mandate in local development as the body responsible for regional development, and as the primary interlocutor of the Government of Québec on related matters. This mandate is exercised through:

- a) undertaking consultation, planning and evaluation of the development of the territory
- b) providing support to the Northern Villages as professional expertise and sharing of services (including social, cultural, tourist, environmental and technological exchange)
- c) establishing, funding and implementing specific regional development agreements with other KRG departments or with agencies of the Government of Québec

A Elders

2025 objective: Implement KRG 2017 Seniors Policy and Action Plan: communication, culture and recreation

Actions:

Nunavik Elders' Committee: the RLDD consulted with Elder coordinators, representatives of the Elder's Committee, and Nunavik Municipal Housing Bureau (NMHB) in December 2024. The following actions were still in progress and require concerted actions of stakeholders:

- Restructuring of the role of Elder Coordinators
- Consensus on the objectives of "Improve Living Conditions of seniors in Nord-du-Québec Region, Kativik"

- Introducing new Elder housing project funded under the federal Urban Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy
- Pursue KRG's lead pilot project: introduce new Elders' housing design and develop one unit in 2025

2025 objective: Fund seven strategic regional projects. Two applications were received.

Actions:

- Discussed Fonds régions et ruralité (FRR Québec) for retrofit of Kuujjuaq Arena
- Discussed FRR funding for construction of welding garage to serve community needs

2025 objective: Sector development

Actions:

- Discussed amendment to extend funding to fiscal year 2025-26 for bio-food development agreement

B LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

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Support community mobilization and implementation of projects to improve living environments, particularly in the social, cultural, economic and environmental fields

2025 objective: Fund community-service organizations' start-up and/or operations

Actions:

- Approved funding application for Ivakkak 2025
- Approved funding application for Kallallit Nunaat visit to Kuujjuaq

C BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

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Funding transfer payment agreement with Government of Canada on economic development pursuant to Annex F of James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement 2015-2020 sets the KRG mandate as follows: Provide core community economic development support and equity support to the Inuit of Nunavik

2025 Objectives

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

Actions:

- Approved co-funding of a local social economy enterprise in Aupaluk
- Finalizing a funding application for a start-up rental business in Kangiqsujaq

2. Provide technical assistance to three businesses through third-party professionals

Actions: No applications received

Note: The Director of the Regional and Local Development Department is being assisted by the Special Advisor to Director General's Office in developing a coordinate approach to tackling economic development issues in Nunavik.

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