



## REGIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Department

### ACTIVITY REPORT MARCH to MAY 2025

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#### 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**

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#### REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

##### Mandate

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 and Elder's project: the RLDD followed concerted actions and activities:

- Organized first meeting of 2025 for Elders Committee
- Discussed with MAHM the terms of reference and action plan for Elders funding agreement

- Pursued KRG's lead pilot project: to introduce new Elders housing design and develop one unit in 2025 (further discussion with NHB, and presentation of renewed house designed by Makivvik during Elders Committee meeting)
- Organized first training session of 2025 for Elder coordinators in Kuujjuaq
- Approved funding for Elder coordinators presented to NV Secretary Treasurers

**2025 objective:** Fund seven strategic regional projects. One more application received.

Actions:

- Approved funding application from joint project between Avataq Cultural Institute and Isuarsivik to build a multipurpose facility for artists and people in recovery

**2025 objective:** Sector development

Actions:

- Funding approved for Sirivik in Inukjuak to support activities in their new building including year-round greenhouse production of vegetables
- The department is assessing potential to help more NVs to install greenhouses. We are monitoring a project in Ivujivik that intends to expand the Nuvviti's school seedling project. Kuujjuaq, Kangiqsualujjuaq and Salluit greenhouses have also caught our interest and are part of recurrent discussion at the steering committee.
- Discussions took place in early March with Societe du Plan Nord for potential additional funding to support the development of agro-food sector.
- KRG sponsored Nunavik's participation at the three-day Social Economy Summit in Montreal. Nunavik hub was represented by over 20 stakeholders including entrepreneurs, elected officials and KRG officials.
- The first day of the summit gathered the three indigenous groups, Inuit, First Nations and Cree to speak about the achievements of the social economy, and its role in our wellbeing.
- On day two of the summit, KRG chairperson was invited to speak about Nunavik Social Economy and why it is important.

## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

### Mandate

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 organization start-ups and/or operations

Actions:

- Approved funding application for Nunavik Tourism Association
- Approved funding application for Makivvik Corporation for fibreglass hull maintenance training in 14 NVs

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

### Mandate

The funding transfer payment agreement with Government of Canada on economic development pursuant to Annex F of the 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 funding for two projects from the Pituvik Landholding Corporation (analysis of new quarries, and undertaking of a geotechnical study)

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

#### Actions:

- Supported drafting of partnership between a Nunavik's enterprise and a southern enterprise
- Provided support for registration of a new corporation from Kuujjuarapik
- Assisted a new business in Salluit with preparation and gathering of information to write a business plan

**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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