



RENEWABLE RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, LANDS AND PARKS Department

ACTIVITY REPORT MARCH TO MAY 2025

MANDATE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Fishing and Trapping Support: program administration, technical assistance to community programs and management of the regional program
 2. Uumajuit Wardens: wildlife protection on the land and in marine sectors
 3. Environmental: technical assistance to Northern Villages, environmental monitoring, research, climate change and environmental projects
 4. Land Use Planning: technical assistance to Northern Villages and regional planning
 5. National parks development and operation
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1. INUIT HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING SUPPORT PROGRAM

- Scallop dragger vessel for Salluit will be completed and ready for pick up in August
- Participated as observers in meeting with Makivik and Anguvigaq on caribou protection plan
- Training undertaken on Small Vessel Operator Proficiency; captains have received their certificates: two in Kuujuuaq, one in Kangiqsualujjuaq, one in Kangiqsujuaq, one in Salluit, and one in Akulivik
- Community boats: if you need assistance in repairing boat engines or community freezers, there is funding available. Present to us a resolution to start the procedure.
- Community visit to Umiujaq completed

2. UUMAJUIT WARDENS PROGRAM

- 415 days of patrolling days reported so far in 2025 with six days of search and rescue, as well as 124 weekly reports submitted
- Weekly telephone meetings held with Quebec Wildlife Protection Officers (MFFP), DFO representatives, with wardens actively engaged
- Statistics reporting ongoing with wardens on beluga sightings and harvests
- As part of the Nunavik Indigenous Guardians Initiative, wardens continue to document and report observations on environmental and climate changes on the land
- Participated in monthly meetings of the KRG-DFO Liaison Committee
- Recruitment for a warden in Aupaluk is ongoing.
- We continue to work through technical issues for all wardens to submit weekly reports
- Tender process for fleet exchange is ongoing

3. ENVIRONMENT

Residual Material Management

Metal recovery and recycling

A metal recovery project will take place in Umiujaq and Kangirsujuaq in 2025. An external contractor will be responsible for operations in Umiujaq, and the KRG metal recycling team will be working in Kangiqsujuaq. This year, the metal retrograde (including dangerous material) will be sent from Quaqtac, Kangirsuk, Kangiqsujuaq and Umiujaq.

Composting

- Kuujuaq:
 - Third call for tenders for mechanical work has been issued
 - Electricity contract awarded work scheduled for completion by June 15
 - Operations expected to begin in fall 2025
- Kangirsujuaq: Location confirmed, and engineering plans underway
- Kangiqsualujuaq: Project will resume in early summer with further site and equipment installation. A new garbage truck specific to compost project will arrive by sealift in July
- Inukjuak: Project is in operation; KRG assisting NV to improve composting practices:
 - Contract to produce educational content and raise awareness in school
 - Finalized awareness video on composting
 - NV and KRG are planning to extend compost collection to population in summer 2025
 - New garbage truck for compost was ordered and will arrive by sealift in July

Drop-off points

- Tasiujaq:
 - Information and awareness campaign on drop-off point began at end of March
 - Signage and storefronts installed at drop-off point
 - Drop-off point operator trained to start operations in June
- Ivujivik and Akulivik:
 - In Akulivik, storage and preparation of used car batteries for shipment underway
 - In Akulivik and Ivujivik: town managers trained to segregate and sort dangerous hazardous waste produced at municipal garage
 - Tenders launched for site construction; contracts to be awarded in June, and environmental evaluation underway
- Kangiqsualujuaq:
 - Drop-off point operator trained in February
- Kangirsuk, Quaqtac and Umiujaq (drop-off points): Projects presented to NV and approved; equipment ordered and will arrive by sealift in July; call for tenders for site construction launched and contracts to be awarded in June

Selective collection

- Kuujuaq: Project on hold pending next steps from Éco-Entreprises Québec (EEQ).
- Tasiujaq: Resolution passed by Northern Village to proceed with project

Eco-centres

- Kuujjuaq:
 - Official opening postponed to July 1 at NV's request
 - KRG assisting NV with production of communication tools and purchase of additional safety equipment
- Salluit: Site chosen and environmental evaluation underway

Waste-to-Energy

- Contract ongoing with expert firm to prepare technical specifications and tender documents for feasibility study on Kuujjuaq incinerator

Other Projects

- R3build: New website launched to describe better waste management practices for construction material, and how to increase reuse and divert materials from landfills
- Deposit Program: Since March 1, all plastic beverages between 100ml and two litres are part of deposit-refund system, along with aluminum containers already covered by the program. Each container is reimbursed with 10 cents, with 14 Co-op stores and Newviq'vi (Kuujjuaq) as return points. Recycling machines are being modified to receive plastic containers. Communication and outreach tools are in production.

Granular Material Management

- Presented the 2024 gravel pit survey report to NV and LHC of Umiujaq. A gravel deposit site of approximately two hectares located on the east side of the airstrip offers very good gravel quality and quantity. If the community wishes to move forward with opening this site, engineering plans and studies are required for construction of a 2-km access road.
- Non-exclusive lease for Puvirnituk new gravel pit named *Uivaqqaq* emitted by Ministry of Natural Resources and Forest (MRNF)
- Non-exclusive lease for Tasiujaq new gravel pit was emitted by MRNF
- Enlargement of Tasiujaq current gravel pit still in administrative process
- Restoration of eight abandoned gravel pit sites approved by resolution from NV Puvirnituk in March; planning underway with NV for restoration of two sites prioritized for this summer
- Met with NV and LHC of Kangiqsujuaq to plan 2025 gravel pit restoration project; sites have been identified. Report of the 2024 gravel pit restoration project finalized and will be shared with the community in coming weeks.
- Met with NV and LHC of Salluit to discuss potential restoration of old gravel pit located near river close to 400 m upstream of municipal water intake. Restoration costs for this project could be funded by the mine, Canadian Royalties. If the community chooses to move forward with this restoration project, the KRG will provide technical assistance.

Spill Management

- During the reporting period, nine spills were reported to the KRG: four from mining companies and five reported or observed from regional organizations
- Constant follow-ups made with stakeholders responsible for oil spills, and regular communication maintained with MELCCFP
- Meeting took place at INRS office in Quebec City in March on the project 'Development of a Technological Process Train for In Situ Treatment of Diesel-Contaminated Soils Adapted to the Context of Remote Cold Regions'
- Signing of agreements with SPN to establish contaminated soil treatment platforms and decontaminating soils at hazardous material storage sites in Northern Villages

Climate Change and Environmental Monitoring

- Met with regional organizations on setting up Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Committee
- During this period, the committee accepted four projects under the program:

Project	Organization	Amount request (Plan for a Green Economy)
Greenhouse Kangiqsualujjuaq	Qiniqtiq LHC- Inukjuak	\$100,000
Monitoring impact and expansion of beaver dams in Nunavik	Nunavik Research Centre	\$500,000
Nunavik Rivers Watch	Nunavik Research Centre	\$500,000
SmartICE	Niqliit Wildlife Committee-Kuujuuaq	\$330,377

Regional Environment

- Mid-Canada Line project:
 - Health and safety prevention plan have finalized
 - Contracts awarded to Nunavik Rotors, Air Inuit and Petronor for charter and fuel needs
- Water:
 - Water source protection: Drinking water source vulnerability reports for Kangirsuk and Kangiqsujuaq, Akulivik and Inukjuak submitted to Quebec Government
- Mining projects:
 - Strange Lake rare earth mining project (Torngat Metals): Company went to Kangiqsualujjuaq on March 24-25 to present recent plans on water management and mine closure. NV residents invited to ask questions and to be consulted on information. KRG and Makivvik representatives attended.
 - Reclamation of Asbestos Hill by MRNF: Quebec Government hired Atkins Realis to proceed with three-year knowledge acquisition project, including slope assessment, hydrology/permafrost assessment, and air quality assessment. The firm will subsequently develop reclamation scenarios.

4. LAND USE PLANNING

Regional Planning

- During the period, 15 projects of land use occupation were approved; nine involving impact-causing exploration work that required MRNF authorization
- Virtual meeting with MRNF held on April 29 to discuss abandoned mining exploration sites in Kativik region. KRG presented to the Ministry a list of abandoned sites visited, overflowed or based on information shared with the KRG. The purpose of this presentation was to inform the MRNF of abandoned mining exploration sites for subsequent action.
- KRG participated in Nunavik Mining Workshop on April 1-3
- Most recent version of draft By-Law Respecting Land Use, Social and Environmental Protection presented to KEAC on March 11 to obtain feedback, since the last presentation of draft by-law in 2022
- At request of Cree Nation Government, a virtual meeting with Cree Nation of Chisasibi and CNG was held on April 30 to present draft By-Law Respecting Land Use, Social and Environmental Protection.

Municipal Planning, Expansion Plans and Technical Assistance Program

- KRG Land Use staff met with:
 - Inukjuak municipal council and LHC board members in March to present community's new master plan, which was adopted on April 1
 - Land Use Planning Committee of Salluit in March to discuss new expansion area; street layout approved by NV and LHC by resolution. Next step is to begin more detailed planning with community representatives.
 - Ivujivik municipal council and LHC in April to discuss latest draft of community's master plan. A public consultation was held at community center with more than 30 residents participating. New master plan is expected to be adopted in May.
 - Puvirnituk NV staff to present results of public consultations and discuss next expansion zones. Team will return to Puvirnituk in September to present final version of master plan for adoption.
 - NV Quaqtaq to present final version of new master plan; adoption expected in May
- In Akulivik, KRG completed first steps of snow modulization project in context of climate change with researchers from University of Sherbrooke. Public consultations were held to ask residents which areas in the village are the most impacted by snow accumulation. Once completed, the project will help with the efficiency of municipal services for snow removal in the village, and the model could be replicated in other communities.
- Public consultations were conducted in Aupaluk in March for preparation of community's new master plan. Consultations included meeting with municipal council and LHC's council on decisions regarding future expansion zones, public consultations at Coop store, activities at the school with students, and interviews with Elders.
- Process of officializing community street names with Commission de la Toponymie du Québec has begun. This procedure helps to promote and protect Inuktitut language by legally recognizing street names, and makes it easier for government and private companies to deliver services without confusion.
 - To date, only Kangiqsualujjuaq and Tasiujaq have had street names approved by Québec Government
 - Street names for Aupaluk, Ivujivik and Quaqtaq confirmed with NV representatives and will be sent to translation soon so they can be officially approved
 - KRG still needs to confirm street names for Kuujjuaq, Kangirsuk, Kangiqsujuaq, Salluit, Puvirnituk, Inukjuak, Umiujaq and Kuujjuaraapik
 - Akulivik has not yet adopted street names; KRG helping finalize them
- Technical assistance provided to 14 NV to help with civic number attribution; database is updated continuously with each new number assignment. Also, the addition of NV civic numbers and street names on Google maps is ongoing and will be updated annually.
- As part of an annual update, community basemaps are being updated and available through KRG website in coming weeks. Large format copies will be delivered to all NV. Updated maps available at: <https://www.krg.ca/en-CA/map/community-maps>

20% Protected Areas

- Specific Agreement to preserve Cambrien Lake / Nachicapau Lake / Fort Mackenzie (Waskaikinis) Areas:
 - Participated in meetings of subcommittee on implementation of commitments on mining activities in Nachicapau Lake Area; discussions on conditions to be issued within future Reserve to the State
 - Conducted inventory of harlequin duck, designated as vulnerable species in Quebec, to acquire knowledge for preservation of Cambrien and Nachicapau lakes sector

- Four engagement sessions held by Advisory Committee to complete Nunavik Protected Areas Consultation Phase 2:
 - On March 17-18 in Tasiujaq with representatives from Tasiujaq and Aupaluk
 - On March 19-20 in Quaqtaq with representatives from Quaqtaq and Kangirsuk
 - On April 1-3 in Inukjuak with representatives from Inukjuak, Umiujaq, Kuujjuaraapik and Whapmagoostui
 - On May 21-22 in Kangiqsujaq with representatives from Kangiqsujaq
- Installed equipment on May 27 for biodiversity monitoring project in Canyon-Eaton Territorial Reserve for Protected Area Purposes. Project initiated by MELCCFP to monitor effects of climate change through several indicators and measure impact on ecosystems.

Nordic Conservation Areas (NCA) Pilot Project

- Participated in meetings of Nordic Conservation Areas (NCA) Pilot Project Committee:
 - Community consultation held by Committee on March 26 in Kawawachikamach with Naskapi Nation to collect territory proposals for pilot project
 - Committee met on April 28 to analyze proposals from consultations and submit them to government's interdepartmental committee for approval. A flyover will be carried out in late summer to collect additional information on proposed territories and guide choice of the final territory for pilot project.

Iluliliq National Park Project

- Held meeting of Iluliliq National Park Project Working Group in Ivujivik on May 6; discussion on development of future park initiated
- Temporary suspension of right to designate on map was applied to Max Power Mining Corporation's former mining titles. This suspension now applies to 90% of study area designated in 2015 by the Working Group.

5. NUNAVIK PARKS

Visitors: December to February

	Visitors in the park	Visitors to the exhibition
Pingualuit	140	77
Kuururjuaq	54	43
Ulittaniujalik	n/a	n/a
Tursujuq	132	n/a

- New assistant director has been hired and should start on June 16
- Parks Coordinator attended Sustainable Employment forum in Montreal in March
- Marketing agent, visitor experience technician and Parks coordinator organized and delivered annual visitor experience officer meeting in Kuujjuaraapik in April
- Safety technician organized logistics for training for nautical rescue, kayak training and first aid refresher and water rescue scheduled before summer season in parks
- Safety technician updated and created autonomous visitor documents for Kuururjuaq and Ulittaniujalik parks
- Safety technician requested that Transport Canada waive conditions and qualifications required for small vessel operators in national parks
- Safety technicians continue to work with Aventure Eco-Tourisme Quebec for safety and quality accreditation

- Marketing agent and visitor experience technician attended Outdoor Adventure Show in Montreal in March; over 300 people signed up for Parks newsletter mailing list
- Weekend packages for 2025 were announced on April 24 on the KRG website. General reservations open on May 15
- Marketing agent and freelance journalist went to Tursujuq park during a winter package; journalist wrote about his experience in various magazines
- Media placements in Origin(e) Tourisme Autochtone Quebec's magazine and Air Inuit magazine
- Marketing agent participated with Nunavik Tourism in the Bourse des medias in Montreal in March, met more than 20 journalists from various media to talk about Nunavik Parks
- Nunavik Parks partnered with Makivvik to offer Inuit herbal tea at Outdoor Adventure show in March
- Marketing agent took part in MELCCFP subcommittee discussion on free park access fees
- Maintenance technicians provided technical support for Umiujaq pavilion and for work in Pingualuit and Tursujuq camps
- Education technician launched parc national des Pingualuit education kit, a travelling trunk full of educational resources that will travel in the Kativik Ilisarniliriniq network during 2025-2026 school year
- Partnership with Air Inuit's Immersion Nunavik was renewed; Air Inuit staff returning again this summer for third consecutive year

Conservation and education

- Organized logistics for summer field work season with local teams
- In April, completed field visit to Kuujjuaraapik to start recruitment campaign with local VEO for Sentinels in park camp to be held in July for eight youth from Kuujjuaraapik-Whapmagoostui
- Liaised with project leaders working on research projects within the parks
- Created digital tool that allows Parks to collect scientific data and inventories

Parc national des Pingualuit

- In April, Maali Tukirqi was hired as Coordinator of Operations, and Piari Nappaaluk as Seasonal Park Warden
- Raglan mine group visited the park twice on day trips
- Two skiers began their journey in Akulivik and finished expedition in the park
- Safety technicians travelled to Kangiqsujuaq to update first-aid kits in community and park
- Park wardens and Coordinator brought additional materials to the park. At the corridor of the park, propane tank boxes were added in each cabin to protect them from cold.
- Two different expeditions took place in Pingualuit this winter. A team will produce a short film, and there will also be an article in Geo Plein Air magazine. The second team was followed online across Canada, enabling them to discover Nunavik and the park.

Parc national Tursujuq

- Operations Coordinator Jack Niviaxie resigned from his position
- Delivered three winter packages and five-day trips with local community
- Malaya Anowak was hired as new administrative technician in March
- Education technician removed all artifacts in pavilion office for upcoming renovations
- Hired seven local helpers and guides for winter packages

Parc national Kuururjuaq

- Delivered one short and one long winter package
- Hauled gas and propane tanks to Quurlutuarjuq camp; dropped off fuel at Iberville base camp
- Received five different groups of 23 autonomous visitors in the park
- Nunavik Sivunitsavut of 16 students with three chaperones and two local elders visited the park
- Group of three skiers from Schefferville visited the park and Kangiqsualujjuaq
- Picked up tents at Qurlutuarjuq that were used as a lunch pit-stop for winter packages, which locals also use
- Kuururjuaq received a beautiful qajaq made by Daniel Annanack, his students and Alain Cloutier. The qajaq was given to Kuururjuaq by Ulluriaq school in Kangiqsualujjuaq and installed in the pavilion.

Parc national Ulittaniujalik

No activities during this period.

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