



REGIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Department

ACTIVITY REPORT JUNE to SEPTEMBER 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 Governments' (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.

2025 Objectives

1. Implement the KRG 2017 Seniors' Policy and Action Plan: communication, culture and recreation

Actions:

- Nunavik Elders' Committee and Elder's project: Enacting the new Elders Agreement between KRG and Government of Québec, and implementing agenda items from last Elders Committee meeting
- Drafting management framework for 2024-29 as per agreement, involving discussion and approval by the steering committee
- Drafting action plan for 2024-29 as per agreement; most actions consist of implementing 2017 Seniors Policy and Action Plan
- A shelter for Elders in Kuujjuaraapik: project initiated by the Elders Committee and discussed by KRG for implementation, the mayor of Kuujjuaraapik, the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS), and Nunavik Housing Bureau
- Training sessions continue, including first-aid training and KRG loan-and-project-report training for Elder Coordinators
- Approval of funding for NVs and coordination of June 15 (Elder Safety Day) activities with the contribution of Elder Coordinators and NRBHSS

2. Fund seven strategic regional projects

Actions:

- The department submitted a funding request to support Air Inuit construction of a new staff housing in Kuujjuaq, a \$60-million project that will support the regional carrier in providing better services to Nunavimmiut.

3. Sector development

Actions:

- The department planned a trip to Inukjuak in early July to meet with Sirivik board and management to discuss implementation of Nunavik Choice, a project that will promote processing and selling of local produce agri-food products to support Nunavik operating greenhouses.

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:

1. Fund community-service organization start-ups and/or operations

Actions:

- Approved funding application for Makivvik Corporation for Northern Delight Harvest 2025 in Inukjuak, Kangiqsualujuaq, Kujjuaraapik and Umiujaq
- Approved funding for Makivvik Corporation to cover Nunavik artists tradeshow expenses at Aqsarniiq tradeshow in February 2025
- Approved funding for Makivvik Corporation for design of new headquarters in Nunavik
- Approved funding for Nunavik Tourism Association to support development of tourism initiatives in Nunavik
- Approved funding for Nunavik Tourism Association for Harnessing the Power of Tides project

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

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The funding transfer payment agreement with the 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 one project from the Pituvik Landholding Corporation (development of two new quarries)
- Approved funding for Nayumivik LHC for assembly and construction of a boat shelter
- Approved funding for Kuujjuamiut Inc. for renovation of staff housing
- Approved funding for Kuujjuamiut Inc. for modernization of coffee shop and kitchen

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

Actions:

- We are currently providing business registration guidance to a new business in Kuujjuaq
- We provided technical support to a cooperative business in the field of construction by supporting an audit by a third party

Other departmental news

- The department is modernizing approaches to supporting start-ups and existing businesses. Members of the team are currently being trained on a new platform that will provide a clear path to what the steps are to create and sustain businesses. Modernization processes will involve revamping the existing loan and contribution policies, processes and frameworks.
- The department has two new employees, one new Elders councillor, and one economic development officer.

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 coordinated approach to tackling economic development issues in Nunavik.

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