



RENEWABLE RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, LANDS AND PARKS Department

ACTIVITY REPORT JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 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 (NVs), environmental monitoring, research, climate change and environmental projects
 4. Land Use Planning: technical assistance to NVs and regional planning
 5. National parks development and operation
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1. INUIT HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING SUPPORT PROGRAM

- Second payment of \$4,142,275 in community grants issued to NV Hunter Support Programs
- Tender for Aupaluk community boat launched
- Tender for Kangiqsujuaq trailer issued; scheduled to arrive by ship this fall
- Tender for solar lights issued for Kangiqsujuaq, Kangiqsualujjuaq, and Umiujaq
- Tender for freezer accessories issued for all NV
- Salluit boat is completed, sea trials conducted, and en route
- Community visit to Umiujaq completed, and second visit planned
- A second regional agent, Annie Johannes, started in July

2. UUMAJUIT WARDENS PROGRAM

- A total of 899 patrol days have been reported so far in 2025, including seven days of search and rescue assistance provided to NVs. A total of 271 weekly reports have been submitted to our partners including Makivvik, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board, and Québec's Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs (MELCCFP).
- Weekly coordination calls involving our wardens take place with Quebec Wildlife Protection Officers (MFFP) and DFO representatives.
- Ongoing statistical reporting includes beluga sightings and harvests, as well as daily monitoring of hunting activities by each warden.

- As part of the Nunavik Indigenous Guardians Initiative, wardens continue to document and report environmental and climate change observations on the land.
- We took part in monthly meetings of the KRG–DFO Liaison Committee.
- Recruitment for a warden in Aupaluk is still ongoing.
- The tender process to replace damaged and obsolete patrol boat and search-and-rescue vessels is underway.
- Joint patrols with MELCCFP biologists and wildlife officers continues, with some fishing violations reported.

3. ENVIRONMENT

Residual Material Management

Metal recovery and recycling

- A metal recovery project began in August in Umiujaq and Kangiqsujaq.
 - An external contractor is managing operations in Umiujaq.
 - The KRG metal recycling team is working in Kangiqsujaq.
 - Operations will continue until October 2025.
- This year, retrograde shipments of metal (including hazardous materials) were/to be sent from:
 - Quaqtq (early in the summer)
 - Kangirsuk, Kangiqsujaq, and Umiujaq before the end of 2025

Composting

- Kuujjuaq
 - Composting site established; all required equipment installed.
 - Electrical work completed.
 - Mechanical contract awarded to contractor; work scheduled to be completed by end of September.
 - Equipment connection planned for end of September.
 - Operations are expected to begin in fall 2025.
- Kangiqsualujjuaq
 - Project delivery scheduled for end of September; operations to begin in fall 2025.
 - Container installed by contractor on August 14–15.
 - Equipment connection planned for early September.
- Inukjuak
 - Project is operational; KRG is assisting the NV to improve composting practices.
 - Contract awarded to produce educational content and raise awareness in schools.
 - An information session is being prepared in collaboration with the NV and KRG to expand compost collection to the broader population in fall 2025.
 - A new compost garbage truck was ordered and will arrive by sealift in September.

Drop-off points

- Approximately 40, 20-foot containers of used tires, appliances, electronics, paint, batteries, and used oil were prepared for shipment via the first retrograde sealift.
- KRG is collaborating with NVs to continue operations through the end of the season.

- Akulivik, Ivujivik, and Quaqlaq
 - Tenders launched and contracts awarded for site construction.
 - Akulivik: Site built by contractor in late July; equipment installed.
 - Quaqlaq: Site built by contractor in early September; equipment installed.
 - Ivujivik: Contract awarded to contractor; work to be completed in September.
- Aupaluk, Kangiqsualujuaq, Kangiqsujuaq, and Tasiujaq
 - Training provided to employees in Tasiujaq and Kangiqsualujuaq.
 - NVs of Kangiqsujuaq and Aupaluk are still seeking employees.

Eco-centres

- Kuujuaq: Opened in August; KRG is supporting the NV with new communication tools.
- Inukjuak: KRG is providing technical assistance; operations are progressing.
- Salluit: Site selected and environmental evaluation completed in July; planning underway.

Waste-to-Energy

- Public tender launched for a feasibility study on the Kuujuaq incinerator.

Other Projects

- R3build : New website and social media campaign launched to promote better waste management practices for construction materials, with focus on reuse and landfill diversion.
- Deposit Program
 - Since March 1, plastic beverage containers (100ml-2L) are included in deposit-refund system, alongside aluminum containers. Each container is reimbursed at \$0.10.
 - 14 Co-op stores and Newviq'vi (Kuujuaq) serve as return points.
 - Recycling machines have been modified to accept plastic containers.
 - Communication and outreach tools launched in collaboration with Co-ops and NVs.

Granular Material Management

- Potential Gravel Pit Surveys:
 - The KRG is conducting sand pit surveys in Kangiqsujuaq and Inukjuak by end of August.
- Sand and Gravel Pit Opening Process:
 - NV Kangiqsujuaq has requested assistance from the KRG on the current sand pit, which may not be sufficient for the 2025 construction project.
- Archaeological Survey:
 - The KRG hired Avataq to conduct archaeological surveys prior to disturbance of historical sites in the vicinity of Puvirnituk's new gravel pit area. In July, a survey was conducted, followed by a public showcase to present the artifacts to the community. A short report was shared with MPW ahead of the planned road construction this summer.
- Administrative Management:
 - The 2024 annual declaration for gravel and sand extraction were completed in March by the KRG, the necessary payments, and invoices will be sent to the concerned NVs.

- Abandoned Sand Pit Restoration:
 - In Puvirnituk, the KRG and the NV collaborated to restore one sand pit in July. The site was challenging and required several days of work.
 - In Kangiqsujuaq, a restoration project was planned, but the site was allocated to a construction company for use as a storage area. Repurposing a disturbed site helps prevent damage to other natural habitats.
- The KRG partnered with researchers from Laval University to study revegetation of abandoned sand pits:
 - Phase 1 (2023–2024): Mechanical work was done to decompact the soil.
 - Phase 2 (2025): Revegetation began, with planting completed at two sites in Puvirnituk and one site in Kangiqsujuaq in July.

Spill Management

- 52 spills were reported to the KRG during the reporting period:
 - 5 from mining companies
 - 47 from regional organizations, either reported or observed
- Ongoing follow-ups are conducted with stakeholders responsible for oil spills, and regular communication is maintained with MELCCFP.
- Follow-up continues with INRS 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.”*
- A professional services contract was signed with Environmental Firm to provide engineering support for the planning and design of a contaminated soil treatment platform in Nunavik.
- Meetings were held in Tasiujaq and Inukjuak with Hydro-Québec representatives to discuss contaminated soil treatment platforms.

Climate Change and Environmental Monitoring

- During the period, three projects have received contribution agreements under the Inuit climate leadership program:

Project	Organization	Amount request (Plan for a Green Economy)
Consultation, Communication, Research on Climate Change Adaptation	Nunavik Tourism Association	\$ 240,500
3-Year Monitoring of the Forum Solar and Geothermal Heat Pump Systems to Reduce Carbon Emissions in Kuujjuaq	Kuujjuamiut Inc.	\$ 75,000
Building Bridges for a Better Future: Collaborative Strategies to Face Climate Change	Qiniqtiq LHV Kangiqsualujjuaq	\$ 359,400

Regional Environment

- **Mid-Canada Line project:**
 - Equipment for 2025 activities delivered to Kuujjuaq
 - Agreements secured for lodging and site access; special insurance and permits secured from the Société de protection des forêts contre le feu (SOPFEU)
 - Community visits and site inspections conducted in June
 - Cleanup at site 330A (June 29–July 8), removed 34,000 lbs of residual materials; involved Cree and Inuit workers, with support from Nunavik Rotors and Air Inuit
 - Contracts awarded for bush cutting, cleanup, and supervision at site 315A
- **Caniapiscau Project:**
 - Final report approved by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
 - Financial audit (2018–2025) completed by mid-August
- **Water:**
 - KRG and MELCCFP preparing grant application for water protection plans in eight NVs
- **Mining projects:**
 - Canadian Royalties (CRI) presented a Inukshuk project and new tailings cell; \$110 million secured for restoration and expansion of Nunavik Nickel Project (extended to 2035).
 - Tata Steel held Goodwood Committee meeting; site visit with KRG and Makivvik
 - KRG participated in pre-consultation with the Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts (MRNF) on mining regulation amendments; official comments submitted in July.

4. LAND USE PLANNING

Regional Planning

- 24 land use projects approved, including four requiring MRNF authorization; MRNF also requested input on two land lease applications.
- A second submission of the *By-Law Respecting Land Use, Social and Environmental Protection* was sent to the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation (MAMH) in May incorporating Advisory Committee feedback (notably Chapter 8).
- KRG participated in MRNF's pre-consultation on mining regulation amendments and submitted comments in July. Key changes include:
 - New qualifying conditions (awareness program, Québec Enterprise Number, local representative).
 - Consultation expenses with Indigenous/local communities now count toward exploration work minimums.
- KRG joined virtual meeting with the Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission (NMRPC) on the Marine Use Plan; a comment letter was sent in August.
- We participated in Energy Subcommittee meetings to support decarbonization efforts and solar energy development under Decree 1376-2024.
- Site inspections in July revealed drill rods in a lake; claim holder contacted for removal.
- MRNF meeting in August addressed abandoned mining sites in the Kativik region; some added to environmental liabilities, others under historical review.

Municipal Planning, Expansion Plans and Technical Assistance Program

- KRG met with NVs of Tasiujaq, Inukjuak, Kangiqsualujjuaq, Kuujjuaraapik to present geotechnical results and master plans.
- Ivujivik's master plan is under adoption; Quaqtaq's new plan adopted in May.
- Final master plans for Kangiqsujuaq, Tasiujaq, Aupaluk, and Kangirsuk to be presented soon.
- KRG presented land use tools at the Environment and Land Use Planning Workshop and the Association of Secretary-Treasurers of Nunavik (ASTN) meeting.
- Geotechnical studies are ongoing in Kuujjuaq for expansion planning.
- Community basemaps updated and distributed; large-format copies available on request.
- New aerial imagery from the Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable (MTMD) printed and shared with NVs.
- Technical assistance provided to all NVs for civic number attribution; database updated continuously.
- Google Maps updates for civic numbers and street names are in progress and expected in the coming weeks.

20% Protected Areas

- Cambrien Lake / Nachicapau Lake / Fort Mackenzie (Waskaikinis) Agreement
 - Participated in subcommittee meetings to explore alternatives to hydroelectric development in the area, and on mining activity commitments in Nachicapau Lake area, including discussions on conditions for future Reserve to the State.
- Canyon-Eaton Territorial Reserve Monitoring
 - On July 30, biodiversity monitoring was conducted in collaboration with the Uumajuit Warden. Insect samples were collected to help MELCCFP assess climate change impacts on ecosystems.

Nordic Conservation Areas (NCA) Pilot Project

- Participated in NCA Pilot Project Committee meetings:
 - July 13: Planning for September flyover to gather data and guide territory selection
 - July 23: Presentation to Québec Interministerial Committee on pilot and study area

Iluliliq National Park Project

- Pingualuit National Park Visit
 - Held on July 28–29 for Salluit and Ivujivik members of the Working Group to meet park staff and learn about park operations
- Iluliliq Study Area Field Visits
 - Conducted by helicopter on July 18 (Salluit) and August 17 (Ivujivik) to reflect on and discuss future park development
- Mining Claims
 - A second letter was sent to Eureka Lithium Inc., reiterating the Working Group's request to abandon claims within the park study area.

5. NUNAVIK PARKS

Visitors: May to August

	Visitors in the park	Visitors to the exhibition
Pingualuit	79	164
Kuururjuaq	52	63
Ulittaniujalik	18	-
Tursujuq	146	Umiujaq exhibit closed, under major repair

- Development of application to monitor provision of material and dangerous goods
- Parks Director and coordinators added to the KRG maintenance system to assist improvement of Parks infrastructure in park welcoming communities
- Implementation of two actions from Nunavik Parks Waste Management Plan
- Assessment of hazardous material quantities in each park and logistics to ship them South to sorting facilities
- Preparation, in collaboration with Stantec, of residual materials management guide for park employees
- Monitored diverse communities concerns such as nesting birds, water quality, vegetation, snow depth, and beaver dam
- Nunavik Parks presented and delivered the Parc national des Pingualuit education kit to Kativik Ilisarniliriniq during the school year orientation in Montréal
- Nunavik Parks insured logistics of 33 charter planes and 8 helicopters (for 20 days).
- The four parks logos and the Nunavik Parks logo are now registered officially in the Registrar of Trademarks of the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) to ensure these logos cannot be use by anybody without Parks Nunavik consent
- Development of new documents:
 - Activities authorized in Nunavik parks (conservation and marketing)
 - Fresh water seal observations report (conservation and marketing)
 - Form for Nunavik Parks Beneficiary Access Initiative
- Design of park gift certificate and delivery to secondary 5 graduates from NV Kuujjuaq, Kangiqsujuaq, Kangiqsualujjuaq, Umiujaq, Kuujjuaraapik and Whapmagoostui.
- Publication of 11 social media posts on Parks Nunavik Facebook page, and shared with targeted Facebook groups (Hudson Bay communities, and paddling groups)

Parc national des Pingualuit

- Anna Kristensen hired in May as Director of Pingualuit Park
- Former Administrative Technician, Lydia Kiatainaq, promoted to Visitor Experience Officer
- Markusi Alaku and Masiu Jaaka hired as Seasonal Park Wardens
- Parks organized 12 packages this summer
- Kuujjuaq Visitor Experience Officer provided two days onboarding training to Pingualuit VEO
- Safety technician delivered nautical rescue and basic kayak training to Pingualuit staff
- Maintenance:
 - Itirviluarjuk camp structure was raised (lifted) and leveled
 - Porches added to Manarsulik camps
 - Weather station maintained by ECCC (authorization procedure reviewed)

- Surveys conducted by architects, engineers, and museologist at the Kangiqsujaq pavilion in anticipation of major renovation to the building, potential expansion, and the renewal of the exhibition
- Harmonization Committee Meeting in Kangiqsujaq

Parc national Kuururjuaq

- Hired 2 summer students to assist wardens
- Kuururjuaq Harmonization Committee meeting in Kuujuaq
- Park organized three packages this summer including one school group
- Coordinate first package summit with mountain guide
- Maintenance:
 - Relocated dome shelter to Iberville Basecamp
 - Made improvements to Upper Koroc and Iberville Basecamp camps including installation of toilets and adjustments to heating system
 - Start working with Architects on employee shelter for Qurlutuarjuq sector

Parc national Ulittaniujalik

- Ulittaniujalik Harmonization Committee meeting in Kuujuaq
- Material and fuel dropped in key park locations on George River to place interpretation and park limit signs
- Implementation of refuge concept to potentially be integrated into the park

Parc national Tursujuq

- Received 12 groups of autonomous visitors
- Organized four packages this summer
- Tursujuq Park staff and 2 local guides completed water rescue first responder training
- Former Warden, Joshua Davidee Sala, promoted to Operations Coordinator in July
- Harmonization Committee meeting in May in Umiujaq
- Participated with Nunavik Sentinel group in tour of Montreal Insectarium to initiate youth to science and insects
- Took part in Community Hydrography program of Canadian Hydrographic Survey to enhance knowledge of Tasiujaq water depth
- Nunavik Parks signed a contract to update permanent exhibition at Parc national Tursujuq in Umiujaq with upgraded content
- Nunavik Parks signed a contract with Lupien-Matteau for permanent exhibition at Kuujuaaraapik's Sakkuk building for Parc national Tursujuq; to be launched in 2026
- Contract provided to surveyor to examine site for future Tursujuq Park garage
- Maintenance:
 - Visit of all the huts in the park and inspection of all buildings and safety devices in preparation for upcoming maintenance work
 - Visit of the two former outfitter sites with the aim of modifying and renovating them to integrate them into park sites
 - Major repair of Tursujuq Pavilion heating system in Umiujaq will be completed in late fall 2025.
 - Initiated study of sand pit available for road to Tasiujaq Lake

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