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Director General's Office Update Regional Council, February 16-19, 2026 Kuujuuaq

- Good morning, I would like to take a few minutes to give an overview of some of the key areas where the Director General's Office (DGO) has been working closely with departments to execute mandates and objectives as well as implementing Executive Committee (EC) and Regional Council (RC) priorities for the Kativik Regional Government (KRG). Our directors will provide more details during the presentation of their departmental activity reports.
- The DGO continues to work closely with the Directors on a regular basis, and chairs the Directors' meetings to ensure departments are kept apprised of ongoing events, and that we are aligned when it comes to achieving our objectives and mandates.
- I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jobie Tukkiapik, Director of Renewable Resources, Lands, Environment and Parks, and Maggie Emudluk, Chairperson KRG, for the King Charles III's medal of exemplary leadership and distinguished community service. The Mayoress of Puvirnituk also organized a community event in Puvirnituk with community leaders where our chairperson was honoured with this award by the Quebec Lieutenant Governor. I would also like to thank the mayoress for recognizing our Director of Civil Security, Craig Lingard, and our Assistant Director of Municipal Public Works, Alain Tournigy, for recognizing both departments and our employees at KRG for working with the municipality and stakeholders throughout Nunavik to assist Puvirnituk during their water crisis last spring.
- I am pleased to welcome James Craig in his capacity as Director of Transportation. You will meet James during the presentation of the Transportation activity report, and the team is excited to have a permanent Transportation Director as are all of us here at KRG. We will also be presenting a resolution to the RC this week on the hiring of a Strategic Civil Aviation Consultant to assist the Department and the DGO to continue with improvements internally and with our external partners.
- We are adding some new positions to our Human Resources (HR) team, as KRG has grown over the years to improve support to our directors in overseeing departments. It is important that we support our HR team so they can better support our employees throughout the organization. Thank you to our Chairperson and Vice Chair for opening the Human Resources Planning Session in late January here in Kuujuuaq. Our Vice Chair performed a traditional ceremony with the lighting of the qulliq, and both our Chair and Vice Chair were there to support our HR team and share with our employees some priorities of the EC.



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time. As I stated in my last two updates to the RC, we are cooperating fully in this audit, and we are open to any suggestions for improvements going forward that can improve how we as organization assist villages during times of crisis. We look forward to reviewing the final report when it is released by the Quebec Government.

- The DGO continuous to review all departments to look at best practices and challenges and gaps that require attention to ensure good program and service delivery. Our EC regularly challenge us to look for improvements, to work together internally and to build on our external relationship with Makivvik and other strategic partners in Nunavik. We have recently completed an internal review in our Communications and Civil Security departments, and finalized a review of our Nunavik Police Service (NPS). The final report of the NPS audit will be presented on Tuesday, February 17 at this RC session. Once presented, the DGO will work with the NPS Chief, the KRG senior management team and with Makivvik to review recommendations and implement where possible. The EC and the RC will continue to receive regular updates regarding the audit and progress on the 35 recommendations.
- I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the DGO to thank our interim NPS Chief, Jean-Francois Bernier, for working hard with his senior management team, the DGO and our EC and RC. The Interim Chief has made a positive impact in a short period of time at NPS, and his positive energy and action-oriented approach for continuous improvement is recognized and appreciated by the DGO.
- The Interim Chief has presented NPS crime statistics as well as NPS organizational changes and improvements to Makivvik at our Nunavik Public Security Committee as this is co-chaired by both organizations to discuss and review the audited NPS report as well. The Interim Chief and our Assistant Director General, Maggie Putulik, also presented the same presentation to the Makivvik Executive.
- I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that all our senior management team, from the DGO, directors and assistant directors are now based in Nunavik. Our NPS management team is now back in Nunavik as per direction from the EC and DGO. It is important that our senior management be in Nunavik to hear and see first-hand the challenges on the ground facing our departments and the villages they serve.
- I always conclude my DGO comments by stating that if you have any issues in your Northern Villages that require KRG assistance it is important that the issues be communicated to the KRG so that we can coordinate a timely response with our EC and departmental directors. Sometimes these issues are beyond the mandate and responsibilities of the KRG. However, we are always available to provide support and technical advice. We can organize a meeting with our Chair, Vice Chair, EC, the appropriate departments and the NV to have all of us



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around the table discussing the issues at hand, and collectively looking at proactive solutions and an action plan.

- It is our pleasure to provide advice, to manage and oversee our daily KRG operations in a manner that is transparent and accountable, and, most importantly, to implement the strategic directions and resolutions of the EC and RC.

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