



REGIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Department

ACTIVITY REPORT NOVEMBER 2025 to FEBRUARY 2026

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

Mandate

The Sivunirmut Agreement establishes the Kativik Regional Government's 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 (NVs) as professional expertise and sharing of services (including social, cultural, tourist, environmental and technological exchange)
- c) supporting community mobilization and implementation of projects to improve living environments, particularly in the social, cultural, economic and environmental fields
- d) establishing, funding and implementing specific regional development agreements with other KRG departments or with agencies of the Government of Québec

2026 Objectives

1. Implement the 2024-2029 Action Plan for Elders

Actions:

- Elders Committee met on December 2-3 with resolutions for implementation:
 - The committee received and discussed a letter of support for Elders who previously served as rangers. The committee requested that the letter be submitted for legal review to dive deeper into issues related to rangers and use of appropriate legal wording for claim justification.
 - Celebration of the committee's 20th anniversary was postponed to 2026. Events will be organized in NVs with the collaboration of Elder Coordinators.
 - The committee is inviting Makivvik and Revenue Québec to provide an information session on Elder's tax issues (including tax implications for Elders looking to start businesses).
 - A mandate has been given to Laval University to continue the study of socio-economic conditions of Nunavik Elders.

 - KRG and the Health Board project collaboration from elders:
 - Important work on raising awareness of Elder abuse has been done by the Health Board (NRBHSS) with the contribution of Elder Coordinators. Josée Duplantie of the NRBHSS is providing a presentation to the Council.
 - Elder Committee members, the Health Board and KRG Communications are finalizing a draft of a new Elders and Caregivers directory.
 - An update on a proposed regional dialogue in June on Elders and their caregivers will be provided by Josée Duplantie during her presentation.

 - Fostering local Elder Coordinator activities
 - Kuujjuaq's Elder Coordinator is taking part in first-aid training in February.
 - An initiative to improve the delivery of the food basket to Elders is in progress in collaboration with Sysco Canada. Elder Coordinators will discuss the possibility of implementing this.
2. Fund seven strategic regional projects
- No projects have been received to date. We invite proponents to discuss their potential projects with us.
3. Sector development: BIO-FOOD
- Actions:
- A Nunavik Greenhouse Advisory Committee has been created; main objectives include:
 - Serving as a focal information point for all Nunavik greenhouse promoters
 - Creating of a pool of funding to secure the expertise of an agronomist
 - Promoting and developing knowledge-based agriculture in Nunavik
 - New projects in consideration for Kangiqsualujjuaq and Umiujaq

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Mandate

Support community mobilization and implementation of projects to improve living environments, particularly in the social, cultural, economic and environmental fields

2026 objectives:

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

Actions:

- No applications yet received to date

2. Revamp policies and set clear criteria for the territorial development fund

Actions:

- New processes will be created in 2026

3. Meet with NVs to discuss priorities in local development

Actions:

- Meetings with NVs will take place throughout 2026

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Mandate 1

A 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.

2026 Objectives:

1. Assist 20 business start-ups, expansions and partnerships: set-up and financing

Actions:

- One new project under consideration (Northern Delight by Makivvik)

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

Actions:

- One project currently in the process (small business incorporation, Kuujjuaq)

Mandate 2

Support Nunavik business development by optimizing operational procedures, and developing advanced tools for monitoring for loans and grants under the Makigiarutiit Fund and consolidated Fund I and II.

1. Revamp loans and grants policy and procedures, including criteria, interest rate policy, maximum loan and grant amounts, equity contribution by promoters, start-up development incentive policies, and protocol agreements.

Actions: No activity yet

2. Conduct audit and mentorship with existing clients to ensure grants and loans are used as per agreements.

Actions: Internal discussion between the director and loans officer is focused on achieving:

- Proper use of funding by customers
- Enforcing funding agreements
- Meeting a 100% collection objective
- Reassessing customer risk and offering restructuring solutions or more funding for expansion

3. Revamp and update the Nunavik business Directory (a collaboration of RLD and Communications departments).

Actions: Initial planning meeting has taken place

Note: The Director of the Regional and Local Development Department is 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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