



RENEWABLE RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, LANDS AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

ACTIVITY REPORT NOVEMBER 2025 TO FEBRUARY 2026

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 operations
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1. INUIT HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING SUPPORT PROGRAM

- First 2026 payment, totaling \$4,303,160, issued at the end of January to NV Hunter Support Programs
- Tender for freezer accessories for all NVs relaunched
- Tender for reflectors also relaunched
- HSP boats will be inspected and repaired; all communities will need to pass a resolution if they wish to have their boat repaired next summer.
- Community visit conducted in Umiujaq regarding their finances

2. UUMAJUIT WARDENS PROGRAM

- By the end of 2025, a total of 1,504 patrol days were reported, along with seven days of search and rescue assistance to municipalities; total of 446 weekly reports submitted
- For 2026, up to January 15 (date of this quarterly report), 22 patrol days reported, with no search and rescue activities, and 8 weekly reports submitted
- Weekly telephone meetings held with Québec Wildlife Protection Officers (MFFP), Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) representatives, and all wardens
- Wardens completing ongoing statistical collection on beluga sightings and harvests, along with monitoring of daily hunting 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 KRG/DFO Liaison Committee
- David Angutinguak now occupies previously vacant Aupaluk warden position

- Some technical issues persist regarding submission of weekly reports, as some communities have not been submitting their reports. This is being addressed by the IT department and the wardens. We expect a minimum of 40 weekly reports per year.
- Coordinator participated in delivering Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) courses in Sorel and Parry Sound, Ontario. CCGA Quebec-Nunavik will transition to CCGA Central and Arctic on April 1.
- Four new ATVs delivered during 2025 sealift, and we are tracking whereabouts of four snowmobiles, as none have arrived in Nunavik.

3. ENVIRONMENT

Residual Material Management

Metal Recycling

- Kuujjuaq: New metal baler purchased to recycle metal in landfill; scheduled to arrive on first sealift
- Kangiqsujaq: Operations will resume from May to August before moving on to Salluit
- Akulivik-Ivujivik: Call for tenders launched to monitor metal recycling project

Composting

- Kangiqsualujjuaq:
 - Project delivered to NV; KRG providing technical assistance
 - Technical adjustments completed during testing phase
 - System is fully operational
- Kangiqsujaq: Site construction contract awarded; work scheduled for Summer 2026
- Salluit: Calls for tenders for site construction and equipment purchase ongoing
- Inukjuak:
 - Communication campaign implemented for launch of residential collection
 - Residential collection began in December 2025 – close to 20 households participating
 - Scholastically-certified activity booklet on composting for schools developed
- Kuujjuaraapik:
 - Geotechnical study conducted and site layout plans under preparation

Drop-off Points and Eco-Centre

- Close to 100 containers and 75 crates of used tires, appliances, electronics, used oil and dangerous goods prepared in 14 NVs for 2025 retrograde sealift
- Salluit: Calls for tenders ongoing for site construction and purchase of containers, fence and equipment
- Kangirsuk: Call for tenders for site construction ongoing
- Umiujaq: Site layout plans under review with project consultant

Waste-to-Energy Project (Kuujjuaq)

- Call for tenders successful; contract awarded to engineering firm
- Follow-up meetings in December for Nordic Residual Waste Energy Recovery Project for Maritime Sector, during which first project phase discussed

Granular Material Management

- Puvirnituaq and Kangiqsujuaq – revegetation (2025):
 - Technical reports complete and ready to be shared with NVs; research findings summarized and will be translated before distribution
- Salluit – borrow pit restoration:
 - NV resolution signed in December; planning for 2026–2027 restoration phase in collaboration with NV
- Puvirnituaq – Aqpiq Road sand pit:
 - Ministry of Natural Resources is funding restoration; planning meetings with NV and Landholding Corporation in coming months

Spill Management

- 12 spills reported to KRG during reporting period:
 - Two from mining companies
 - 10 from regional organizations, either self-reported or observed
- 107 spills recorded in 2025
- Ongoing follow-ups conducted with stakeholders responsible for oil spills, and communication maintained with Québec Environment Ministry (MELCCFP)
- Annual meeting held with MELCCFP to present overview of 2025 spills and discuss selected cases
- Presentation of contaminated soil treatment platform project to the Salluit Town Council, followed by adoption of resolution supporting project implementation
- Outreach undertaken with Kangiqsujuaq, Quaqtuaq and Kangiqsualujuaq to plan presentation of contaminated soil treatment platform project in 2026
- Meetings held with environmental consulting firm Englobe to assess contaminated soil treatment technologies and define regulatory requirements
- Meeting held with Health Board (NRBHSS) Occupational and Environmental Health team to present KRG's role in spill follow-ups and discuss collaboration-related issues
- Meeting held with Québec Institute of Scientific Research (INRS) to review the ecological remediation partnership project. Fieldwork is planned in Kangiqsualujuaq for next summer to initiate contaminated soil treatment beneath the community services centre (CLSC). This project aims to find in-situ decontamination solutions applicable in Nunavik when an oil spill occurs beneath buildings
- Meeting with Québec's Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts (MRNF) held to discuss tenant lease agreements and spill incident follow-up in Puvirnituaq

Regional Environment

Mid-Canada Line Project

- Meeting held in November with MELCCFP to present 2025 activities and estimated work for 2026
- Technical presentation to all Nations involved in Mid-Canada Line project to share knowledge and opportunities for future collaboration
- 2025 activity report completed and shared with MELCCFP in order to highlight need for contract amendment; additional funds necessary to complete clean-up and characterization of sites 315A and 330A as part of pilot project

Water Source Protection

- Resolutions from concerned NVs received and sent to MELCCFP to complete funding application to Québec's Programme pour l'élaboration des plans de protection des sources d'eau potable (PEPPSEP), which funds creation of water protection plans
- The department will soon launch call for tenders for technical support in creating water protection plans for eight NVs: Inukjuak, Puvirnituq, Akulivik, Salluit, Kangiqsujaq, Kangirsuk, Kuujuaq and Kangiqsualujuaq

4. LAND USE PLANNING

Regional Planning

- Eight land-use occupation projects approved; portion of the project not authorized; MRNF requested input on two land lease applications and one temporary occupancy license
- Meeting held in November with MRNF to address abandoned mining sites in Kativik region
- Participated in Torngat Metals Liaison Committee meeting in Kangiqsualujuaq in January
- Participated in three-day Marine Planning Forum on advancing marine planning in Nunavik marine region, organized by Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission

Municipal Planning, Expansion Plans and Technical Assistance

- Ongoing planning with Makivik of 2026 housing unit allocations in Kuujjuaraapik
- Two visits to Kangiqsujaq to present latest version of master plan to NV council
- Geotechnical studies for expansion planning completed in Kangiqsualujuaq; data for geotechnical studies in Kuujuaq, Kuujjuaraapik, Ivujivik and Inukjuak being treated
- Staffed a KRG booth at the Québec annual urban planners' conference in late October to present our mandate and promote recruitment.
- Technical assistance and database updates provided to NVs for civic number attribution
- Public interactive maps being created for all NVs; maps will be presented in May during meeting of Association of Secretary-Treasurers of Nunavik
- Proposal being drafted with Nunaliit Association to develop online platform for permit application and payment
- New application for spill data management and reports being developed

20% Protected Areas

- Cambrien Lake / Nachicapau Lake / Fort Mackenzie (Waskaikinis) Specific Agreement:
 - Participated in meeting of Implementation Committee to provide updates on progress toward achieving objectives of Specific Agreement
 - Participated in subcommittee meetings to explore alternatives to hydroelectric development, and discuss mining activity commitments in Nachicapau Lake area, including discussions on conditions for future Reserve to the State

Nordic Conservation Areas Pilot Project

- Participated with Nordic Conservation Areas (NCA) Pilot Project Committee in community consultation held in Kawawachikamach on February 10 to discuss and refine boundaries of NCA proposal and preliminary conservation objectives

Iluliq National Park Project

- Iluliq National Park Project Working Group met in Salluit on December 4 to advance discussions related to development plan

5. NUNAVIK PARKS

- Number of visitors, December to February:

	Visitors in the park	Visitors to the exhibition
Pingualuit	0	59
Kuururjuaq	0	50
Ulittaniujalik	0	50
Tursujuq	0	27

- From December 15-18, staff attended ArcticNet 21st Annual Scientific Meeting in Calgary, with 1,400 members of Canadian and international Arctic research community
- In December, staff attended ten-year celebration of Imalirijit community-based environmental monitoring program of George River watershed in Kangiqsualujuaq
- From February 16-19, five employees attended International Indigenous Tourism Conference in Edmonton
- Finalized 2025 winter and summer dates for park packages
- Promotion for summer packages published on social media
- Booking for summer packages started on January 28
- Media advertisement placed in Québec City movie theaters
- Documents such as Fishing regulations and Authorized activities in parks updated
- Annual Park Infrastructure Report completed and sent to Québec Government
- Call for tender issued to prepare Nunavik Parks 5-year strategic plan
- Call for tender and compilation of sealift items for dangerous goods, vehicles and other construction material underway
- Worked with Communication Department on new visual for employee signature and email address
- Met with Director of National Archives to explore support for protecting and preserving cultural heritage for cultural mediation
- Updated emergency planning with park teams
- Finalizing draft of Autonomous Visitor Pamphlet 2026 for Kuururjuaq Park
- Continue collaboration with Stantec on developing Residual Materials Management Guide for park employees
- Summer Parks Operations flights were schedule. This represents over 24 back-and-forth flights. Most dates are secure.
- Met with Québec wildlife officer to collaborate on training, scheduling patrols and developing yearly protection plan
- Web site restructuring: Nunavik Parks is aiming to have a new web site by Fall 2026

Parc national des Pingualuit

- Park wardens and maintenance technician worked on maintenance of snowmobiles and qamutiks, and brought material to the park by skidoo to prepare for winter packages.

- First winter package group on February 16
- Pingualuit has received delivery of 50 aerial (helicopter) photographs of Pingualuit Crater, commissioned by Lucassi Kiatainaq of Kangiqsujuq
- KRG Human Resources provided team training in mid-January
- Met with KI in mid-January to help improve Arctic guide training
- Provided feedback to Canadian Wildlife Service on management of Puvirnituq Mountain Draba, a threatened floral species found close to the park
- Working with Canadian Royalties on incinerator pilot project as part of mining compensation program
- Park staff completed mandatory off-road vehicle training, necessary for insurance and certification purposes

Parc national Kuururjuq

- Park director has resigned; Jari Leduc is interim director until position filled
- Park collaborated with Québec Government to advise private company on non-authorized activity
- Visitor experience officer was in Kangiqsujuq to prepare summer packages and discuss upcoming winter package
- In December, Park team brought 12 students fishing accompanied by two teachers
- Parks team installed tent at Qamanialuk for winter to be used by fish survey and clients for winter packages
- Park staff completed fish survey in collaboration with Makivvik Research Centre; 28 participants for this first portion of survey
- 12 students went fishing and picnicked in park
- Elders were brought to the park for a trip
- On February 3-4, Avataq visited permanent exhibition with Parks museologist to conduct five-year artefact condition assessment and review and restructure object donation process
- In mid-February, staff and local guides took part in off-road vehicle safety training and first-aid refresher course
- Park staff hauled away materials and drums of fuel in preparation for winter packages
- Park staff completed patrols with Wildlife Officer.

Parc national Ulittaniujalik

- Collaborated with Centre d'étude Nordique on the annual report of weather station maintenance and data collection
- No visitor activity in this period

Parc national Tursujuq

- Exhibit audiovisual equipment replaced
- Land-keeper pilot project in collaboration with Cree Trapper Association progressing well; project aims to resolve concerns with waste management and poaching in Wiyâshâkimî sector
- Kuujuaapik Tursujuq Park Visitor Experience is developing basket training
- Kuujuaapik Visitor Experience received three visitors
- Hired Joe Tookalook Jr. as Janitor within park budget until janitor position posted
- Throughout January, Tursujuq Park Wardens and Coordinator prepared for winter operations including preparing park cabins in case of local emergencies
- In December, Park staff organized show and workshop with Gilbert Inukpuk's creation for Kiluutaq primary students

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