



TRANSPORTATION Department
ACTIVITY REPORT
NOVEMBER 2025 TO FEBRUARY 2026

The Transportation Department is responsible for the safe and secure management of 14 certified airports, 14 marine ports, the Usijit para-transport and public transit services, and the Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) awareness program in Nunavik.

Staffing

Please see Appendix A for listing of departmental employees.

Training

We are actively recruiting for vacant Observer Communicator (OC) positions for Salluit, Umiujaq, Quaqtac ,and Akulivik. There is a potential candidate applying from Akulivik to fill the open OC position. Currently, Dorina Aragutak from Umiujaq has completed her in-house training to become full time OC for Umiujaq. Her start date was February 9.

Beneficiaries from Quaqtac, Umiujaq, Salluit, and Akulivik are encouraged to apply for open OC positions. Those shortlisted will complete our internal OC training program, and receive site certification training at the local Community Aerodrome Radio Station (CARS).

We created an in-house training program to do yearly runway reports. Our operations teams need this yearly training refresher to meet regulation. This training was created to meet the specific needs of each Nunavik airport for their respective runways. Feedback from staff on the training has been positive.

Wildlife training for new staff hires and Ungava frontline staff is planned in February in Kuujuaq. Hudson airport staff will receive the same training in June in accordance with our schedule.

We are actively looking to hire a training consultant to supplement our efforts to close training gaps.

A wildlife management training session took place in Kuujuaq on February 3-4. A total of 14 employees and two management staff from Ungava Coast airports will be certified or recertified to perform wildlife management duties.

Safety & Regulatory Compliance

Full-scale and tabletop emergency exercises were successfully completed at all airports before the end of 2025. We are now organizing the 2026 schedule for exercises at airports.

The safety team has initiated talks with all first responders (hospitals, community service centres (CLSC), Nunavik Police Service, and KRG Civil Security) to ensure Airside Vehicle Operating permit training is integrated.

Transport Canada has completed the 2025 Process Inspection for Kuujjuarapik, Umiujaq, Salluit, Quaḡtaḡ, Kangirsuk, Tasiujaḡ, and Kangiqsualujjuaq airports. We are still waiting for the results and findings.

The safety team is planning a Safety Summit in Montréal on February 23-27 to discuss departmental safety programming, review 2025 statistics and performance, and discuss 2026 plans and priorities.

Operations

Full-time OC positions in Quaḡtaḡ, Umiujaḡ, Salluit and Akulivik CARS are vacant. These CARS are mostly covered by rotational OCs, and occasional closures due to vacancies are reported to the Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité Durable (MTMD) and other users through emails and Notice to Airmen (NOTAMs) as required by the Sivunirmut Agreement.

Full time maintainer positions remain vacant in Puvirnituaḡ and Kuujjuarapik, as well as seasonal maintainer positions in Aupaluk and Kuujjuaq.

Wildlife Management

Recent wildlife observations at Nunavik airports show that ravens and ptarmigans remain the most frequently reported species, consistent with typical seasonal patterns. Large ptarmigan flocks (up to 60 birds) were reported at Umiujaḡ and Kuujjuarapik airports, and a non-damaging bird strike occurred at Kuujjuaq airport.

We have installed the following mitigation measures:

- Issuance of NOTAMs
- Increased runway inspections by maintenance teams
- Use of wildlife control measures (vehicles and firearms in accordance with permits)

An increase in fox sightings was recorded at Puvirnituaḡ and Salluit airports. Local teams are using traps as needed, ensuring gates remain closed, and monitoring for attractants such as unattended food cargo, animal carcasses, or open garbage bins in the airport vicinity.

Environmental Management

Glycol management plans were developed and jointly signed on with Air Inuit for Kuujjuarapik, Inukjuak, Puvirnituq, Salluit, and Kangirsuk airports. The plans define designated de-icing areas, contaminated snow storage locations, and a spring surface water sampling program.

A total of 280 totes of dust suppressant or oily water – prepared during the large scale cleanup of old totes at Puvirnituq airport – were left at the marina by the sealift carrier. The mitigation response included:

- Ordering posts and tarps to protect totes during winter
- Notifying the town manager to confirm municipal support
- Implementing weekly inspections of totes

The drum storage policy is being revised in collaboration with the Legal Department. Unauthorized drum storage continues to contribute to environmental incidents. The updated policy will better clarify stakeholder responsibilities and strengthen accountability mechanisms.

Two significant aircraft refueling fuel spills occurred at Kuujjuaq airport on December 10 and January 6. These incidents were primarily managed by KRG staff. Corrective measures implemented included the following:

- Revising the spill management section of the Emergency Response Plan
- Sending clear communication to airport users on their responsibilities during spill events
- Ordering standardized spill response procedure placards for all Nunavik airports, to be used by any organization or individual involved in a spill

Infrastructure and Projects

We expect to receive the MTMD's list of summer airport renovation projects in the coming weeks.

A working group has been created for the Kuujjuaq firehall (building T-141) relocation program. We have been meeting with Transport Canada, and developing short-term plans for summer 2026 – working with the NV and local stakeholders on temporary solutions and long-term funding for a permanent one.

Discussions with Transport Canada are ongoing regarding a funding request to support the development of an airport master plan for the Kuujjuaq Airport.

Marine Infrastructure Management

A tender with technical specifications for the development of environmental emergency plans, purchase of emergency lights, spill supply containers, and delivery of related training across all 14 marinas has been finalized and is expected to be launched in February.

Procurement of an engineering firm to conduct the marine feasibility study is underway. Proposals submitted by firms are currently under review, and the selected firm is expected to be appointed in February. Once the firm is engaged, the marine feasibility study will fully commence.

Bus Statistics

Recording daily bus ridership statistics is required to receive operational funds from the MTMD. Year-to-date ridership numbers have not yet been assembled, and are unavailable for this report.

Appendix A – Listing of departmental employees (next page)

Appendix A: Staff

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