



CIVIL SECURITY department

ACTIVITY REPORT FEBRUARY TO MAY 2022

The role of the Civil Security Department is to increase awareness of the importance of emergency preparedness in the communities and support-related activities. In particular, the Department works closely with the 14 Northern Villages to strengthen planning, human and physical resources for fire departments and search and rescue operations.

Human Resources

The Civil Security Department has filled the following position:

- Qunearly Ong has started working as Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician

Hiring Process is ongoing for the position of:

- 1 Administrative Coordinator

Revised Nunavik Fire Safety Cover Plan (NFSCP): Infrastructure Work and Annual Report

Call for tender bids were received for renovation works of Inukjuak, Puvirnitug and Kangiqsujaq fire halls. The tender bids were all significantly higher than the planned budget due to an increase in general costs. A meeting was organised with the ministère de la Sécurité publique (MSP) to address this situation and obtain their approbation to award the three contracts. The MSP indicated that on year three of the agreement a review will be done and an addenda will be produced so that the scope of works and budget reflects the situation we will be in at that point. The three renovation contracts were thus allocated by Resolution of the Executive on April 12 and renovation works are planned from July to November 2022.

Work on the Technical requirements necessary to launch a call for tenders for purchase of new fire trucks is nearly completed. Call for tenders should be launched in the coming weeks.

The Municipal Annual reports on accomplishments, as required for the Revised Nunavik Fire Safety Cover Plan (NFSCP), were prepared and adopted by resolution of the February Regional Council and sent to the MSP. Process of approval of the Municipal Annual reports is well under way.

Fire Prevention

All fire reports were collected and sent to the MSP as per the NFSCP. From those reports, our Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technicians worked on a complete statistical analysis of all fire incidents. A PowerPoint presentation will be presented at this council meeting covering an overview of the statistical analysis. Inspections of high and extremely high risk buildings of Salluit were done from March 7-10 including Northern Village infrastructures, Schools, Daycares and Police Stations. Revised protocols and documentation are being prepared for residential visits to

be done by the Local Fire Departments. These will be presented during the Nunavik Annual Fire Chiefs Meeting (NAFCM).

Emergency Planning

Regional Emergency Operation Center (REOC)

KRG Public Security activated its Regional Emergency Operation Center (REOC) on March 16, 2020. As the situation of the pandemic evolved, the need to keep an active REOC has diminished with the latest sitting at the end of January 2022. Regular contact is maintained with municipal, regional and government partners.

Regional operation committee (ROC)

The Regional Operation Committee only meets when required by the epidemiological situation. The latest sitting was held on April 29th, 2022, discussion focused on organisational post mortems and debriefing following the pandemic.

Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan (NEPP)

Planning and development of the Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan (NEPP) continues, a training and preparation session about the NEPP was given to all of the Civil Security Team on May 5-6 in Kuujuaq. From May 9-13 in person presentations and discussions were delivered to municipal officials in Kangiqsualujuaq, Tasiujaq and Kangiqsujaq.

Civil Security Technicians will play an essential role in providing liaison with Municipalities and ensuring regular updates of the Municipal Emergency Preparedness Plan (MEPP).

An afternoon meeting and presentation was organised for the KRG Department Directors on May 16th.

A first official Nunavik –Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (N-REPAC) sitting with all regional partner organisations to present the Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan will be convened in 2022 to start building the partnership foundations needed for success.

Unorganized Territory (UT)

In collaboration with the Environment and Lands Section of the Renewable Resources Department, an emergency plan template was developed and will be required to be filled by companies, organisations or individuals that are undertaking fieldwork activities on the Unorganized Territory (UT) in order to gather the necessary minimal information on projects to ensure emergency preparedness.

Firefighter Training

A meeting was held with Stephen Valade, the new Director of Operations at the École nationale des pompiers du Québec (ENPQ - Québec National Firefighter School) on May 10th, to discuss important challenges and requirements in delivering firefighter training in Nunavik.

The Firefighter Training Officer (FTO) continues preparing and distributing recommended monthly trainings through PowerPoint presentations to help Fire Chiefs from local Fire Departments in giving their required trainings.

March training was on hoses, fire streams and attack line handling and April training was on ropes, knots and ground ladders. It is recommended that the duration of monthly trainings be 3 hours and it is expected to be attended by all fire department members. Regular trainings are meant to improve safety and efficiency of fire responses. Firefighters doing regular trainings with the fire

department can receive extra monies when completed appropriately and their NV file a request to the Civil Security Department for predetermined reimbursement of certain training costs.

Planning of the 2022 Nunavik Annual Fire Chiefs Meeting (NAFCM) is underway. The meeting will be held in Kuujjuaq from June 6 to 10. Emphasis this year will be on hands-on training, a professional Instructor from the MSA company, who manufactures the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) in use in Nunavik. This will provide training on care, calibration, repair and maintenance of this equipment. The NAFCM will also address, amongst other subjects, the importance of regular trainings and the way they could improve some of the regional fire statistics.

Other Activities

The 2022 *On the Land Campaign* included the production of a short video in collaboration with Tumiit Media, raising awareness on the importance of having communication devices when going on the land and that the Civil Security Department provided InReach devices to the Nunavik communities that are available to borrow.

A second video is being produced to be sent to the communities on how to use the devices including how to pair them with personal devices (I Phones, etc.), activate SOS, send two-way messages and order weather forecast. Inuktitut and English posters were also produced and sent to all NVs in collaboration with Nunavik Image Production promoting safe travel and identifying essential equipments to bring when on the land.

The Civil Security Technicians provided on-site assistance to Inukjuak February 9th – 13th and in Umiujaq, April 4th – 8th. This too provide assistance to the Fire Chiefs, evaluate and help change broken parts of the fire trucks. On-site visits were also made end of February and March to Kangiqsualujuaq, Tasiujaq, Aupaluk and Kangirsuk to meet the local Fire Chiefs and evaluate their needs for 2022.

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