



**REGIONAL AND
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
Department**

**ACTIVITY REPORT
NOVEMBER 2021-FEBRUARY 2022**

A. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

-POVERTY REDUCTION IN INUIT NUNANGAT

The Department participated in an Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) Ad Hoc working group to launch the 2nd phase of this research project. The January 19 virtual meeting included the consulting firms Impact Economics and Two Worlds Consulting Ltd.

The following document was circulated: March 21, 2021 Cost of Living (COL) Index Development and Economic Analysis for Poverty Reduction in Inuit Nunangat. The traditional economy, the COL part II and a National Inuit Poverty Reduction Strategy Development are for the following meetings' discussion.

The Department requested that ITK make the Research Phase I be sent to KRG leaders and Director General. The department's participation is in the role of advisory and not decision making.

-CULTURE

At the invitation of Quebec Ministry of Culture and Communications (CALQ) the Department participated in a conference call with the CALQ and Avataq to discuss funding proposals to hire local culture development agents. Many issues were raised by Avataq and the KRG-RLDD , among which, the adequate workplace and work environment. A close relation (link) between the new position and the local culture committee and the culture teacher at school. The Department proposed start at Kuujjuarapik, Quaqtaq and Kuujjuaq, then evaluation of progress.

B. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Business start-up and expansion

The following are lists of business development projects and business advisory services that the department offices in Kuujjuaq and Inukjuak worked on for the period. Some files which were previously reported carry over in this report since they are awaiting promoters' input or other research to be completed.

Sector/Business Activity	Community	Status
-Pituvik LHC residential rentals	Inukjuak	analysis
-Commercial rental space infrastructure	Quaqtaq	financing
-Pyramid Camp	Kuujuuaq	funding
-Parka making	Inukjuak	planning
-Country clothing making	Inukjuak	planning

C. SOCIAL ECONOMY

The Department participated in the Quebec Social Economy Network (Le Chantier d'économie sociale) ongoing updates on the implementation of actions included in the MEI funding agreement. Further, the director was elected on the board of directors of the Social Economy and Solidarity Innovative Territories' organization (TIESS: Territoires Innovants en Économie Sociale et Solidaire).

Innovative project proposals are debated and shared for the benefit of the concerned Quebec regions looking for viable social solutions.

D. YOUTH

The Department held a call with Qarjuit Youth Association to coordinate the Association's presentation and presence at the February Regional Council and to update their representation on the Board of Directors of Nunavik Investment Corporation.

E. NUNAVIK LOCAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP LEARNING 2.0

The Department resumed contact with both Kativik Illisarnilirniq (KI) and Quebec School of Entrepreneurs (EEQ) in order to continue work on the second tutorial Nunavik entrepreneurship sessions. Some 15 topics are identified and three were finalized. EEQ suggested to produce a short introduction video to invite Nunavimmiut users to reach for the electronically recorded sessions. It is expected that the final product will be ready for distribution in KI local adult education centers and the KRG' Sustainable Employment Offices by end of October 2022.

F. FOOD DEVELOPMENT

-On a referral from MNA Denis Lamothe, the Department contacted The Center for Social Innovation in Agriculture -CISA (a Victoriaville-CÉGEP), a publicly funded college providing technical, academic, vocational or a mix of programs; in order to discuss collaboration in applying techniques that help develop the food industry in Nunavik communities, from production and processing to distribution.

The virtual meeting included Municipal Affairs and MAPAQ and the discussions covered the following items/issues: Nunavik food sector development needs, CISA Northern Social Innovative Laboratory and possible avenues of partnerships and collaboration.

The Department and the MAPAQ Northern Quebec section held a conference call to discuss the renewal of the KRG/MAPAQ funding agreement that expired March 31st, 2021. The following new items were added to the funding agreement objectives: signing a collaboration agreement with CISA and drawing a 5-year strategic development plan for the food sector in Nunavik.

OTHER FILES

The Department participated in the annual Kativik Regional Employment and Training Committee (the KRETC). Annual training sectoral and organizational requests were discussed as well as progress on the new employment and training website to be launched May 2022: Nunavik employment and training

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