



## REGIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Department

### ACTIVITY REPORT FEBRUARY - MAY 2022

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#### DEPARTMENT MANDATES

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

Public consultation and advice on regional development

- Until 2003: the role of the Kativik Regional Development Council (KRDC) (JBNQA)
- 2004 Sivunirmut Agreement: KRG assumes greater autonomy in the establishment of its priorities, its mandates and the allocation of its funds
- Spring of 2015: Bill 28, recognizes the KRG as the primary interlocutor of the Government for the territory or community it represents as regards regional development

#### A. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

##### -NUNAVIK ELDERS

###### NV's Local Coordinators

-Funding

The Executive Committee approved a two-month temporary funding of the NVs positions until the ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation (MAMH) responds to KRG's request for a one-year additional funding.

The Department filed an application to the MAMH within the program FONDS D'APPUI AU RAYONNEMENT DES RÉGIONS (FARR) (Regions' Radiance/Influence Support Fund Stream

l). There may be obstacles as the past two years during COVID confinement, there was little to no activities.

**-Information to Association of Secretary Treasurers in Nunavik (ASTN)**

During the annual meeting of the ASTN that took place in Montreal during the week of May 2, the Department facilitated a session on issues related to the NV's local elders coordinators position and their need for training.

**-CULTURE**

**-Ivakkak Dog Team Race**

The Executive Committee approved a funding request of \$30,000 to organise this regional cultural event. The event was called off on February 24, 2022 because of unfavourable weather conditions.

**-Aumaaggiivik – Nunavik Arts Secretariat**

The Executive Committee approved an amount of \$125,000 towards the 2021-2022 operational funding of the Secretariat, which is the Avataq Cultural Institute department. Aumaaggiivik reported the following activities during a difficult year with COVID restrictions at every turn (the activity report was presented to the KRG only in 2022):

Supporting research and creation

- Takuminartuliurnimut Grant Program
- Education Centres Program
- Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec

Promotional activities

- Tarqitamaat
- Social Media Facebook

Nunavik art collection

- Annual acquisition budget

Revival: Printmaking in Nunavik 2014-2019

- With the Seasons McClure Gallery

Repertory of Nunavik Artists

Developing Artistic Infrastructure in Nunavik

Jewelry and Printmaking studio in Inukjuak

Print Making Studio in Ivujivik

Special Projects

- Grilled Cheese Magazine Nunavik Edition
- Sannanguanitigut Makitaqatiginniq
- Isuarsivik

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## **-THE LOCAL ECONOMY**

The Department and the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) have prepared presentations on the local economy, targeting municipalities in Nunavik. At the end April and beginning of May, the Department coordinated the meetings in Kuujjuaraapik, April 27-29 and in Salluit, May 2, 3 and 4.

The Department is interested to follow up on discussions held in 2018 regarding the growing Nunavik 14 local economies. The UQAM interest is to introduce the concept of economic auto-sufficiency that the late Quebec premier, Bernard Landry, promoted for Quebec Aboriginal communities.

In both NVs, the following participants were invited to the presentations, namely, the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Regional councillor, the President and General Manager of the Landholding Corporation and the Coop, the KRG Local Employment officer, and a youth and women representative. The discussions included the following topics:

- Importance of local economy for a community;
- Local economy successes (Linking local project successes with community needs);
- Different economic models (market economy, social economy, circular economy, commons, community-based economy);
- Action plan 2022-2023.

Although the number of participants was not as expected, these sessions are a first step in the discussion on the local economy. It is the Department's hope that the discussion continues and with the youth participation, opportunities will open up for meaningful durable projects that benefit the local economy.

## **-SOCAIL ECONOMY**

The KRG signed a funding agreement with the ministère du Développement économique de l'Innovation et de l'Exportation to stimulate and support the social economy enterprises' sector in Nunavik. The agreement encompasses exchange of information, use of mutual services among the regions -when possible- and participation in different discussion forums with the purpose of promoting the social economy sector in each of Quebec regions.

## **-TOURISM**

In an effort to restart –and increase- tourism activities in Nunavik, the Department collaborated with Air Inuit and Canadian North to provide subsidized fares to tourists going to accredited tourism camps. The federal government funds this temporary measure.

## **B. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

### Business start-up and expansion

The following is a list 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

reported in the last activity report, carry over in this report since they are awaiting promoters' input or other research to be completed.

Sector/Business Activity	Community	Status
-Nunavik Rotors Inc.-staff housing	Kuujuaq	Completed
Assistance to students		
-Yaya Inspirations	Kuujuaq	
-5 Students	Kuujuaq	

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