



RENEWABLE RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, LANDS AND PARKS DEVELOPMENT

ACTIVITY REPORT November 2022 to February 2023

Mandates and responsibilities:

- Fishing and Trapping Support Program: overall program administration, technical assistance to community programs and management of the regional program;
- Uumajuit Wardens Program: wildlife protection on the land in the marine sectors;
- Environmental Program: technical assistance to the Northern Villages, environmental monitoring, research, climate change and environmental projects;
- Land Use Planning: technical assistance to the Northern Villages and regional planning;
- National Parks development and operation.

1. INUIT HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING SUPPORT PROGRAM

- The first payments of the community grants were paid to the NV's in an amount of \$3,629,608 which will include 50% of the Makivvik grant for Clothing, gas, Inuliqtait & furs;
- The contribution from Makivvik for clothing, gas, inuliqtait and fur will have some changes coming, more information will be given at the next regional council meeting;
- The construction of a landing barge for Kuujjuaraapik is well underway, the community should receive the barge this coming summer by sealift 2023;
- The construction for Tasiujaq HSP community boat is 75% done and will be ready to be picked up this summer of 2023;
- The Nunavik Land Mobile Radio projects is the process for Tasiujaq, Aupaluk, Kangirsuk and Quaqtuaq is finished, the other four (4) communities, the material will arrive August or September and will be worked on as soon as they arrive in Ivujivik, Inukjuak, Umiujaq and Kuujjuaraapik;
- Freezer & Boat inspections, technical specification are in the works right now and we hope all community boats will be repaired this summer and all inspections done for boats and freezers;
- Community visits were done in Kuujjuaraapik & Chisasibi..

2. UUMAJUIT WARDENS PROGRAM

- As of the end of 2022, the wardens completed 954 patrol-days and 13 days of search and rescue assistance;
- In 2023 so far 67 days of patrol days with 2 days search and rescue;
- 36 Weekly telephone meetings held with Quebec Wildlife Protection Officers (MFFP) DFO representatives, and all wardens are active and ongoing;
- Statistics reporting on Beluga sightings and harvests along with monitoring of hunting on a daily basis, ongoing with each warden;
- As part of the Nunavik Indigenous Guardians Initiative, the Wardens continue to document and report observations on environmental and climate changes on the land;
- Participated in the monthly meetings of the KRG/DFO Liaison committee;
- Recruitment for a warden in Aupaluk and Kuujjuaq is ongoing;
- DFO officers patrolled with our wardens in select communities at the beginning of December;

- Planning of updating communications equipment still in progress, warden use the inReach satellite communicator to communicate when they require help or assistance, all communications are relayed to the coordinator and assistant director of RRD.

3. ENVIRONMENT

Residual Material Management

- Metal recycling project; 300 tons of metal from Kangirsuk were sent to a recycling facility near Montreal area. The retrograde sealift operations will continue in 2023;
- Participated to the 14th meeting of the Nunavik Waste Management working group on December 2nd, the main items on the agenda were recycling inventory 2022, follow-up on waste management projects, program from Recyc-Quebec to support isolated communities, action plan for Société du Plan Nord 2023-2028 and new regulation of deposit systems and selective collection;
- New agreement was signed with Recyc-Quebec to finance a study on the management of end-of-life vehicles and for a site development of end-of-life vehicles in Quaataq;
- Composting project in Inukjuak; following a call for tender to purchase a composter, it is *Brome Compost* who won the tender. Delivery of equipment is scheduled for the summer of 2023;
- Waste to energy project; a meeting was held in Kuujuaq on January 23 between KRG and SPN to finalize the new funding agreement to realize the feasibility studies link with the incinerator and the district heating network;
- In order to reduce the waste of construction materials, a call for tenders has been launched for the development of a website that will allow the posting of surplus construction materials available for other contractors, organizations or for the population.

Spill Management

- During the reporting period, 12 hazardous spills were reported to the KRG: 8 from mining companies and 4 reported or observed from regional organizations;
- Environmental prevention inspections were undertaken in Kangiqsualujuaq on heating oil tanks and drums to identify leaks or possible non-compliance; the owner of the buildings have been contacted;
- Meeting with FCNQ and MELCC about Ivujivik Water Pumping Station and the Biopile of contaminated soils (Spill May 2020). Points discussed: summary of the activities carried out in 2022, result of the analyses, recommendations and action plan for 2023;
- Participation to the “Forum Science Environnement” organized by the Ministry of Environment Quebec for a presentation of the KRG project: Removal of hazardous materials within Northern Villages 2018-2022.

Environmental Research

The Inuit Research Advisor (IRA) participated to:

- Had a virtual meeting with Northern Contaminant Program for mid-year reporting. This meeting was held for Questions and Answers that they may have from CNCP Project Leaders;
- Participated in person to the scientific meeting of OHMI NUNAVIK -TUKISIK program held in Montreal on November 24-25, this conference was able to connect with overseas partners and Laval University to discuss the results obtained by the different research teams as well as the research needs of the residents of Nunavik;
- Participated in person to the 18th Annual Arctic Net Scientific Meeting (ASM2022) from December 4-8, the event was a resounding success as ArcticNet hosted over 1200 members of the Canadian and international Arctic research community for a week of

discussion, networking and knowledge sharing. With approximately 420 Northern participants (35%), this year was the most representative conference to date. Northern participation is critical to the ASM, ensuring Northerners are an integral part of the conversation around the future of Arctic research in Canada;

- Participated to a virtual meeting on January 11th to discuss 2023-2024 Northern contaminant Program Call for Proposals for NCPMC Review;
- Participated to a virtual meeting on January 18th with Atanniuvik monthly steering committee, it was to mainly discuss upcoming Arctic Inspiration Prize as Atanniuvik is one of the finalists for this national award.

Regional Environment

Caniapiscau Watershed Abandoned Outfitting Camp Clean-up:

- There are 24 permanent outfitting camps with active leases in the Caniapiscau watershed area of Nunavik. The owners have been contacted in January to request their interest in participating in the clean-up project. Pending responses, KRG will prioritize the sites and develop a 2023-2025 work plan;

Nunavik Abandoned Mineral Exploration Sites Restoration:

- Meeting of Steering committee on November 29, the annual report of activities, planning of 2012-2022 report, and communication plan was presented;
- KRG is negotiating the removal of 300 drums from Chrysler camp, located on a recently expired mineral exploration claim near Kuujjuaq. The clean-up will be undertaken in collaboration with Canadian Royalties

4. LAND USE PLANNING

Regional Planning

- Letters of Conformity: during this period, 3 projects of Land use occupations were approved;
- A meeting with the Nunavik Mineral Exploration Fund was held on November 2nd, to share information regarding mineral exploration on the territory (Certificate of conformity, problematics, etc.)
- A virtual meeting with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forest (MNRF) was held on November 4th to discuss the abandoned exploration camp on the territory and the problematics regarding them;
- Following the legislative amendment introducing a requirement for claim holders to obtain prior authorization for certain mining exploration work (Bill 102), the MNRF was carrying out a pre-consultation on November 30th to fuel its reflections on the regulatory amendment required to establish the list of work concerned;
- Following the pre-consultation with the MNRF, a letter answering the pre-consultation questions was written in collaboration with the KEAC and sent to the MNRF on January 13, 2023;
- A consultation meeting on the draft land use planning by-law for the Kativik Region was held on January 25, 2023 in Kuujjuaraapik, with representatives of 5 Landholding Corporations (Sakkuq LHC, Annituvik LHC, Pituvik LHC, Qekeirriq LHC and Nuvummi LHC) and the Nunavik Landholding Corporation Association. Other consultation meetings will be held with the other Landholding corporations in February.

Municipal Planning, Expansion Plans and Technical Assistance Program

- Technical assistance was provided to: Salluit, Kangiqsuaujuaq, Umiujaq, Quaqtac and Kuujuaq for consistent integration of construction projects into NV land use plans;
- Land use planning team met with the NV representative and community members of Ivujivik, Quaqtac and Kangiqsuajuaq for the preparation of the master plan update, specifically for the addition of a cultural background to their respective master plan;
- Planning and coordinating the community's expansion areas for 2023-2024, the land use planning team met with the NVs of Tasiujaq, Ivujivik and Kangiqsuajuaq and with Makivik construction;
- Presentation on land use planning was done at the municipal manager meeting held in Montreal;
- Land use section is participating in Takuvuq project with partners for the creation of an online platform that will give access to all historic orthophotos of the communities and the region.

5. PROTECTED AREAS

20% Protected Areas

- Several posts have been made on the Facebook page of Nunavik Protected Areas to inform people about protected areas and rounds of public consultations on protected areas in Nunavik;
- Planning for round two of public consultations on protected areas in Nunavik has begun. Five communities will be consulted in March: Kangiqsuajuaq on March 2 and 3, Quaqtac on March 6, Salluit on March 9 and 10, Kuujuaapik on March 13 and 14 and Whapmagoostui on March 14 and 15;
- Specific Agreement to preserve the Cambrien Lake / Nachicapau Lake / Fort Mackenzie (Waskaikinis) Areas:
 - Participated in a meeting of the Subcommittee on the search for alternatives to hydroelectric power development in the area covered by the Agreement on December 1;
 - Participation to meetings of the Subcommittee on the implementation of specific commitments regarding mining activities in the Nachicapau Lake Area on December 12 and February 20;
 - Participation in working sessions with the Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach and the MELCC representatives for the production of Cambrien / Nachicapau Status Report.

Park projects

- KRG Park Planner in collaboration with Makivik held support sessions on December 6 with the NV of Salluit, on December 7 with the LHC of Salluit and on December 8 with the NV and LHC of Ivujivik to present the Government's position regarding the proposed limits for Iluiliq National Park: it was an opportunity to inform the communities and get their feedback, which was reported to the Working Group.

6. PARKS

General

- Nunavik Parks renewed its membership with Leave no Trace Canada, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting outdoor ethics, encouraging Canadians to enjoy the benefits of the outdoors while protecting Canada's natural and cultural heritage;
- Conservation Specialist was invited to a meeting of the research group OHMI Nunavik, who are doing much research around the community of Umiujaq and were presenting their results and future projects;
- A survey was conducted with visitors to find out their appreciation of their stay in the parks. The analysis of the results will help the team improving visitor's experience and safety;
- Implementation of a new point of sale in each park and in Kuujuaq in progress;
- An agreement was done with the MELCCFP concerning the sharing of data coming from Nunavik Parks weather stations. The data will be broadcast on the web and accessible to the public;
- Training was offered to all parks employees guiding visitors with off road vehicles. This two-day mandatory training was offered in accordance with the New Law on VHR Law 71 built by the CQRHT;
- Participated in the communication effort regarding the new Biodiversité Québec web platform;
- Nunavik Parks will have a kiosk at the Montreal Adventure Show on March 25 and 26 to promote the packages offered in the parks.

Pingualuit

- There were no visitors in the park, 60 visited the center during this period;
- Harmonization committee meeting was held in Kangiqsujuaq on November 14. Some subjects discussed include visitors' statistics & parks' operations, conservation & educational projects report, airstrip relocation options, dark sky reserve project, upgrade and improvement to make in the interpretation center;
- The MELCCFP representatives met on November 14 with Pingualuit team, Conservation and Education Specialist and Assistant-Director to discuss the updated zoning propositions that will be presented to the next Harmonization committee in June;
- The park's employees did 4 presentations at Arsaniq school on various topics related to Inuit culture;
- Administrative technician & Operations coordinator completed the wilderness advanced first aid training in Kangiqsujuaq in November.

Kuururjuaq

- There were no visitors in the park 33 visited the center during this period;
- Harmonization committee meeting was held in Kangiqsualujuaq on November 16. Some subjects discussed include a presentation of conservation work results for 2022, summary of summer operations and statistics, communication in the park, zoning;
- Analyzing the possibility to develop a research program concerning the 2022 forest fire in the Koroc Valley is underway by the Conservation and Education Specialist;
- A traditional tent was set up at Qamanialuk for locals to use and for upcoming packages halfway between Kangiqsualujuaq and Quurlutuarjuq, at 100 km mark;
- Preparation for the upcoming winter packages is underway: building qamutiks, maintenance of snowmobiles, inventory and ordering for winter packages.

Ulittaniujalik

- There were no visitors in the park during this period;
- Harmonization committee meeting was held in Kuujjuaq on November 18. Some subjects discussed included a presentation of conservation work results for 2022, summary of summer operations, development of future infrastructures in Qamanieluk area and future Nunavik Parks pavilion in Kuujjuaq. Ulittaniujalik Master plan is completed and printed copies were distributed to the members;
- Conservation Specialist and Education Technician had a meeting with representative of Kawawachikamach regarding the future permanent exhibition to develop in the community.

Tursujuq

- There were 21 visitors in the park, no one visited the center during this period;
- Results from eDNA monitoring for freshwater seals in Tursujuq park revealed the presence of the seal in Lake Bourdel, along the Nastapoka River, and just outside the park in Lake Minto. Monitoring will continue this year as part of the long-term conservation plan of the park;
- Tursujuq park staff relocated to park transit due to heating problem at the pavilion in November. The employees will work from there for the winter season;
- Park maintenance technician and park wardens started to build the steel dome shelter next to the pavilion in November but had to postpone due to freezing ground. The work will continue in 2023;
- Wardens went to Sukkuq cabin to fix the frozen fuel line in January.

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