



**TRANSPORTATION department
ACTIVITY REPORT
OCTOBER to FEBRUARY 2022**

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 awareness program in Nunavik.

Human Resources

Hiring:

- Caroline Vigneault, Assistant Director, Operations, Kuujjuaq
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- Peter Annahatak, Training Coordinator, Kangirsuk
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- Jeannie Tukkiapik, Assistant Coordinator of Regulatory Processes, Kuujjuaq
- Jackusie Tulugak, Coordinator of Transport Operations (Ops3), Puvirnituk
- Jean-Luc Beauchemin, Coordinator of Transport Operations (Ops2), Puvirnituk
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- James Kristensen, Maintainer, Kangiqsujuaq
- Shayne Masty, Maintainer, Kuujjuaraapik
- Harry Surusilak, Maintainer, Puvirnituk
- Deavon Pearson, Seasonal Maintainer, Kangiqsujuaq
- Ahoyak Cain, Seasonal Maintainer, Kangiqsujuaq
- Joanasie Amamatuak, Seasonal Maintainer, Akulivik

Training:

- Heavy equipment training for winter operations was given to Maintainers at Akulivik, Umiujaq and Inukjuaq, Kuujjuaq, Salluit, and Kangirsuk airports between November 2021 and February 2022.
- Runway surface conditioning in the new ICAO Global Reporting Format was administered to staff at Kuujjuaq, Kuujjuaraapik, and Puvirnituk airports at the end of September 2021.
- Wildlife Management Training was given to 11 employees from 7 airports (Kuujjuaraapik, Inukjuaq, Puvirnituk, Salluit, Tasiujaq, Kuujjuaq and Kangiqsualujjuaq) at Kuujjuaq KRG office on October 13 and 14, 2021.
- Transport Canada Aerodrome Standards and Recommended Practices (TP 312 - 5th edition) training was delivered to three Coordinators at the end of November 2021.
- New building training for Salluit terminal and Kuujjuaraapik garage were delivered to the airport staff and MPW maintenance staff in September 2021.

Operations

- The management of airports (ops1, ops2, and ops3) was reorganized to become:
 - Ops1: Kangiqsualujuaq, Tasiujaq, Aupaluk, Kangirsuk, and Quaqtaq
 - Ops2: Puvirnituaq, Inukjuak, Umiujaq, and Kuujjuaraapik
 - Ops3: Kangiqsujuaq, Salluit, Ivujivik, and Puvirnituaq

This was done to better align support with where the Coordinator resources are.
- NAV CANADA serviced the weather observation systems at most of the airports in September 2021.
- Laval University serviced the permafrost instruments located at 10 of the 14 airports from September to October 2021.
- There were 279 incidents reported in the 2021 year for the 14 airports:
 - 52.5% were airside issues,
 - 8.6% were environmental spills,
 - 7.2% were relating to the CARS/UNICOM
 - 5.4% were wildlife issues,
 - 6.5% were ground equipment issues, and
 - the remaining issues were related to emergency responses, penetration of the flight path/surface, occupational health and safety, public safety, aviation security, etc.

Wildlife Management

- There were 4830 wildlife encounters reported in 2021. The top species encountered were goose (60.2%) and caribou (25.3%).
- Wildlife observations at airports are reported through our new program on a daily basis in most of our sites. Data gathered from those reports will help to produce a thorough wildlife risk assessment for each site.
- The presence of muskox around Kuujjuaq airport at the end of August 2021 was reported and monitored over a 2 week-period (by helicopter, walk, and quad surveys). The condition of the fence has also been monitored and a report was sent to Transport Canada.
- A contract was issued to Falcon Environmental to revise and present an updated version of the wildlife management plan for Kuujjuaq airport. This plan should prioritize management and mitigation measures to implement at Kuujjuaq airport.
- Paintball guns have been delivered to eight (8) airports (Kangiqsualujuaq, Aupaluk, Quaqtaq, Kangiqsujuaq, Ivujivik, Akulivik, Puvirnituaq and Kuujjuaraapik). These tools will be used to chase dogs out of airside, and to notify dog owners that their dog was seen airside. A communication campaign will be held within the next weeks to explain this mitigation measure to the local population.
- Fencing status (with photos) and specific wildlife issues were reported to MTQ for their 13 airports.

Environmental Management

- A major clean up of residual waste and expired or unused hazardous materials has been done at the 14 airports. Every hazardous waste has been crated and shipped on the last sealift of 2021.
- An inventory of old vehicles, old tires, and other material and pieces of equipment was done in 2021. Work is currently done in order to organize their disposal down South for this coming summer.

- Marine containers were installed close to aprons at Kangiqsualujjuaq and Umiujaq to store airport users' fuel drums for winter needs. Airport users were asked to make sure no drum with hazardous products is left on airside for the winter season, according to our barrel storage policy.
- Fuel spills occurred in Puvirnituk (2 different events), Umiujaq, Aupaluk and Kangiqsujuaq. Remediation works will be conducted by third parties in 2022.
- A consultant firm is conducting a study on how climate change will affect airport activities, operations, or infrastructures in the future. The firm came to Kuujjuaq to visit the airport and consult with our staff. Conclusions of this study will provide KRG and Transport Canada with tools to mitigate the presence of new hazards related with climate change.

Infrastructure and Projects

- The Inukjuak resurfacing and airfield lighting project completed on time in mid October. The runway orientation has also been updated from 07/25 to 06/24 to align with the changing magnetic heading.
- The Kuujjuaraapik garage became operational in late September.
- The new Salluit terminal opened on September 14, 2021.
- Construction of the new Air Inuit Warehouse in Kuujjuaq is in progress.
- Drilling projects at Kangiqsujuaq and Inukjuak airports were completed by the end of September 2021. The drilling project at Puvirnituk airport got deferred to next year due to equipment that became unserviceable.
- The repaving of Kuujjuaq airport's paved runway has been completed to a high standard. Some minor work will be completed starting late September.
- The project to resurface the runway and upgrade the visual aids at Inukjuak airport was completed in October 2021.

Marine Port Management

- Abandoned, rusted, and non-identified drums at the marinas were removed and sent on the last sealift of 2021 for proper disposal.

Bus Statistics

- Daily bus statistics are needed from in order to continue receiving the operational funds from the Minister of Transport Quebec

January to December 2021 bus statistics

	# of Usijiit riders	# of Public Transit riders	# of Year-to-Date Days with Statistics	Last Date of Bus Statistics Submitted
Kangiqualujuaq	0	0	0	-
Kuujuaq	33	79	3	Aug 6, 2021
Tasiujaq	157	228	17	Nov 12, 2021
Aupaluk	781	1055	50	Oct 11, 2021
Kangirsuk	79	130	10	Dec 17, 2021
Quaqtaq	844	4336	175	Nov 24, 2021
Kangijsujuaq	3959	4299	232	Nov 25, 2021
Salluit	1141	2438	114	Oct 15, 2021
Ivujivik	580	338	73	Dec 16, 2021
Akulivik	0	0	0	-
Puvirnituaq	0	0	0	-
Inukjuak	377	1336	40	Oct 26, 2021
Umiujaq	164	532	63	Oct 30, 2021
Kuujjuaraapik	3592	4238	194	Nov 19, 2021

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