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Public safety concerns highlight meeting of KRG and Nunavik mayors

Kuujuuaq, Québec, April 24, 2026 — The Kativik Regional Government (KRG) met on April 17, 2026 with the mayors of Nunavik's 14 municipalities. Chaired by KRG Chairperson Maggie Emudluk, the meeting reviewed developments involving a range of municipality priorities.

The KRG is mandated to provide technical advisory services to Nunavik's municipalities in land use planning, public safety, legal affairs and municipal administration, and infrastructure maintenance.

At the meeting, the mayors expressed several public safety concerns; notably, the need for stronger bylaw enforcement, better multiagency coordination in major accidents involving residents, and more safety consciousness among residents in operating vehicles such as snowmobiles and ATVs.

In response, the KRG reported that a training workshop of bylaw officers on animal control is being organized for June. The KRG also is planning a communications campaign to better explain the enforcement role of bylaw officers in local public safety, animal control and vehicle operation. Also, the KRG is recruiting a human resources officer who will focus on helping municipalities to address shortages of employees in key municipal service positions.

The mayors also spoke of the need to address chronic underfunding of marine infrastructure remediation, the lack of municipal facilities that house essential equipment and service vehicles, and ongoing challenges in maintaining reliable water and wastewater services.

Quote:

“The mayors of our 14 municipalities are an essential link in advocating for improvements in vital services that sustain the well-being of Nunavimmiut. We received important feedback from the mayors that will help shape a more effective KRG response to public safety concerns. As well, these discussions remind us of how upcoming negotiations with the Québec Government will need to ensure that future long-term agreements define the funding that addresses pressing and growing needs, particularly in municipal infrastructure.”

– Maggie Emudluk, Chairperson, Kativik Regional Government

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Kativik Regional Government:

The Kativik Regional Government delivers comprehensive public services to Nunavimmiut under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (1975). The KRG is governed by a 17-member Council of elected municipal representatives from 14 northern communities in Nunavik, an elected Chair and Vice-Chair, and the chief of the Naskapi First Nation of Kawawachikamach.

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