

Quarterly Report Summer 2021

Underwater Fibre Optic Project Begins on the Hudson Coast

Phase 5 of the Eastern Arctic Underwater Fibre Optic Network (EAUFON) Project is underway to improve the Internet service in Nunavik. The deployment is scheduled to begin in Puvirnituk in late July.

This major telecommunication undertaking consists of deploying 1,861 KM of submarine fibre optic cable southward from Puvirnituk to Chisasibi. The Alcatel-Lucent's cable ship *Île D'Aix* will unroll this submarine cable on the sea bed near the Hudson coast. Phase 5 of the project aims at connecting Puvirnituk, Inukjuak, Umiujaq and Kuujjuaraapik beginning in August.



Photo Caption: The Île D'Aix being loaded equipment in Calais, France as it prepares for its Nunavik destination

From October to December, once all the components are installed, the network will be ready for testing and quality control. The new network is expected to be in service on December 31, 2021.

Once the fibre-optic network becomes operational, this \$86-million dollar project will allow Tamaani to relocate 25% of its current satellite capacity to other communities, improving internet service throughout Nunavik. This means more bandwidth for the Ungava Coast communities but Tamaani is still waiting for more government funding to complete the project.

The KRG's main environmental initiatives presented at the 2021 Nunavik Mining Workshop

At this year's Nunavik Mining Workshop, the KRG presents the updated version of the 1998 Master Plan for Land Use document as well as an overview of the Nunavik Mineral Exploration Site Rehabilitation (NAMESR) Project.

Both initiatives are an important part of the KRG' environmental protection strategy. The revised Master Plan for Land Use takes into account several new factors such as the Quebec Plan Nord, the development of a network of parks and protected areas, climate change, and new mining activities.

However, the updated Master Plan kept intact the four pillars that served to guide the drafting of the original version: the pursuit of subsistence activities, the environment and wildlife conservation, the resource management, and the protection of the Inuit heritage. The Master Plan serves to guide land-use development in Nunavik and the way its resources can be used.

As for the Nunavik Abandoned Mineral Exploration Site Rehabilitation Project, the KRG initiative is a joint undertaking that includes Makivik Corporation, the Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources Naturelles MERN and the Fonds Restor-Action Nunavik (FRAN). Since 2018, clean-up activities have allowed for the removal of about 50 tonnes of waste from various sites.

The gathering was an initiative of the Nunavik Mineral Exploration Fund and attended by representatives from the Nunavik mining companies, the Makivik Corporation, the Landholding Corporation, as well as federal, provincial and local political stakeholders.



The Nunavik Mining Workshop was held on May 18 to 20 in Kuujjuaq

The lifting of some travel restrictions opens door to more travellers to Nunavik this summer

On June 14, the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) lifted the mandatory quarantine for fully vaccinated travellers flying to Nunavik. Those who have not been fully vaccinated will be subject to a ten day quarantine upon arrival. All travelers, regardless if they have been fully vaccinated or not, must get tested 48 to 72 hours prior to departure as well as undergo a second test seven days after their arrival in Nunavik.

However, physical distancing, mask wearing and other public health measures at the airports and in the airplanes are still being enforced. These measures will likely remain in place until such time as the threat of the pandemic will have been eliminated. Details regarding travel restrictions in Nunavik can be obtained from the NRBHSS website at: <https://nrbhss.ca/en/nunavik-travel>

Nunavik Parks launches 2021 summer activities



Lodging accommodations at Tursujuq Park near Umiujaq

Nunavik Parks is started summer activities for residents and visitors after being partially shutdown for over a year by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Kativik Regional Government continued to promote Nunavik Parks during these trying times by giving local residents access to the parks.

Several options are being made available to residents and tourists including 6 day packages in Parc national des Pingualuit, Parc national Kuururjuaq and Parc national Tursujuq. Some spots for short-stay packages are still available. However, the weekend packages are already fully booked in certain Parcs whereas others still have some packages available. More information is available on the Nunavik Park website at: <https://www.nunavikparks.ca/en/experiences>

Visitors from the south are welcome to make reservations as long as they are fully vaccinated against the coronavirus. All travelers coming to Nunavik are required to complete an authorization request and fulfill the public health criteria which are explained at the following website: <https://nrbhss.ca/en/nunavik-travel>

Nunavik Parks is once again looking forward to a busy fun filled summer season.

Nunavik bustling with activity during a busy 2021 construction season

Nunavik is experiencing a busy construction season unlike anything it has seen in several years. A total of 142 houses are being built in 2021 and another 178 in 2022. These houses have been allocated to various communities in an effort to partially alleviate the serious housing shortage experienced throughout Nunavik

	Construction summer 2021	Units allocated by KRG in May 2021 for construction 2022
Inukjuak	24	32
Kangiqsualujjuaq		10
Kangiqsujuaq		16
Kuujjuaq	20	34
Kuujjuaraapik	22	34
Puvirnituaq	40	36
Quaqtaq		16
Salluit	26	
Umiujaq	10	
Total	142	178

The Municipal Public Works Department (MPW) is also overseeing the construction of two municipal garages, one in Inukjuak and the other in Kangiqsualujjuaq. Both projects should be completed by December. Furthermore in Kangirsuk, the MPW has undertaken a major project to build a new arena, replacing the one destroyed by fire in 2019. The building of new police stations

in Puvirnituk and Inukjuak are slated to begin this fall. MPW is also assisting the NV of Ivujivik in repairing the local water system damaged earlier this year during bitter winter conditions.

Construction projects led by the Transportation Department are also underway in several communities. In Salluit, the building of a new airport terminal is near completion. Resurfacing of the runway at the Inukjuak airport as well as the construction of a warehouse and aircraft hangar at the Kuujjuaq airport are among the projects initiated this summer. ALSO: Paving of Kuujjuaq runway

Urgent renovations are also taking place in Childcare Centers including a major \$5-million project in Salluit that should be completed this year.



Construction of the airport terminal in Salluit will soon be completed.

Be safe on the water! Wear your life jacket!

One again this year, the KRG Civil Security department would like to encourage everyone to keep boating safety a priority.

If you or your family will go out on the water, always check the weather report and tidal times. Inform people where you are going and when you will be back.

Avoid overloading the boat or canoe. Double check the equipment list: flares, make sure radio is charged, life jackets should not be torn or worn out, bring extra warm clothes, water pump, flashlights, paddling oar and whistle.

Have a family discussion of what to do in case there is an emergency. Teach your children not to panic, how to make signals and mostly how to swim.

Remember, the water temperature is not the same as air temperature. If you accidentally fall in the water, the cold temperature will paralyze your body within seconds.



For more info on the importance of wearing life jackets, follow the link to this video at: <https://www.facebook.com/kativikregionalgovernment/videos/284337640104812>

New Nunavik Business Directory

The Business directory is the Nunavummiut guide to businesses in the region, with over 200 listings throughout Nunavik. The new Business Directory allows Nunavummiut to look up businesses by community. It can now be found at <https://www.krg.ca/en-CA/publications/business-directory>. It will look like this. Just select a community and the business in selected will show-up.

Business Directory

Your guide to businesses in Nunavik

Look up by city

Select ▼

Spring KRG Council Meeting in Tasiujaq



KRG council met in Tasiujaq on May 31, June 1 and 2 where it approved several initiatives that marked a new period of growth following months of delays and an economic downturn caused by the pandemic. Council members took stock of the challenging summer months ahead in the hope of making-up for lost time. The next KRG council meeting will be held in Kuujuaq from September 13-16, 2021.

KRG Holds Annual Employee Day Celebrations.



The KRG held its Employee Day celebrations in Kuujjuaq at nearby Barrel Beach where a warm late spring day allowed for employees to take in food, games, prizes and festive music that highlighted the day's events. Alexandre Gagné easily won the fishing contest with this this great catch on the banks of the Koksoak River.