



RENEWABLE RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, LANDS AND PARKS Department

ACTIVITY REPORT SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2025

MANDATE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Fishing and Trapping Support: program administration, technical assistance to community programs and management of the regional program
 2. Uumajuit Wardens: wildlife protection on the land and in marine sectors
 3. Environmental: technical assistance to Northern Villages (NVs), environmental monitoring, research, climate change and environmental projects
 4. Land Use Planning: technical assistance to NV and regional planning
 5. National parks development and operations
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1. INUIT HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING SUPPORT PROGRAM

- Third payment of \$300,000 paid for administration to NV Hunter Support Programs (HSP)
- Tender for Aupaluk community boat went for bid but cancelled due to community preference instead for an aluminum boat
- Trailers for Kangiqsujuaq and Salluit vessels have arrived in their communities
- Tender for freezer accessories issued for all NVs, hopefully arriving before end of year
- Involved in caribou protection plan meeting in Kuujjuaq
- HSP coordinators from the NVs and regional agents attended training on financial management presented by Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton
- Community visit to Aupaluk completed to discuss concerns with the community boat

2. UUMAJUIT WARDENS PROGRAM

- In 2025, 1200+ days of patrolling days reported with seven days of search and rescue assistance to NVs, as well as 360+ weekly reports submitted to our funding partners
- Regular weekly telephone meetings of wardens with Québec Wildlife Protection Officers, and federal Department of Fisheries (DFO) representatives
- Wardens engaged in statistical reporting on beluga sightings and harvests along with monitoring of hunting daily harvests
- As part of the Nunavik Indigenous Guardians Initiative, the wardens continue to document and report observations on environmental and climate changes on the land

- Wardens participated in monthly meetings of the KRG-DFO Liaison Committee
- Recruitment of a warden in Aupaluk is ongoing
- Tender process for fleet exchange is ongoing
- Joint patrols with biologists and officers from the Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs (MELCCFP) are ongoing with infractions of fishing violations reported
- Participated in 2025 SARscene (Search and Rescue conference) in Ottawa as panel speaker on ground and marine SAR topics
- Participated virtually to the Regional Nunavimmi Umajulirijiit Katujiqatigininga (RNUK) annual general meeting in Puvirnituq
- Assisted in collection of insect traps in four NVs in partnership with MELCCFP biologists
- Several wardens took marine courses and received various boating certifications

3. ENVIRONMENT

Residual Material Management

Metal Recycling Projects

- Kuujuaq
 - New call for tenders launched to purchase fixed metal baler for Kuujuaq landfill
- Kangiqsujaq
 - Operations are ongoing and will continue until early December
 - 200 bales and 25 pieces of heavy machinery prepared for shipping on last sealift in mid-November
 - Project will resume next year before moving to Salluit in summer 2026
- Umiujaq
 - All metal at northern landfill processed and prepared for shipping
 - All hazardous materials packed and shipped
 - Metal remains at marina; unable to ship due to operational constraints
- New tender calls launched to oversee 2026 metal recycling projects in Akulivik and Ivujivik

Composting Projects

- Kangiqsualujuaq
 - All composting equipment installed and operational
 - New garbage truck has arrived
 - Staff have received training
 - Operations expected to begin in December, involving eight NV institutional and commercial participants
- Kuujuaq
 - Site installation expected to be completed by end of December
 - KRG is supporting the NV in launching operations in January with institutional and commercial participants
- Kangiqsujaq
 - Site construction contract awarded, with work scheduled for summer 2026
 - Materials delivered and stored for next year's installation
- Salluit

- Composting project plan completed, and call for tenders ready to be launched
- Inukjuak
 - Site visit conducted with Centre d'innovation sociale en agriculture (CISA) involving NV, school, and KI representatives on implementation of educational and awareness activities
 - New garbage truck has arrived and being used by composting site operator
 - Communication campaign developed to support expansion of compost collection in residential sector
- Kuujjuaraapik
 - Project presented to NV council, and site selected for composting facility
 - Site layout plans under discussion with project consultant

Drop-off Points and Eco-Centre

- Close to 100 containers and 75 crates of used tires, appliances, electronics, used oil, and hazardous materials prepared across all NVs for retrograde sealift. KRG is supporting the NVs in these operations
- Kuujjuaq officially opened its Eco-Centre on October 10
- Salluit
 - Environmental aspects reviewed and validated, allowing project to move forward
 - Site layout plans under discussion with project consultant; plans and specifications expected by mid-November
 - Call for tenders scheduled for December; site construction planned for 2026
- Ivujivik: site construction completed in November; equipment installed on site for start of operations in 2026
- Inukjuak : Site operational since June

Waste-to-Energy Project – Kuujjuaq

- Call for tenders for incinerator feasibility study published; contract awarded

Other projects

- New study on packaging reduction launched
- Contract awarded for summer 2026 monitoring residual material characterization in Kuujjuaq and Kangiqsualujjuaq
- Environment team present in Montréal for municipal managers meeting in October

Granular Material Management

- Kangiqsualujjuaq has requested support from KRG regarding the current sand pit, which may be insufficient for 2025 construction project
 - Technical analysis expected by end of 2025; final report expected by end of winter 2026
- KRG hired Avataq to carry out archaeological surveys prior to any disturbance near historical sites in the area designated for Puvirnituk's new gravel pit; final report expected by mid-2026

Spill Management

- 45 spills reported to KRG during reporting period:
 - Four from mining companies

- 41 from regional organizations, either self-reported or observed
- Ongoing follow-ups being conducted with stakeholders responsible for oil spills, and regular communication maintained with the MELCCFP
- Study on socio-economic and environmental impacts of oil heating usage in Nunavik awarded to Laval University
- Meetings held with environmental consulting firm to assess contaminated soil treatment options and define parameters for potential Nunavik treatment sites
- Development underway of interactive map that allows real-time tracking of reported spills across Nunavik
- Work ongoing with external firm to revise residential tank guide for regional organizations

Regional Environment

Mid-Canada Line Project

- Site 330A Cleanup (August 19–25):
 - Cleanup operations conducted with development of bush airstrip; supported by subcontractors.
 - Total of 34,000 pounds of residual materials air transported to Kuujjuaraapik; operation involved Cree workers, with logistical support from Air Inuit
 - Residual materials prepared for boat transportation; departed NV on last sealift
- Site 315A Cleanup (September 8–15):
 - Close to 30,000 pounds of residual materials removed using helicopter and floatplane
 - In addition to KRG staff, the operation involved Inuit workers from Kuujjuaq, with support from Nunavik Rotors, Air Inuit and Air Tunilik
 - Residual materials prepared for road transportation from Lake Pau to southern recycling facilities

Water Source Protection

- KRG has received confirmation that the MELCCFP will fund a significant portion of work related to drinking water source protection plans for eight NV

4. LAND USE PLANNING

Regional Planning

- During the period, three land use occupation projects approved
- Between August 16 to 25, 161 sites inspected:
 - Mining activities: 42 sites
 - Outfitting activities: 86 sites
 - Mid-Canada line: 2 sites
 - Private camp: 3 sites
 - Industrial: 1 site
 - Others (fuel cache, unknown use): 27
 - Among these sites, 63 appear to be abandoned
- On September 22, we participated in consultations by the Ministère des Ressources

naturelles et des Forêts (MRNF) on the 2020-2025 Québec Plan for the Development of Critical and Strategic Minerals (QPDCSM)

- On October 23, a meeting was held with the MRNF Public Land Sector group to address abandoned sites with active leases in the Kativik region
- Participated in the Conservation Subcommittee to provide recommendations on the Integrated Energy Resource Management Plan (Plan de gestion intégrée des ressources énergétiques (PGIRE)), with the objective of making Nunavik a key contributor to Quebec's decarbonization and conservation efforts

Municipal Planning, Expansion Plans and Technical Assistance Program

- The KRG met with NV Kangiqsujuaq, Kuujjuaq, Kuujjuaraapik and Salluit to present geotechnical results and master plans
- Ongoing planning of 2026 housing unit allocations in NV Akulivik, Inukjuak, Kuujjuaq, Kuujjuaraapik, Tasiujaq and Salluit in collaboration with Makivvik Construction
- Ivujivik master plan adopted by NV Council in October
- Kuujjuaraapik master plan adopted by municipal council in October
- Final draft of master plan for Kangiqsujuaq presented to NV for comments
- Second-draft versions of master plans for Tasiujaq, Aupaluk, and Kangirsuk to be presented soon
- Geotechnical studies for expansion planning completed in Kuujjuaq, Kuujjuaraapik, Kangiqsualujjuaq, Ivujivik and Inukjuak
- Avataq visited Inukjuak to conduct archaeological assessment of new expansion area
- Land Use team present in Salluit during training session for by-law officers and in Montréal for municipal managers meeting
- Community basemaps updated and distributed; large-format copies available on request
- Technical assistance provided to NVs for civic number attribution; database updated continuously
- Interactive maps being created for all NVs, and will be shared with NVs by end of year
- Ongoing discussions with Nunaliit Association to develop online platform for permit application and payment

20% Protected Areas

- Cambrien Lake / Nachicapau Lake / Fort Mackenzie (Waskaikinis) Agreement
 - Participated in subcommittee meetings to explore alternatives to hydroelectric development in the area, and on mining activity commitments in Nachicapau Lake area, including discussions on conditions for future Reserve to the State
- Canyon-Eaton Territorial Reserve for Protected Area Purposes Monitoring
 - On September 12, equipment used to monitor biodiversity was removed from the field, and data and samples sent to the MELCCFP for analysis

Nordic Conservation Areas (NCA) Pilot Project

- NCA Pilot Project fieldwork
 - September 11-13: Helicopter overflight of study area within Naskapi Priority Use Zone to collect cultural, biological, geomorphological, and land-use information to guide selection of NCA territory for pilot project
- NCA Pilot Project Committee meeting

- o November 5: Presentation of findings from September overflight of study area and workshop to identify territory to be recommended for NCA pilot project

5. NUNAVIK PARKS

Statistics : Number of visitors, September to November

| | Visitors in the park | Visitors to the exhibition |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Pingualuit | 10 | 52 |
| Kuururjuaq | 16 | 49 |
| Ulittaniujalik | 9 | 49 |
| Tursujuq | 25 | 7 |

- Meetings to establish new contacts and collaboration with partners such as Nibiischii National Parks, Nunavut Parks, Tourism Nunavik, Helens Fall Outfitting, and Cree Trappers Association
- 2026 winter and summer packages dates finalized; launch of public promotion coming soon
- Publication of 2nd edition of Conservation Stories completed and distributed
- Nunavik Parks assistant director and operations coordinator attended Canadian Parks Council in Winnipeg. The last training component took place in Rankin Inlet to visit Nunavut parks infrastructures and learn from their experiences
- Autonomous visitor guide: strategic plan and internet policy documents are in the works
- On September 18, a Sivunirmut Agreement Liaison committee meeting on the Nunavik Parks mandates took place virtually
- Safety Technician completed instructor training in sea kayaking with Paddle Canada; she now can certify park employees as Sea Kayak Guide – Level 1
- Safety Technician taking part in the KRG Health and Safety Committee. She attended a conference in Montreal to deepen her knowledge of workplace health and safety and fulfill her responsibilities within the committee
- Safety Technician attended the annual general meeting of the Quebec Ecotourism Association
- List of Nunavik Parks activity reports from 2019-2025 merged, translated and shared with Québec Government as background information on our agreement
- Call for tender launched to redo Parks website
- As part of 2026 budget planning, a cost evaluation of Nunavik Parks major infrastructure projects and maintenance was completed
- Patrick Maltais promoted from Education Technician to the new Museologist position
- Education Technician position is vacant, job posting to come
- Parks Infrastructures Project Manager position posted; interviews forthcoming

Parc national des Pingualuit

- Caroline Alaku hired as Administrative Technician (one-year maternity leave replacement)
- Amilia Frechette Tuniq hired as Administrative Technician
- In mid-October, the Visitor Experience Technician travelled to Kangiqsujuaq to meet and train the Visitor Experience Officer (VEO) at Pingualuit office. VEO for Tursujuq, based in Kuujuaapik, also joined this training
- Pingualuit Park Director attended Canadian Parks Council congress in Rankin Inlet

- Air test series for mold was taken in the pavilion. Report shows concerns about air quality. As a mitigation measure, a recommendation is to install four powerful air filters to maintain healthy air quality for mold by the time the pavilion will be in major renovation. Twelve million dollars is needed to complete renovations since the building is more than 20 years and has reach end of life. The KRG has drafted a letter to the owner of the building (Québec Government) to express the urgency of the situation and request the necessary funds be transferred to the KRG.
- Harmonization committee met in Kangiqsujuaq on November 13
- Incinerator pilot project and improvements to energy system in Manarsulik are both started through a collaboration with mining industry surrounding the park

Parc national Kuururjuaq

- On September 5-6, staff closed the Qurlutuarjuq camp; weather station repairs and maintenance were also completed. On October 8, a day trip to Qurlutuarjuq dropped off drums and material for the winter
- Harmonization Committee met on October 16 in Kuururjuaq National Park in Kangiqsualujuaq. Boat day trips were organized with local school
- Director of Kuururjuaq and Ulittaniujalik parks is on administrative leave

Parc national Ulittaniujalik

- On September 6, staff visited the Qamanialuk site, and re-examined bush airstrip potential; also retrieved water loggers and worked on minor repairs to weather station
- On October 4, outfitters Pyramid Mountain Camp and Hellens Fall met separately with the Assistant Director and Park Coordinator to review outfitter operations on territory overlapping the park
- Harmonization Committee met on October 15 in Ulittaniujalik National Park in Kangiqsualujuaq

Parc national Tursujuq

- Joshua Davidee Sala promoted to Coordinator of Operations
- Davidee Naluktuk hired as new park warden
- Park warden position is vacant; job posting and interviews to come shortly
- Tursujuq Pavillion office renovation mostly completed. On October 17, it became secure for employees to return to the pavilion after three years working in a transit
- Beluga skeleton from Tadoussac arrived in Umiujaq for display on pavilion ceiling
- Work ongoing to redo exhibit components broken during period when building unheated
- Maintenance technician spent three weeks in Umiujaq to work on general maintenance to all park shelters and infrastructure reachable by boat
- Nunavik and Tursujuq Park staff met with Kuujjuaraapik and Whapmagoostui residents on September 17 to discuss collaboration pilot project to manage inland concerns such as poaching and waste management. The project will have a Cree land keeper for one month in the park sector of Wiyâshâkimî
- Harmonization Committee met in Kuujjuaraapik on October 30
- Park wardens removed the floating dock in Sukkuq River for the season in mid-October

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