

## **ADMINISTRATION** department

# ACTIVITY REPORT MARCH 2021 TO MAY 2021

The Administration Department provides support and a variety of services to every KRG department, as well as to the organization's Council and Executive Committee. It also manages Tamaani Internet.

The department's activities are divided into four sections:

- Operations and Asset Management
- Procurement and Travel
- Information Technology
- Tamaani Internet

#### **Operations and Asset Management Section**

- Through the storekeeper, allocated materials from the warehouse for over 400 work orders.
- Assisted with 7 relocations of KRG employees arriving to or leaving Kuujjuaq.
- Ongoing coordination and support related to custodial duties, vehicle maintenance, snow removal, mail, and cargo deliveries.

#### Procurement and Travel Section

- For this reporting period, over 730 Purchase Orders / contracts for goods and services were issued to suppliers including 270 for sealift. Over 70 Call for tenders were prepared.
- In collaboration with the Legal department and the IT section, issued a public call for tender for a 5-year (2021-2026) contract for photocopier service / contract awarded.
- Reactivation of the project of integrating a requisition module within the KRG Financial software into the day-to-day procurement process.
- For this reporting period, almost 1300 travel warrants were generated through the KRG Travel Management System. 950 of these warrants were for travel within Nunavik while the remainder were for travel back and forth to the south.

#### Information Technology Section

- For this reporting period, 576 tickets were treated by the team.
- The IT section completed the configuration and initial testing of the SQ/CRPQ database in 2 communities. The roll-out for general use by the Nunavik Police Services in all communities will continue throughout the summer.
- By the end of April, the IT Specialist on rotation had visited a total of 7 communities. Priorities during these visits are focused on upgrading hardware to mitigate the risk of security breaches.

## Tamaani Internet Section

#### Customer Service

- For the period of this report customer service representatives handled over 3800 telephone calls, 550 fax requests and over 3300 emails from our customers.
- Kuujjuaq office reopened to the public on March 29th with reduced hours. It has been noted however, that most customers find the online payment process much more efficient, and the number of walk-ins is only about 5-6 customers per day.
- Posting of a position of regional agent to be based outside of Kuujjuaq (on-going)
- Changes have been made to the customers billing cycle. Instead of all customers being invoiced on a single day each month, invoicing has been staggered over the whole month.
- The schedule of visits to the communities has been adjusted to better align with the installation of the Fiber to the Home networks (FTTH). This will permit the Customer Service Representatives to exchange the LTE modem for a fiber ONT at the same time. It is still our intention to visit all communities before the end of the year, but in the short term, the communities of Umiujaq, Kuujjuaraapik, Puvirnituq, Inukjuak, Aupaluk, Tasiujaq and Kangiqsualujjuaq will be visited between June and August.

#### Strategic Telecommunication Development

- The Phase 5 Submarine fiber project from Chisasibi to Puvirnituq: still on schedule (December 2021).
- A community consultation to explain the phase 5 project and allow for questions and answers was done virtually with the cree community of Chisasibi on April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- CRTC Round 2 funding program two requests were approved in March.
  - \$36.3M was approved for the extension of the submarine fiber from Puvirnituq to Salluit and overland to Kangiqsujuaq.
  - \$17.1M was approved to upgrade the microwave link between Kuujjuaq and Schefferville to a terrestrial fiber.
    - CRTC Statement of work (SOW) is in progress and will be sent to the CRTC commission to be approved.
    - Work is being done to finalize matching funds of \$36.2M from Quebec SPN.
- Future fibre development

- Phase 6 to connect Akulivik, Ivujivik, Salluit, Kangiqsujuaq and both mine sites: \$45.2M has already been secured - discussions with Quebec Government ongoing for the balance of \$34.7M
- Submarine fibre from Kangiqsujuaq to Kuujjuaq with spurs for Quaqtaq, Kangirsuk, Aupaluk, Tasiujaq and Kangiqsualujjuaq: discussions on-going with both governments.
- Universal Broadband Fund (UBF)
  - Three applications have been submitted to the UBF for almost \$150M of requested funding awaiting results:
    - Continuation of existing SES2 satellite plus additional capacity on SES6
    - Application for Oneweb Low Earth Orbit capacity. Anticipated service date November 2021
    - Application for Telesat Low Earth Orbit capacity. Anticipated service date First Quarter 2024
- Universal Broadband Fund Rapid Response Stream (RRS)
  - RRS awarded funding of \$4,467,500 to KRG to temporarily increase satellite capacity (792 mbps by August 2021).
  - Discussions on-going with Quebec SPN and Quebec Economic Development for matching funds.

## Network Operations

• Deployment of a new project management software and a cloud-based solution for all network documentation.

#### Field Operations

• Technicians on-rotation have visited all communities performing tests of all platforms both residential and corporate to detect areas of poor performance. Where possible, immediate corrective actions were taken and, in some cases, issues were reported to Network Operations In Kuujjuaq for a greater in depth analysis.

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