



TRANSPORTATION department

ACTIVITY REPORT MARCH 2020 TO MAY 2021

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:

- Noah Jaaka, Coordinator, Operations and Maintenance, Kangiqsujuaq
- Malek Kalthoum, Coordinator, Infrastructure and Projects, Kuujjuaq
- Lissa Deveaux, Administrative Technician, Kuujjuaq
- Jose Pauyungie, Observer/Communicator Trainee, Akulivik
- Uttuqi Carrier, Observer/Communicator, Quaqtuaq
- Robbie Ningiuruvik, Rotational Observer/Communicator, Nunavik
- Qirniulau Rockfort, Maintainer, Kuujjuaq
- Peter Annanack, Seasonal Maintainer, Kangiqsualujjuaq
- Elijah Etok, Seasonal Maintainer, Aupaluk
- Uqittuk Iyaituk, Seasonal Maintainer, Ivujivik
- Noah Qurnak, Seasonal Maintainer, Salluit
- Michel Boivin, Rotational Electrician, Nunavik
- William Taylor, Airport Response Specialist, Puvirnituq

Training:

- Workplace Hazardous Material Information System (WHMIS) training tour started in March. Maintainers and Observer/Communicators from Inukjuak, Puvirnituq, Salluit, Kangiqsujuaq, Quaqtuaq, Tasiujaq, and Kuujjuaq have been trained so far, as well as rotational mechanics and electricians. Every airport employee will be trained before the end of the summer.
- Heavy equipment training in winter conditions was given to Maintainers at Umiujaq and Akulivik airports in March.
- Airfield Movement Surface Condition Reporting (AMSCR) training completed for Observer/Communicators and Maintainers in Quaqtuaq, Kangirsuk, Aupaluk, Tasiujaq, and Kangiqsualujjuaq airports in March.
- Wildlife management training for new staff and those needing recurrent training is planned for June 2021 (first session).

Operations

- Flights coming into Nunavik airports continue to require permission before departure. Over 450 charter flights were authorized between February and May. Five charter flights were unauthorized and reported to Transport Canada; and three of the flights received a PPR non-compliance landing fee.
- The Department fully supported distribution requirements to ensure COVID-19 vaccines can safely arrive into Nunavik in April 2021.

Safety Management

- Emergency exercises with airport employees and responding agencies for Kuujjuaraapik, Inukjuak, and Umiujaq airports were completed in April and May. Emergency exercise at Kangiqsualujuaq airport will be done in June, and in the fall for the remaining airports.

Wildlife Management

- Inukjuak airport staff had to deal with a large number of caribous entering airside and surrounding the airport during the month of March. To mitigate the risk,
 - Communicators issued voice advisories procedures to pilots;
 - airport staff increased the number of runway inspections (before every take off and landing);
 - the Headquarters sent an email to the scheduled flight's dispatch to make sure their pilots were warned;
 - the PPR authorizer warned charter companies via the flight authorization procedure;
 - airport staff used pyros, snowmobiles and pickup trucks to chase caribous out of airside;
 - Coordinators ensured that at least one Maintainer was present during the lunch;
 - environmental team ordered fence posts and installed new fencing material on top of snow drifts, with the help of Maintainers; and
 - the Headquarters addressed the situation to MTQ to make sure they are aware of the fencing problem on winter time (snowdrifts over the fence).
- A standardized wildlife reporting procedure is in development.

Environmental Management

- Electronic register of safety data sheets has been provided to every garage. Instructions on how to safely handle all chemical products found in airport garages are available in this register.
- Environmental inspections were completed in Inukjuak, Puvirnituk, Salluit, Kangiqsujaq, Quaqtaq, and Tasiujaq garages. Emphasis was put on sorting residual waste produced inside garages, labelling of residual waste containers, and disposal of residual waste (that should systematically be done down South by retrograde sealift). Non-conformities regarding stakeholders have been addressed. They all offered a very good collaboration and non-conformities should be resolved in a timely manner.
- There were several minor spills between February and April. The spill causes were:
 - hose breakages on heavy vehicles or pickup trucks (Kuujjuaraapik, Ivujivik, Inukjuak);
 - overflow or leakage during refuelling operations (Inukjuak and Puvirnituk);
 - barrel leaks (Inukjuak, Kuujuaq and Kangiqsujaq).

In every cases, spills were reported, contaminated snow was removed and stored in barrels, immediate actions were taken (hoses were changed, leaking barrels emptied in other container, ...), and stakeholders were advised to take actions when necessary. Those sites will also be inspected during the summer of 2021, and more works will be done if the remediation is not completed.

- A policy of barrel (petroleum product) storage on airside was issued in March. Barrel storage will now on be allowed on airport grounds from June 1st to October 15th only. Moreover, organizations or businesses who want to store barrels on airside will have to send a storage notice to KRG, communicate with our local staff for the storage location, label their barrels properly and strap them on a pallet, have to supply a spill kit, and provide the name and contact information of the person responsible for the barrels.
- Preparation of summer field works is in progress. In addition to the environmental inspections and preparation of retrograde sealift, we will excavate some contaminated soils from previous spills (Quaqtaq, Kangiqsujaq, Ivujivik, Akulivik, Puvirnituq, and Kuujjuaraapik), and sample and dispose soil piles accordingly to their contamination levels (Quaqtaq, Kangiqsujaq, and Inukjuak).

Infrastructure and Projects

- Construction of Kuujjuaraapik garage is in-progress
- Construction of Salluit terminal will be completed this summer
- Construction of new Air Inuit Warehouse began in May. Construction safety meetings and airside safety training with the construction crew was completed in the end of April.
- There will be drilling projects at
 - Kangiqsujaq airport to identify material to regenerate the gravel stockpile, identify suitable AWOS location, and evaluate environmental contaminations below fuel tanks;
 - Kangiqsualujjuaq airport to prepare for moving a portion of the airport road in addition to the reasons at Kangiqsujaq airport;
 - Inukjuak, and
 - Puvirnituq airportsthis summer.
- The repaving of Kuujjuaq airport paved runway will be continued this summer, a project that carried over from 2019. There will be a small aircraft hangar constructed at Kuujjuaq airport this summer.
- There will be runway resurfacing and visual aids upgrade at Inukjuak airport at the end of this summer.

Marine Port Management

- The Department is supporting the Municipal Manager of Quaqtaq to get provincial and federal permissions to do some grading works on the marina ramp at low tide (no invasive works, no disturbance of fish habitat).
- The Quebec government allocated \$700,000 to maintain Nunavik's Marine Infrastructures in 2021 and 2022 - \$400,000 for 2021 and \$300,000 for 2022
- KRG is pursuing discussions with Quebec Government representatives regarding Marine Infrastructure funding

Bus Statistics

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

January to April 2021 bus statistics

	# of Usijiit riders	# of Public Transit riders	# of Year-to-Date Days with Statistics	Last Date of Bus Statistics Submitted
Kangiqsualujuaq	n/a	n/a	n/a	-
Kuujuuaq	n/a	n/a	n/a	-
Tasiujaq	n/a	n/a	n/a	-
Aupaluk	n/a	n/a	n/a	-
Kangirsuk	35	36	6	Mar 1, 2021
Quaqtaq	183	845	41	Apr 26, 2021
Kangiqsujuaq	658	1047	71	Mar 12, 2021
Salluit	640	1328	60	Apr 15, 2021
Ivujivik	n/a	n/a	n/a	-
Akulivik	n/a	n/a	n/a	-
Puvirnituq	n/a	n/a	n/a	-
Inukjuak	n/a	n/a	n/a	-
Umiujaq	n/a	n/a	n/a	-
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