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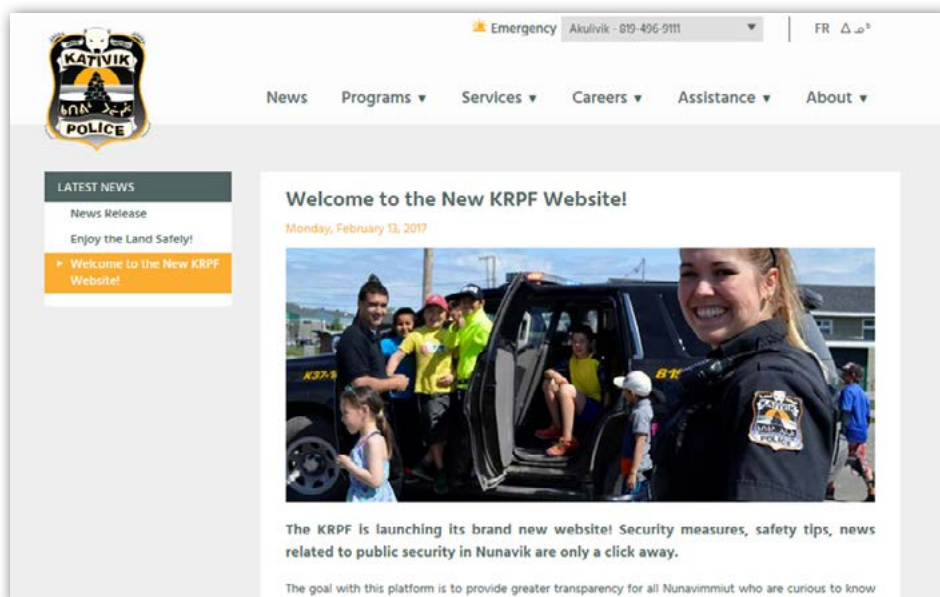
Keeping Nunavimmiut up to date on the work of the Kativik Regional Government



New KRPF Website

The Kativik Regional Police Force (KRPF) officially launched on June 8 its new trilingual website (www.krpf.ca). Considerations that guided the design of the new platform include user-friendliness, transparency and efficiency in order to help the KRPF improve how it communicates with Nunavimmiut, regional partners and the communities. The new site provides up-to-date information about public security, awareness campaigns, safety tips and measures, and about the KRPF's programs, daily activities and recent operations, such as search and rescue operations. A help section on the main page enables users to report crimes and file complaints regarding misconduct, and it proposes resources for victims of crime.

A career section promotes job opportunities and benefits with the KRPF, and interested individuals can even submit employment applications. Finally, users have access to public security-related contact information in every community such as for police stations, fire departments, CLSCs, as well as social services and youth protection.



The KRPF website showcasing Captain Charles Dufault (left) and Constable Elizabeth Perreault (right) with youth in Kuujuaq.

New Interim Social Rent Scale and Housing Allocation

At the end of April, the KRG and the Makivik Corporation have agreed with the Québec government on an interim social housing rent scale that will decrease rent for the vast majority of Nunavik tenants, which was ratified by the Cabinet of Ministers in June.

The rent scale will benefit the most affected families. Almost 70% of Nunavik families earn less than \$34,000 per year. Their rents will be reduced by between 20% and 75% in some cases. The savings will allow them to reallocate money for food and other essentials such as clothing and household products. Some real progress was achieved through this interim agreement. Negotiations will continue with the Québec government to ensure that a long-term rent scale becomes an integral part of the KRG efforts to relieve the heavy financial burden faced by lower income households in Nunavik.

The interim rent scale will go into effect retroactive to July 1, 2016. Tenants of the Kativik Municipal Housing Bureau (KMHB) will have 120 days from the date of ratification of the agreement to apply to the KMHB for retroactive rent reductions. In order to take full advantage of the new interim rent scale, social housing tenants have **until November 10th, 2017** to bring their Notices of Assessment (2015-2016) to their local housing manager.

A new long-term rent scale is expected to be ready for July 2020 and will be based in part on more detailed analysis emerging from the The Cost of Living in Nunavik Research Report released last November. The report was produced by Université Laval and financed by the KRG, the Makivik Corporation and the Québec government. It showed that low-income families in Nunavik spend more than 70% of household income on food and shelter versus only 46% for residents of Québec City.

At the last Council sitting in Umiujaq from May 29 to June 1, the elected members allocated 66 housing units in six communities as explained by the adjacent table.

Housing units in the Hudson Coast community of Umiujaq.

Housing Allocation 2018

Village	Number of Housing Units to be Built in 2018	
	Bedrooms per unit	
	1	2
Akulivik		
Aupaluk	4	4
Inukjuak	6	8
Ivujivik		
Kangiqsualujjuaq		
Kangiqsujuaq		4
Kangirsuk		
Kuujuuaq	12	4
Kuujuaraapik		
Puvirnituq	4	8
Quaqtaq		
Salluit	4	8
Tasiujaq		
Umiujaq		
Total (66 units)	30	36

For more information concerning the retroactive rent reductions or on retrieving a missing Notice of Assessment, we invite you to contact your local housing manager or the KMHB Client Services at 819-964-2000.



Update on the Special Report of the Québec Ombudsman

On February 18, 2016, the Québec Ombudsman tabled before the National Assembly a special report and recommendations on court detention conditions, the administration of justice and crime prevention in Nunavik.

As stated at the last KRG council sitting in Umiujaq by Michel Martin, director of the Public Security department and Chief of police, the KRPF and the KRG are actively collaborating in the application of the short-term corrective actions intended to significantly improve the quality of life of detainees. Long-term actions are also being studied by the committee that will involve the construction, modernization and expansion of existing infrastructure.



Michel Martin, Public Security director and Chief of police, presenting his activity report at the KRG Council sitting in Umiujaq on May 30th, 2017.

2017 Airport Infrastructure Improvements



Runway resurfacing will be accomplished in several communities in 2017.

At the May sitting of the KRG Council in Umiujaq, the Ministère des Transports du Québec (transportation, MTQ) presented an overview of recent, in progress and upcoming projects related to regional airport infrastructure.

In 2017, the airports in Akulivik, Aupaluk, Ivujivik, Kangiqsujaq, Kangirsuk and Quaqtaq will receive some new heavy equipment. The official inauguration of the renovated terminal building in Inukjuak is expected to take place later this year. As well, Transport Canada will proceed this summer with resurfacing of the gravel runway at the Kuujuaq airport along with other infrastructure work.

Community	Work (by MTQ)
Inukjuak	New airport terminal
Kangiqsualujuaq	Runway resurfacing Runway lighting system replacement
Kangirsuk	Installation of perimeter fencing
Kuujuaapik	Replacement of motorized gate Installation of security system
Puvirnituq	Runway, taxiway and apron resurfacing
Salluit	Addition of a Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI)
Umiujaq	Runway resurfacing

The Québec Government Announces an Action Plan for First Nations and Inuit



Québec Premier Philippe Couillard accompanied by ministers Geoffrey Kelley, Sébastien Proulx and Stéphanie Vallée, MNAs Jean Boucher and Véronique Tremblay, KRG Chairperson Jennifer Munick, Chief of the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Ghislain Picard, and representatives of Québec First Nations.

On June 28, Québec Premier Philippe Couillard released the Government Action Plan for the Social and Cultural Development of the First Nations and Inuit from 2017 to 2022. With a budget of \$147.3 million, the Action Plan proposes more than 100 measures under four main priorities: enhance services, promote Indigenous cultures and languages, empower individuals and communities, and foster collaboration and research. KRG Chairperson Jennifer Munick attended the announcement along with Minister responsible for Native Affairs Geoffrey Kelley, Québec ministers and members of the National Assembly, as well as representatives of First Nations.

The Québec government also launched the \$135-million Aboriginal Initiatives Fund III. Over a period of five years, the Fund will

support promising economic and community projects that foster growth within the communities. Finally, the creation of a panel for the educational success of Indigenous students was also announced.

Public Hearings on the Sivumut Project

During the week of April 3, the KRG participated in the public hearings organized by the Kativik Environmental Quality Commission in Salluit and Kangiqsujuaq concerning phases II and III of the Sivumut Project beyond 2020 proposed by Glencore Canada Corporation on its Raglan mine property. The Project mainly aims to develop new underground mines and extend its production of nickel concentrate over a period of 20 years.

The brief submitted by the KRG focuses on the environmental and socio-economic considerations of the project and promotes sustainable development. The document, available in the publication section of the [KRG website](#), covers a broad range of issues, including environmental standards, development of community-based monitoring programs, transportation infrastructure construction and operation, renewable energy production, as well as employment and local business opportunities for Nunavimmiut.

This file is being led by the Renewable Resources, Environment, Lands and Parks Department in cooperation with the Regional and Local Development, Sustainable Employment, and Transportation departments, according with the organization's legal responsibilities and mandates.

A New Image for the Sanajiit Project at the Start of a New Construction Season

The Sanajiit Project, a KRG program developing a strong and autonomous regional construction workforce through the delivery of work placement and training services, has revamped its image with a brand new logo in time for the 2017 construction season. The Sanajiit Project is aiming to reach out to more Nunavimmiut who are interested in working in construction and to create a sense of belonging to the Project. The new logo design is representative of the region, promotes gender equality in the construction trades, and spotlights the KRG's focus on worker skills development through mentoring.



The Sanajiit Project is in the midst of its most intense period as construction sites are reactivating for the summer. Since January 2017, more than 80 Nunavimmiut have attended training courses related, for example, to carpentry skills and safety cards. More training will be offered later this year. Nunavimmiut who want to join the construction industry are encouraged to contact the Sanajiit Project through [Facebook](#), by visiting the [KRG website](#), or by calling the toll free number 1-877-964-2961.

Tamaani Internet Developments

Internet services delivered by Tamaani in Kangiqsualujjuaq, Aupaluk, Tasiujaq, Quaqtaq, Umiujaq and Kuujjuaq are now running on new and faster LTE networks. About 80% of local customers have already visited local Tamaani Internet offices to switch to the new LTE modem. LTE networks will help improve the efficiency and reliability of Internet connections. All Nunavik communities are expected to be connected via these new networks by the end of the summer. Tamaani users will be kept informed of changes in their communities as the new networks are ready to be activated.

Tamaani Internet received the feasibility study prepared by WFN Strategies for the submarine fibre-optic cable project. The project, which is a component of the Eastern Arctic Undersea Fibre Optic Network, proposes to connect the 14 communities of Nunavik as well as communities in Nunavut and Nunatsiavut to the terrestrial communications networks of the rest of the country.

Cirqiniq Summer Camp

The Recreation Department invited 34 participants from around the region, 10 junior instructors and 9 senior instructors to participate in the annual summer camp under the Cirqiniq Program. The camp was held this year from June 19 to 24 at the Katittavik Centre in Kuujjuaq. Willis Tagoona, the Department's recreation advisor for arts and culture, was especially pleased with the large number of applications that exceeded 80 this year.



Group photo of this year's Cirqiniq Summer Camp participants in Kuujjuaq.

Throughout the week long camp, young circus performers improved their skills, acquired new ones and prepared for a Grand Finale public show presented on June 24. In parallel with the Cirqiniq summer camp, some participants also attended special workshops organized by the Recreation Department's Nunavik Rocks Music Program. The workshops were held in the music room at Jaanimmarik School in the evenings. They allowed participants to diversify their artistic skills and to perform live music during the summer camp grand finale show.

Team Nunavik–Québec Preparations

Team Nunavik–Québec (TNQ) and the Recreation Department invite Nunavimmiut to submit applications for three projects related to the 2018 Arctic Winter Games scheduled to be held in Hay River and Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, from March 17 to 24, 2018.

First, TNQ is seeking cultural performers and a call for application will run between July 1st and September 22nd. The cultural contingent will be formed by three to six youth who are 14 to 20 years old, talented performers and non-professional artists, i.e. singers, dancers, throat-singers or musicians. The contingent will represent TNQ at various public performances and ceremonies at the 2018 Arctic Winter Games. The final selection for TNQ cultural performers will be announced on the TNQ Facebook page and on the KRG website later this year.

Pin trading between teams and participants is a very popular tradition of the Arctic Winter Games. Between May 3 and July 14, Nunavik artists were invited to submit designs based on the image of a snowy owl. Up to four drawings per artist were accepted. The prize for the winning design will be \$1,000. The winner will be announced on the TNQ Facebook page and on the KRG website later this year.

Finally, coaches and chaperones play an important role contributing to the success of TNQ athletes and cultural performers. From the beginning of January to the end of May, TNQ and the Recreation Department conducted a call for candidates interested in coaching during preparations, training and participation of TNQ at the 2018 Arctic Winter Games. The application period has been extended to September 1st for Arctic Sports (male) and Badminton (female).



TNQ cultural performers at the 2016 AWG in Nuuk, Greenland.

KRG Council Sitting in Umiujaq

The KRG would like to thank the community of Umiujaq for the organization of the last Council from May 29 to June 1. During the week, Executive Committee and Council members as well as KRG directors were also invited to visit the Parc national Tursujuq and its infrastructures.



FCNQ 50th Anniversary Celebration

This year, the Fédération des coopératives du Nouveau-Québec (FCNQ) is celebrating its 50th anniversary. On Thursday, June 1st, KRG Chairperson Jennifer Munick underlined the milestone by presenting a commemorative plaque on behalf of the KRG to FCNQ Board of Directors member Sarollie Weetaluktuk to recognize the key role played by the cooperative movement in Nunavik and in local and economic development. The FCNQ has helped the KRG to implement measures from the Cost of Living program to reduce the effects of the high cost of living on Nunavimmiut as well as contributing to the growth of tourism in the region.



KRG Chairperson Jennifer Munick (left) offering a commemorative plaque to FCNQ member of the FCNQ Board of Directors Sarollie Weetaluktuk (right).

KRG Staff Appointments

At the end of May 2017, Tunu Napartuk was appointed by the KRG Council to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee appointed Ian Darling to the position of Director of the Transportation Department and Luc Brazeau to the position of Director of the Municipal Public Works Department. As well, Sean Rorison was appointed Assistant Director of the Administration Department for Tamaani Internet.

Community Infrastructure Projects and Training for Municipal Mechanics

As summertime returns, numerous municipal infrastructure projects managed by the Municipal Public Works (MPW) Department are going on simultaneously in most Nunavik communities. Important renovation and new construction projects are being prepared. Plans and specifications for a new municipal office in Kangiqsujuaq will be prepared in 2017 and construction is scheduled for 2018. The municipal office and community centre in Salluit will be renovated and expanded this season. These projects are being paid for through the Isurruutiit Program for municipal infrastructure improvements and the Pivaliutiit Program for community infrastructure development. The Pivaliutiit Program is funded by the Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones (Aboriginal affairs) while the Isurruutiit Program is financed by the ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Occupation du territoire (MAMOT).

The MPW Department will also supervise complete renovations of childcare centres in Kuujuaq, Kuujuaapik and Inukjuak. The work is in part necessary to renovate and modernize the buildings. The KRG is financing these projects through the childcare program.



Future municipal office of the Northern Village of Kangiqsujuaq.

From June to October, an instructor of the Municipal Public Works Department will visit the northern villages and deliver maintenance training to about 50 municipal mechanics on local vehicle and heavy equipment fleets. In collaboration with the Transportation Department, the training will also cover public transit buses. The objective of this new on-site approach is to provide municipal mechanics with training more adapted to their specific needs. In the past, training sessions were organized in three communities and participants travelled to those communities.

Next Regional Council Sitting

The next quarterly sitting of the KRG Council in 2017 is scheduled for September 11th to 14th in Kuujjuaq.



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