

QUARTERLY UPDATE



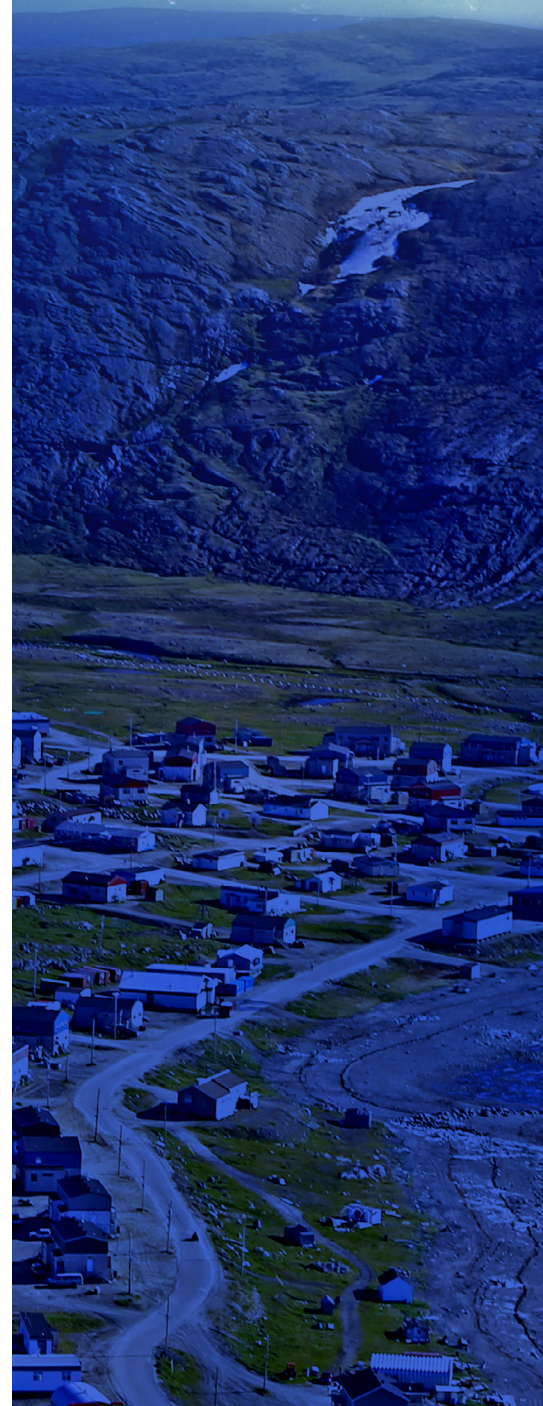
The KRG has been successfully delivering public services and programs to Nunavimmiut since it was created by the *Act respecting Northern Villages and the Kativik Regional Government* on August 2, 1978.

New Inukjuak Airport Terminal and Garage

On June 19, Québec, KRG and municipal elected officials joined a large number of residents in Inukjuak to officially mark the opening of a new terminal and other enhanced airport infrastructure. Upgrading work was started in this community in 2015 to improve facilities and safety for passengers, airlines and airport staff. The work, totalling \$25.2 million, was paid for through the infrastructure modernization plan developed by the Québec government with the KRG.



KRG and municipal councillor Sarollie Weetaluktuk cut the ribbon to open the new Inukjuak airport terminal. Also present were Pituvik Landholding Corporation president Eric Atagotaaluk (left), KRG Chairperson Jennifer Munick, and local elder Lucassie Echaloook (right).



Cirqiniq Summer Camp

A total of 33 youth participants from six communities around the region and nine regional junior instructors took part in the ninth annual Cirqiniq summer camp organized by the KRG Recreation Department. The camp was held from June 20 to 28 in Kuujjuaq.



A grand finale performance was organized at the end of the summer camp.

Community Airport Upgrading Work

This summer, ongoing improvement work at community airports has been planned jointly by the Québec government and the KRG Transportation Department. In Salluit, construction of a terminal and garage will be undertaken. In Tasiujaq, the runway will be reshaped and a section of the airport access road will be repaired. And in Akulivik, repair work will be performed on the runway lighting system and other electrical equipment, as well as on the airport access road.



The installation of a security system and motorized gate are planned at the Kuujuaaraapik airport this summer.

Upgrading work has been performed at the 13 community airports owned by the Québec government in Nunavik over the past 10 years. The KRG is responsible for the management, operation and maintenance of these airports and, for this purpose, employs permanent and seasonal full-time staff in every community. The current airport infrastructure modernization plan, developed jointly by Québec and the KRG, is in effect until 2019.

Nunavik Cost-of-Living Reduction Measures – Update

On July 1, an extensive revision of the list of eligible items under the Food and Other Essentials Program took effect. Among the changes, a 30% discount will now be applied on all fresh fruit and vegetables. As well, the items covered under many other product categories have been expanded to include all formats and brands. The Food and Other Essentials Program is an important regional tool that is helping to reduce prices as much as possible.

On July 15, payments of \$875 were made to eligible elders in the communities under the Elders' Assistance program. The biannual payments under the program, which total \$1,750 per year per elder, aim to mitigate some of the difficult socio-economic conditions faced by elders, including low personal incomes and government social security benefits that are not adapted to Nunavik's high cost of living.

The Nunavik Cost-of-Living Measures are determined jointly by the KRG and the Makivik Corporation. The criteria applicable to all the measures are subject to modification or cancellation at any time. The KRG is responsible for administering the implementation of the measures. For more information, consult the Quick Links menu on the KRG website: Nunavik Cost-of-Living Reduction Measures. The KRG and the Québec government are currently carrying out negotiations (with the Makivik Corporation acting as an intervener) in order to renew long-term funding to help alleviate Nunavik's high cost of living.

Community Infrastructure Development



Every summer and fall, the KRG coordinates infrastructure development work in the communities. Shown: Search and rescue boat shelter construction in Tasiujaq.

A number of important infrastructure development projects are being launched this summer by the KRG Municipal Public Works Department in cooperation with the northern villages. Major work funded under the Isurruitiit Program for municipal infrastructure improvements includes the start of construction of a new drinking water treatment plant in Kuujjuaq (scheduled to be completed in 2019), the construction of a new municipal office in Kangiqsujaq, as well as the purchase of municipal service trucks and heavy equipment for different northern villages. Intergenerational centre construction projects are also planned in Tasiujaq and Umiujaq for youth and elders, with funding from the Pivallutiit Program for community infrastructure development and other sources. Renovation work at the childcare centres in Kangiqsujaq and Ivujivik will be managed by the KRG Municipal Public Works Department.

Fire Prevention: Recent Regional Activities

On June 5, the Nunavik Firefighter Training Centre in Kuujjuaq was officially opened. KRG Chairperson Jennifer Munick was present to mark the event. The training facility will offer firefighting courses taught by Inuit instructors in Inuktitut. It will also permit the delivery in Nunavik of full certification from the École nationale des pompiers du Québec (firefighter training). The KRG Civil Security Section spearheaded the training centre development project with important contributions provided by the Kativik Municipal Housing Bureau, the Northern Village of Kuujjuaq, various KRG departments and the Kuujjuaq Fire Department.



Ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Nunavik Firefighter Training Centre with KRG Chairperson Jennifer Munick.

At its last regular sitting in May in Aupaluk, the KRG Council approved the renewal of an agreement with the École nationale des pompiers du Québec (firefighter training) to maintain and administer a training program for municipal fire officers and fighters in accordance with Mandate B.16 of the *Agreement concerning Block Funding for the Kativik Regional Government* (Sivunirmut).

In June, the KRG and local fire departments undertook a fire prevention campaign. Based on the theme A Fun Fire-Free Summer, the campaign is conveying important safety tips to youth.

Makitautik in Action – Presentation

Following restructuring, the Makitautik Inuit Community Residential Centre in Kangirsuk reopened in September 2017. The role of the Centre is to help Inuit offenders to reintegrate their communities following incarceration. The centre offers personal help on issues such as substance abuse and violent behaviour in an environment that is respectful of Inuit traditional and cultural values. This was some of the information provided by Luisa Taqulik, Director of the Makitautik Inuit Community Residential Centre, and Josiane Gendron, Director of Professional Correctional Services for the Abitibi-Témiscamingue and Nord-du-Québec Region with the Ministère de la Sécurité publique (public security, MSP), during their May 30 presentation to the KRG Council.

Through its programming, Makitautik emphasizes the importance of helping clients to achieve balance in their personal lives: mental, emotional, physical and spiritual. Program objectives include building self-esteem, becoming better acquainted with Inuit culture and one's personal identity, developing skills, and learning a healthy way of living.

2018 Summer-Fall Housing Construction (In Progress)

Community	One bedroom	Two bedrooms	Three bedrooms	Total
Aupaluk	4	4	-	8
Inukjuak	6	8	6	20
Kangiqsujaq	-	8	8	16
Kuujuaq	12	6	6	24
Puvirnituq	4	8	2	14
Quaqtaq	-	-	10	10
Salluit	4	8	6	18
Total units in Nunavik				110

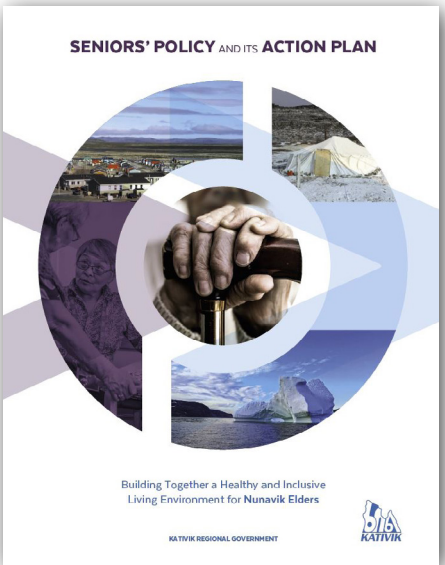


Housing construction work is underway in seven communities this summer.

Release: New Regional Policy for Seniors

The *Senior's Policy and Its Action Plan*, which was approved by the KRG Council last November after more than two years of hard work, has been officially released this summer in printed format. This document is the result of collaboration between the KRG, the Nunavik Elders' Committee and the Carrefour action municipale et famille, under the Québec-government's Age-Friendly Municipalities initiative.

Consult the Publications menu on the KRG website: [Senior's Policy and Its Action Plan](#).

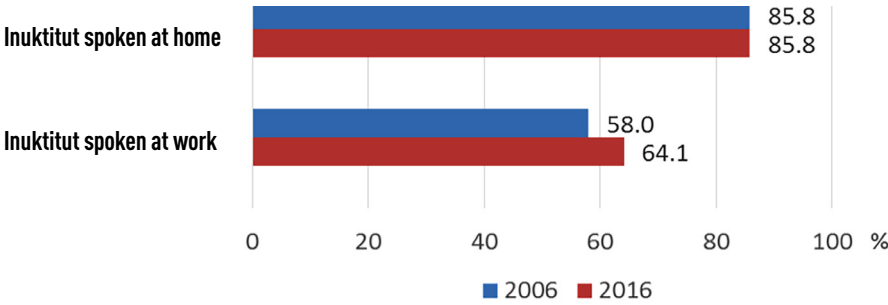


Nunivaat Marks Tenth Anniversary

To mark the tenth anniversary of the Nunivaat – Nunavik Statistical Program, a research professional of the Canada Research Chair on Comparative Aboriginal Condition delivered a presentation to the KRG Council at its last sitting on the demographic changes that have taken place in the communities since 2006. Over this period, the regional population has grown from 10,795 residents to 13,180. In terms of age, while the population remains young compared with Québec as whole, the median age increased to 23.5 years old in 2016 from 21.8 years old in 2006, meaning the proportion of the population over 15 is increasing. By 2016, the number of Nunavik Inuit living outside the region had also grown to 2,140.

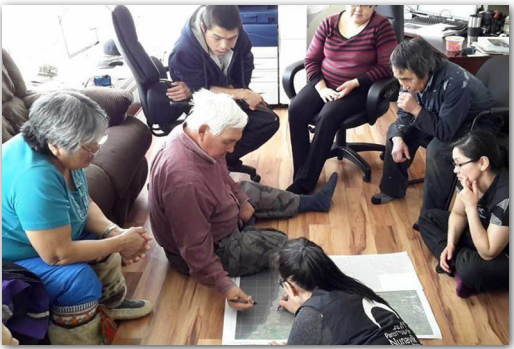
Data shows that Inuktitut is still spoken in 86% of households in the region and at work by two thirds of the population, representing an increase of 6%. Educational attainment data has also changed during the last decade. Among the population aged 15 and over, the proportion of individuals holding postsecondary degrees has dipped to 26% (from 29% in 2006), even while the actual number of graduates is higher than in 2006. In relation to men, women hold proportionally more secondary diplomas, but fewer postsecondary diplomas.

The Nunivaat – Nunavik Statistical Program was established in 2005 as a permanent, public and independent statistics program on the socioeconomic situation of Nunavik. It is funded by the KRG and directed by Université Laval.



Parks: Planning for Continued Growth

In the coming three years, the Nunavik Parks section of the KRG plans to grow specific tourism opportunities while consolidating a number of its operational procedures in order to further contribute to park and community development. Growth will in particular focus on youth products, the enhanced sharing of traditional Inuit knowledge, and targeted products for international travellers. These objectives are to be pursued through four main orientations, specifically conservation and wildlife; culture and identity; tourism and access to the territory; and community development.



Led by the KRG in cooperation with the communities, park development and operations are driving the regional tourism sector and producing many local spinoffs.

With Inuit representing 71% of the Nunavik Parks workforce, the KRG currently pays \$3 million in wages and benefits annually in the region for parks staff. The parks also produces about \$1.5 million per year in spinoffs for communities, local businesses and regional organizations. The annual revenue generated by regional parks, for its part, increased from \$50,000 in 2014 to over \$300,000 in 2017.

Over the years, the KRG's Nunavik Parks has increased the number of visitors to the parks by employing a variety of operational and marketing actions. Today, the parks are operating at close to full capacity. The two newest park projects in Nunavik are Iluiliq (Cape Wolstenholme) and Leaf Bay. The KRG is responsible for the management and operation of the national parks Pingualuit, Kuururjuaq, Tursujuq and Ulittaniujalik.



Council Sitting in Aupaluk

The regular sitting of the KRG Council from May 28 to 31 was organized in Aupaluk.



Due to poor weather conditions, Recreation Department staff (right) presented their activity report to the Council by videoconference from Kuujuaq.

2019 Allocations for Social Housing Construction

At its May sitting, the KRG Council approved allocations for the 2019 construction season. A total of 58 one-bedroom units, 58 two-bedroom units, 14 three-bedroom units and 4 four-bedroom units will be constructed with funding available under the renewed five-year *Agreement concerning the Implementation of the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement on Housing in Nunavik* between Nunavik and the federal and provincial governments. Specifically, 16 units are planned for construction in Akulivik, 24 units in Inukjuak, 20 units in Kangiqsualujuaq, 12 units in Kangirsuk, 20 units in Kuujuaaraapik, 20 units in Quaqtaq, and 22 units in Salluit.

Four Bike Rallies Organized This Summer

The Kativik Regional Police Force organized bike rallies in four communities to promote physical exercise and road safety: Kuujuaq, June 8; Kuujuaaraapik, June 15; Puvirnituq, June 29; and Salluit, July 5.

During the bike rallies, various prizes were awarded to the youth participants by draw, including more than one hundred bicycles, helmets, locks and safety vests. Youth also had opportunities to take part in awareness-building activities related to drugs and alcohol, particularly while operating motorized vehicles. A large number of local and regional businesses and organizations contributed to the success of the bike rallies.



Technical Assistance for the Northern Villages

From April 30 to May 4, the Association of Secretary-Treasurers of Nunavik held a meeting in Montreal. Representatives from 10 communities were in attendance. The Association holds regular meetings in the spring and fall every year to discuss municipal issues and concerns, as well as to receive information and training on topics of interest.

At its most recent meeting, secretary-treasurers were briefed on the annual audited financial statements for their northern villages, as well as on local master plans and zoning bylaws, the revised fire safety cover plan for Nunavik, and residual materials management issues. Other topics reviewed included insurance coverage for staff and elected officials, registered retirement savings planning, municipal loan and insurance claim procedures, and remuneration for elected municipal councillors.

It is also important to note that the founding meeting of a new municipal managers association took place in Kuujuaq from March 6 to 8. Representatives from eight communities were in attendance. It is hoped the association will organize more such meetings in the years to come to focus on common concerns and deliver suitable training. At their first meeting, municipal managers received information on labour law and human resources management, occupational health and safety obligations, insurance claim procedures, and building codes related to municipal infrastructure.

Pursuant to mandate B.15 of the *Agreement concerning Block Funding for the Kativik Regional Government* (Sivunirmut), the Legal, Socio-Judicial and Municipal Management Department delivers technical assistance and training to the northern villages for legal affairs as well as management and municipal accounting.

Pijunnaqunga: First Internships Successfully Completed

Internships under the Pijunnaqunga Program created by the KRG Sustainable Employment Department have been underway since this spring. Emy Nayoumealuk of Inukjuak completed her internship in Kuujuaq as assistant general manager at the Qarjuit Youth Council in May. In June, Joanasie Cameron of Salluit finished his socio-economic agent internship with the Makivik Corporation, and Aibillie Idlout and Anna Kasudluak both from Inukjuak completed their internships in Kuujuaq, respectively, as computer technician at the Ungava Tulattavik Health Centre and accounting clerk at the KRG.



Anna Kasudluak (right) completed her Pijunnaqunga internship with Julie Villeneuve at the Finance Section of the KRG.

The Pijunnaqunga Program is providing innovative, hands-on learning opportunities to smart, young and motivated Nunavimmiut. Internships away from home presents special challenges for participants, but also allow them to gain valuable work experience. Emy Nayoumealuk for example needed to arrange day care for her young child for several weeks, and Joanasie Cameron brought his spouse and two daughters to Kuujuaq with him so the family would not be separated during his internship.

Designated mentors at each of the participating organizations should be recognized for their important support for this initiative. The next round of internships under the Pijunnaqunga Program is scheduled to begin early next fall. Pijunnaqunga is encouraging the development of the next generation of competent and capable institutional leaders. Visit: pijunnaqunga.org

Recent Sanajiit Training Activities



Summer carpentry skills training delivered from July 3 to 13 in Kangiqsujuag.

Between January and June, the KRG Sustainable Employment Department organized seven training sessions under the Sanajiit Project. Mandatory construction-site health and safety training was delivered in Kuujuaq to 14 participants, level 1 carpentry skills training was delivered in Aupaluk, Kuujuaaraapik and Inukjuak to a total of 22 participants, and journeyman exam preparation training was delivered to two participants in Salluit. Eight participants took part in level 2 carpentry skills training and interior finishing training organized in Aupaluk. For details, consult the Quick Links menu on the KRG website: [Sanajiit Project](#).

The goal of the Sanajiit Project for Inuit apprentice and journeyman construction workers is to develop a strong and autonomous mostly regional construction workforce. Through the Sanajiit Project, the KRG is cooperating closely with the Makivik Corporation, the Kativik Ilisarniliriniq and the Commission de la construction du Québec (CCQ) to foster an efficient transition and adaptation to the Nunavik construction workforce placement region created in 2017. The new and separate workforce placement region takes into account the region's distinct characteristics, including Inuit culture and the Inuktitut language. It has introduced priority labour hiring and mobility rules according to Aboriginal and regional residency criteria in line with paragraphs 29.0.31 and 29.0.32 of the *James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement* as well as according to journeyman-apprentice ratios prescribed by the CCQ.

Sapummijiit Coordinates its Services with the KRPF

Since June 1, the Sapummijiit Crime Victims Support Centre and the Kativik Regional Police Force (KRPF) have been coordinating their efforts to permit police officers to directly refer the victims of crime, their families and witnesses to Sapummijiit support agents. This approach is allowing Sapummijiit to deliver its support services right from the beginning of the judicial process. Sapummijiit support agents facilitate victims' access to psychological support and follow-up during court processes, as well as to information regarding the release conditions of offenders and warrants of remand.

Medal for Good Citizenship – Annie Kanayuk

Ungava MNA Jean Boucher recently presented a medal for good citizenship to Annie Kanayuk of Puvirnituq. In 2015, Ms. Kanayuk saved the lives of three children, rescuing them from a burning home.



Annie Kanayuk, June, Puvirnituq.



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