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A NEW SET OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS LIFTED IN NUNAVIK

Kuujjuaq, June 23, 2020 –More restrictions were lifted by Nunavik’s emergency response team as efforts continue to be deployed in a gradual return to normal life in the region.

The Nunavik-Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (N-REPAC) has taken the following steps in easing COVID-19 restrictions on community activities:

- Immediate resumption of **outdoor sports**.
- Opening of community **Swimming Pools** and **Youth Houses** are allowed as Wednesday July 1: each community will determine the effective date of opening.
- **Gymnasiums** and **fitness centres** allowed to open effective Wednesday July 1.
- **Bingos** are now permitted

However, all of these activities are conditional to abiding to certain public health guidelines.

Restrictions on certain tourism activities were also lifted especially in allowing local residents access to parks and outfitters.

- Ecotourism and outfitting activities including services of a guide for one-day guided trips for permanent residents and temporary workers.
- The KRG’s Nunavik Parks will grant access to their parks to local residents including Inuit, permanent residents and temporary workers. Some of the activities could include the holding of summer camps and weekend visits to the Parks by local residents. Even if some restrictions are lifted, the KRG-Nunavik Parks is still evaluating the possibility of offering all communities access to the parks – more information to come later during the summer.
- Hunting and fishing for non-beneficiary residents will resume but they will have to comply with strict directives. All provincial and local permits/authorizations still have to be obtained prior to a non-beneficiary accessing this privilege.

The travel ban remains in effect for flights from the south to Nunavik but changes are imminent pending a Quebec government decision. This will directly affect the gradual reopening of workplaces such as the offices of the Kativik Regional Government, which are slated to reopen on June 29, 2020.

Nunavimmiut will immediately be kept informed of any changes in the restrictions. There has not been an active COVID-19 case in over a month in Nunavik. However, residents are reminded that should signs of the pandemic re-appear new restrictions may be introduced in order to stop the coronavirus from spreading.

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The Kativik Regional Government is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. The organization has jurisdiction over nearly the entire territory of Québec north of the 55th parallel in areas such as municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use planning, civil security and economic development.

The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. It is responsible for nearly the entire Quebec territory located north of the 55th parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.