

Report to the Annual General Meeting of Makivik, April 2021
From the Corporate Secretary's Department

Makivik Meetings

At these meetings, my department is in charge of travel, accommodations, hotel rooms, rental of cars, equipment, agenda, documents, Interpreters/Translators, charters, locations of meetings, and taking minutes in meetings only.

Since Pita Aatami became our President, we have the following meetings since February 4, 2021, 2021.

Executive meetings	24
Board of Directors	5
Joint Executive w/KRG	4
NEAS	3
Nayumivik LHC	1
Mental Health	1
FCNQ (Taquti)	1
Avataq	1

There were a lot more meetings but the Executive members participated in these events.

Travel Management System

We have completed the Travel Management System, where request for travel will be computerized, it has been ready since late last year, and now we need to train our staff how to use the system. Travel requests will be a lot more efficient with this system and we will know exactly how much funding is used for travel in real time. Makivik is one of the last organizations to get a computerized system so we need training on how to use the program. Saima Mark will be the lead in training of this system for our staff member.

Urban Inuit

There are many homeless Inuit. Over the year, some of our partners like Open Door, Chez Doris, PAQ 1 and 2, Resilience, Native Women Shelter had to close their doors when their staff got covid 19, so it has been extra hard on the homeless Inuit here in Montreal, not to mention shortage of staff in these organizations in the first place.

Makivik has provided travel for approximately 70 homeless Inuit over the year that wanted to go back north. They had to quarantine and take a covid test before they return up north. We are still returning homeless people back to the north.

To date, Makivik has contributed funding to our partners in the following manner through Unngaluk

Native Women's Shelter of Montreal	140,000
Open Door	20,000
Projets Autochtones du Quebec (PAQ 1 and 2)	70,000

Southern Quebec Inuit Association	120,000
Chez Doris	<u>200,000</u>
Total	550,000

Southern Quebec Inuit Association

A total of 248 Inuit households received financial assistance through SQIA during the pandemic.

- 73% from Nunavik
- 24% from Nunavut
- 2% from Nunatsiavut

- 1% Inuvialuit
- 51.6% families
- 48.4% individuals

A total of 533 individuals Inuit were assisted, 29 elders , 313 adults, 191 children.

Largest concentrations were from Inukjuak (11.7%), Kuujuaq (13.7%) and Iqaluit (14.1%)

Just a reminder for the Inuit coming down, when you come down on your own or with your organization, there is no support system for those that are not homeless or for former inmates. We have to abide by Federal laws.

Reaching Home

We will have received Federal funding for the program Reaching Home by this time of my report. This project has been approved for a three-year project with 2,245,773 approved by the Federal government. It will have three main components:

- 1) Provide short-term COVID-19 support to shelters in Nunavik and Montreal (e.g. food security, services, etc.);
- 2) Support and expand existing programs to prevent and address homelessness in Nunavik and Montreal; and
- 3) Develop an Inuit-specific and operated facility and programming to serve urban Inuit in Montreal at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

On an on-going basis, Reaching Home funding would be the support of pre-existing shelters in Nunavik, advance and expand current programming in Nunavik and Montreal that addresses homelessness, particularly for families and children in need of temporary shelter. This will be identified by needs and available resources, as well as the development of a report on the root causes and solutions to homelessness in Nunavik.

In Montreal, it is proposed that needs and available resources for urban homeless Inuit be identified, followed by a feasibility study and project plan for the establishment of the multipurpose facility. Initial programming would be offered (e.g. essential skills workshops), with further programming and pilot projects to address homelessness being established throughout the 4-year period. The objective would be to launch the new facility, a full schedule of programming, and wrap-around supports through partnerships by 2024. We are working on this project to make sure all necessary jobs will be posted and opened for Inuit and have full support when it's needed.

Archiving

Archiving is going well. Our Archivist, Sarah Nantel was supposed to travel back and forth to Kuujuaq to do the President's documents and in Montreal to do the legal department but covid has not been good for us. However, they have been working at our Montreal office so a lot of work is being done. Right now, we are concentrating on cataloguing and digitizing all the Makivik Art and carvings that have been collected over the years so we will have a complete picture of every artwork that Makivik owns. We have reached out to FCNQ to appraise the artwork.

Enrolment

We have two enrolment officers working for us now. Anthony Arreak, who is in Kuujuaq and Shirpaluk Makkimak working out of our Montreal office. We are planning in the future to have these two travel to each community and provide information and training for those working on the enrollment files under LHC.

We have had meetings with our legal support to see how we would be able to access and own our database. We have worked with the Quebec Government for many years to keep the data updated, however things need to improve in this area so we will work on the following files with Land Holding Corporation to have a common information on these files:

- Inuit working of Out of Territory for more that 10 years
- Beneficiaries
- N number for students studying down south
- Prescriptions for Inuit living and/or studying down south
- And a number of others special needs

Elections

Last month there was elections held in five communities:

In Kangiqsualujuaq Vinnie Baron was re-elected.

In Kuujuaq Joe Snowball was re-elected.

In Puvirnituk, Kulu Tukulak was replaced by Muncy Novalinga, Muncy won by acclamation.

In Akulivik Nowya Quissa won by acclamation.

In Kuujjuaraapik, Raymond Mickpegak won by acclamation as well.

The elections in the north seem to have less people voting, so we are trying a few things that would maybe have more Inuit participating when Makivik have elections. One way would be to have elections virtually to see if there would be more participants. Our technical people are looking into that mirroring the Crees that have done that over the past year. We will keep you posted.

Information Technology

Our IT department have been working extra hard for the two years for different ways to tele-conference, web-ex, teams, etc and of course there are computer break downs, new computers and faxes needed etc.

There can only be 25% of the staff work at the Makivik office according to the covid rules so about 75% of the staff work at home. We need our computers to work efficiently while working at home and especially during our many meetings that occur throughout the year. We couldn't have done it without our IT team.

Infrastructures/Housing

I would like to welcome Harvey Mesher, who is our new Managing Director of Assets/Infrastructures. Makivik has a lot of old houses and they need to be renovated, demolished or revamped completed. So I'm pleased to announce that we have hired Harvey who has many years of experience working in this field. Welcome Harvey.

We have been ready to build eight units/or four duplexes since last year but because of covid, we have not been able to do any construction. I have been informed that we have the go ahead to build these Makivik housing this year. Finally...

We had an appraisal of 26 million dollars worth of Makivik infrastructure done in 2018 and since not much has been done in previous years, there is major work to be done in these houses and other infrastructures.

One priority I have immediately is to have a temperature control warehouse for all the archiving we are processing in Kuujjuaq. I've tried looking in different areas but no warehouses available for rent in Kuujjuaq.

St. Laurent Office

I'm happy to announce that we are now doing a facelift for our St. Laurent's office. There has been nothing done for the last twenty years at this office so once Covid has passed, you will be able to see the changes done in the reception and entrance area as well as the kitchen. It's very much like the work I had done at the Kuujjuaq office by renovating the receptionist area. The renovations should be completed by April 30, 2021.

Conclusion

I have been the only Makivik Executive at the Montreal office since March 2020 so I'm very thankful for all the support I've got during this period from the staff of Makivik. We've never gone through this kind of experience so it has been a learning curve for all of us and again, everything has been slowed down because of covid.

I hope we will start to travel to communities soon. We miss the north, family and friends.

Nakurmiik Ilunnasi!

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