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Introduction

Paragraphs 29.0.5 and 29.0.22 of the *James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement* signed on November 11, 1975, contain provisions for a program to support Inuit hunting, fishing and trapping activities. By virtue of this Program, a specific number of hunters, fishermen and trappers were to be hired. However, as a result of consultations with the Inuit communities, the original program was never put into effect due to the new needs of the Inuit population.

Meetings were held early in 1979 between representatives of the Secrétariat des activités gouvernementales en milieu amérindien et inuit (SAGMAI), the ministère du Loisir, de la Chasse et de la Pêche (MLCP), Makivik Corporation and the Kativik Regional Government. An agreement in principle was signed in September 1979, and in December of the same year, the Cabinet approved the creation of a temporary program to support the Inuit in their hunting, fishing and trapping activities.

The Kativik Regional Government received the first payment, retroactive to approval by the Cabinet of the temporary program, in April 1980. This program was replaced in 1983 by the Program as set out in *An Act respecting the support program for Inuit beneficiaries of the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement for their hunting, fishing and trapping activities* (R.S.Q., c. P-30.2) designated hereafter as the "Act", sanctioned by the National Assembly on December 16, 1982. Copies of a document containing the Inuttitut, French and English versions of the Act are available from the Kativik Regional Government.

The 1980-1981 and 1981-1982 annual reports for the temporary program were submitted to the Ministère du Loisir, de la Chasse et de la Pêche. The annual reports for 1983 to 2023 inclusively, as well as the present report, detail the activities of the permanent Program and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Division V of the Act.

Administration of The Program

The KRG administers the grant received from the Ministère des Forests, de la Faune et des Parcs in accordance with the Act. The amount of the basic grant is calculated using a formula that takes into account the number of Inuit communities, the total number of beneficiaries, and the cost of living index. An amount equal to 15% of the basic grant is added for the Program's administration. The basic grant is divided in such a way that 85% is reserved for community programs and 15% for regional programs. A base amount is set aside for each community and the balance is distributed among the communities according to their respective beneficiary population.

In 2023, the community budgets were divided among the 15 communities, namely the 14 northern villages and the Inuit community of Chisasibi. The community programs were administered by the northern villages except in Chisasibi, a community located south of the 55th parallel that does not have a northern village and for which the Inuit landholding corporation administers the Program.

The KRG provides administrative support and technical assistance to the community programs upon request. The fifteen community budgets are subject to yearly agreements with the KRG.

The regional program is directed by the KRG's Council, which is also responsible for administering the Program as a whole. Files and accounting documents related to the Program are kept at the KRG's office in Kuujuaq.

Auditing is done once a year within the general audit of the KRG and the northern villages. In 2023, the audit was awarded by resolution of the Regional Council of the Kativik Regional Government to the chartered accounting firm of Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton. Financial data for the Program contained in this annual report constitutes an integral part of the financial statements of the KRG and each northern village.

2023 Program

The Kativik Regional Government's Council and Executive Committee to December 31, 2023		
Chairperson	Hilda Snowball	Kangiqsualujuaq
Vice-Chairperson	Lucy Kumaluk	Umiujaq
Other members of the Executive Committee	Jobie Tukkiapik	Kuujjuaq
	Charlie Arngak	Kangiqsujuaq
	Billy Cain	Tasiujaq
Councilors	Maggie Emudluk	Kangiqsualujuaq
		Tasiujaq
	David Angutinguak	Aupaluk
	Minnie Annahatak	Kangirsuk
	Jusipi Kulula	Quartaq
	Stephan Grasser	Salluit
	Adamie Mangiuk	Ivujivik
	Adamaie Alayco	Akulivik
	Pauloosie Angiyau	Puvirnituq
		Umiujaq
	Jennifer Hunter	Kuujjuaraapik
	Noah Swappie	Kawawachikamach
Officers		
Director General	Paul Parsons	
Assistant Director General	Ron Bowles	
Corporate Secretary	Ina Gordon	
Treasurer	Chahine Noujeim	

Inuit Support Program for Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Activities	
Director - Renewable Resources	Markusi Qisiq
Assistant Director	Steven Kleist
Hunter's support Regional Coordinator	Betsy Berthe
Hunter's Support Regional Agent	Lucy Kritik

Northern Village Corporations

	Mayor	Secretary-Treasurer
Kangiqsualujjuaq	Maggie Emudluk	Tommy Annanack
Kuujjuaq	Mary Johannes	Ian Robertson
Tasiujaq	Billy Cain	Christian Peart
Aupaluk	David Angutinguak	Eva Putulik
Kangirsuk	Noah Eetook	Joseph Annahatak
Quaqtaq	Jusipi Kutula	Sammy Tukkiapik
Kangiqsujaq	Qiallak Quumaluk	Pasa Kiatainak
Salluit	Maggie Q. Saviadjuk	Adamie Saviadjuk
Ivujivik	Adamie Kalingo	Ida Keatainak
Akulivik	Eli Angiyau	Lydia Nappatuk
Puvirnituq	Paulusie Angiyau	Maggie Tutugak
Inukjuak	Pauloosie Kasudluak	Caroline Naktialuk
Umiujaq	Davidee Sappa	Abelie Napartuk
Kuujjuarapik	Parsa Kitishimik	Pierre Roussel
Inuit Landholding Corporation of Chisasibi		
	President	Secretary
Chisasibi	Raymond Menarick	Mary Nutta Koperqualuk

Characteristics of the Program

The Program's objective is to favor, encourage and perpetuate the hunting, fishing and trapping activities of the Inuit as a way of life, and to guarantee the Inuit communities a supply of produce from such activities.

The following activities are allowable under the Program:

- hunting, fishing and trapping activities, with the exception of the development and financing of activities contemplated in Chapter VII of *An Act respecting hunting and fishing rights in the James Bay and New Québec Territories* (R.S.Q., c. D-13.1);
- the purchase, manufacture, construction, maintenance and repair of any community equipment or materials necessary for hunting, fishing and trapping activities;
- access to the regions where the beneficiaries may exercise hunting, fishing and trapping activities;
- the organization of search and rescue operations for beneficiaries exercising hunting, fishing and trapping activities;
- the marketing of products and by-products from hunting, fishing and trapping activities, with the exception of the development and financing of activities contemplated in Chapter VII of *An Act respecting hunting and fishing rights in the James Bay and New Québec Territories*;
- the domestic production of crafts from the by-products of hunting, fishing and trapping activities;
- the participation of the beneficiaries in courses concerning the collection, processing and marketing of furs with a view to increasing the profitability of their fur trade;
- the cooperation of the beneficiaries in the preservation, improvement and restoration of wildlife habitats;
- the participation of the beneficiaries in wildlife studies and management programs established to assist hunting, fishing and trapping activities;
- information and publicity relating to the proper operation of the Program;
- the use of the services of Inuit hunters and fishermen who carry on their trade for community use;
- the participation of the beneficiaries in traditional activities carried on outdoors for the benefit of the Inuit community.

2023 Activities

		\$
Amount paid by the Government of Quebec to the Kativik Regional Government for the 2023 fiscal year ¹		\$10,459,676.88
Division of grant pursuant to section 8 of the Act		
Kangiqsualujuaq		\$547,287
Kuujuaq		\$1,123,737
Tasiujaq		\$271,852
Aupaluk		\$195,571
Kangirsuk		\$378,281
Quaqtaq		\$299,715
Kangiqsujuaq		\$491,104
Salluit		\$856,067
Ivujivik		\$296,518
Akulivik		\$424,872
Puvirnituk		\$959,298
Inukjuak		\$982,593
Umiujaq		\$329,406
Kuujuarapik		\$439,488
Chisasibi		\$135,277
	Subtotal	\$7,731,066
Regional program		\$1,364,306
Administration		\$1,364,306
	Total	\$10,459,678

Note:

Funding from the Government of Quebec is provided under agreements reached between the Kativik Regional Government and the Inuit communities pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of the Act.

¹ This includes an indexed portion of 6.5% (Régie des rentes du Québec).

2023 Activities

Differences between budgeted amounts and expenditures

		Budget (\$)	Expenses (\$)
1	Hunting fishing and trapping activities	\$4,604,841	\$6,748,148
2	Materials and equipment	\$1,048,169	\$1,404,095
3	Access to the regions	\$325,938	\$202,593
4	Search and rescue	\$446,091	\$635,734
5	Marketing of Products		
6	Arts and crafts	\$1,605,177	\$1,557,657
7	Furs		
8	Information		
9	Preservation of Wildlife habitat		
10	Wildlife studies		
11	Services of hunters and fishermen	\$1,011,648	\$896,450
12	Traditional activities	\$879,272	\$971,522
	Subtotal	\$9,921,136	\$12,416,199
13	Administration	\$381,320	\$3,546,586
	Total expenditures	\$10,302,456	\$15,962,785

In general, the expenditures made respected the budget allocated to each activity by the Regional Council of the Kativik Regional Government and by the municipal councils of the communities. The considerable differences between the amounts budgeted and actual expenditures are explained as follows:

- 1) the expenditures by Kativik Regional Government and the Corporations of the Northern Villages were higher than budgeted as they include funds not spent in 2022 and were not foreseen in the 2023 budget when it was submitted to the MFFP in accordance with section 7 of the Act;
- 2) funding for specific items by the Communities may include sums transferred from the regional or administration budgets, where they are also identified as expenditures;

- 3) the budget amounts do not include projections for the expenditures totaling \$1,200,000 which were reimbursed by Makivik Corporation as part of the Fur, Inuit Clothing and Access to Regions Initiative project;
- 4) amounts in the budget do not include the sums received for indexation;
- 5) the amounts in the budget do not include funding from the high cost of transport program;
- 6) The amounts in the budgets do not include funding received from the Harvesters Support Funding Initiatives;
- 7) during the year changes in harvesting patterns, weather conditions and requirements in the individual Communities necessitated modifications in priorities so the expenditures were adjusted in consequence.

Regional Program Expenditures

For the year ending December 31, 2023

			Expenses (\$)
1	Hunting fishing and trapping activities		31,764
2	Materials and equipment		127,333
3	Access to the regions		30,873
4	Service of hunters and fishermen		
5	Administration		\$1,214,550
		Total expenditures	1,404,520

Local Program Expenditures

For the year ending December 31, 2023

2023	Kangiqsualujuaq	Kuuujuaq	Tasiujaq
Hunting, fishing and trapping activities	\$587,958	\$1,958,703	\$235,919
Materials and equipment	\$126,887	\$30,328	\$184,164
Access to the regions	\$23,482	\$28,369	\$28,191
Search and rescue	\$68,186	\$66,602	\$21,972
Furs, arts and crafts and fuel	\$114,472	\$257,200	\$62,133
Services of hunters and fishermen	\$0	\$6,751	\$24,191
Traditional activities	\$0	\$87,940	\$900
Administration	\$22,341	\$18,575	\$56,609
Total expenditures	\$943,326	\$2,454,468	\$614,079
2023	Aupaluk	Kangirsuk	Quaqtaq
Hunting, fishing and trapping activities	\$277,794	\$366,740	\$143,760
Materials and equipment	\$15,830	\$38,791	\$65,963
Access to the regions	\$0	\$1,200	\$6,735
Search and rescue	\$3,225	\$13,008	\$9,554
Furs, arts and crafts and fuel	\$43,230	\$47,832	\$55,277
Services of hunters and fishermen	\$27,366	\$23,114	\$0
Traditional activities	\$5,030	\$0	\$62,249
Administration	\$24,417	\$24,299	\$31,742
Total expenditures	\$396,892	\$514,984	\$375,280

2023	Kangiqsujuaq	Salluit	Ivujivik
Hunting, fishing and trapping activities	\$409,427	\$705,054	\$225,780
Materials and equipment	\$77,910	\$51,255	\$122,751
Access to the regions	\$9,094	\$17,535	\$2,045
Search and rescue	\$12,126	\$20,822	\$2,850
Furs, arts and crafts and fuel	\$203,239	\$87,987	\$49,552
Services of hunters and fishermen	\$24,096	\$128,860	\$3,750
Traditional activities	\$1,888	\$685,162	\$0
Administration	\$44,775	\$47,099	\$112,767
Total expenditures	\$782,555	\$1,743,774	\$519,495
2023	Akulivik	Puvirnituq	Inukjuak
Hunting, fishing and trapping activities	\$270,366	\$498,405	\$473,909
Materials and equipment	\$115,474	\$4,500	\$368,764
Access to the regions	\$900	\$17,653	\$22,166
Search and rescue	\$19,314	\$193,326	\$180,939
Furs, arts and crafts and fuel	\$19,309	\$142,933	\$236,636
Services of hunters and fishermen	\$6,000	\$268,462	\$250,523
Traditional activities	\$0	\$27,121	\$0
Administration	\$22,142	\$965,136	\$45,319
Total expenditures	\$453,505	\$2,117,536	\$1,578,256

2023	Umiujaq	Kuujuaapik	Chisasibi
Hunting, fishing and trapping activities	\$164,889	\$346,840	\$50,840
Materials and equipment	\$33,549	\$27,568	\$13,028
Access to the regions	\$1,050	\$13,300	\$0
Search and rescue	\$15,360	\$8,450	\$0
Furs, arts and crafts and fuel	\$96,173	\$82,571	\$59,113
Services of hunters and fishermen	\$101,250	\$21,547	\$10,540
Traditional activities	\$90,139	\$11,093	\$0
Administration	\$869,983	\$25,840	\$20,992
Total expenditures	\$1,372,393	\$537,209	\$154,513
Data from NVs audited 2023 FS			
Total Amount	\$14,558,265		
Regional	189,970		
Total NV table	\$14,748,235		