



Press Release

Youth Help with the Clean Up of Ulittaniujalik

Kuujuuaq, Québec, July 25, 2012 – From July 2 to 17, three students from Kangiqsualujjuaq, Inukjuak and Kawawachikamach participated in a clean-up project organized in the future *parc national Ulittaniujalik*. Led by Nunavik Parks of the Kativik Regional Government (KRG), the project provided the youth participants with work experience in the field while contributing to environmental clean-up.

Work was carried out at two abandoned outfitting camps: Tuttusiurvik (Caribou Camp) on Lake Qamanieluk and Sanningajualulik (Big Bend) on the George River. The project participants dismantled old cabins and tent frames, and gathered debris into large piles. The debris is to be airlifted from the sites or hauled out by skidoo and sled next winter for proper disposal. The two sites, where landing strips are also to be reconditioned, will likely be designated service zones in the future park. This summer's clean-up work was another step in this direction.

Covering over 5,000 km² of the valleys of the George and Ford rivers, as well as the surrounding high plateaus, *parc national Ulittaniujalik* will be the second largest park in the Québec national parks network, once created.

This project was the first in a series of three planned youth projects involving Nunavik Parks this summer. The two others will take place in the future *parc national Tursujuq* (archaeological excavation work at an old trading post in collaboration with the Avataq Cultural Institute) and in *parc national des Pingualuit* (fieldwork with park wardens and a biologist conducting an inventory of micro-mammals). Nunavik Parks is still recruiting youth for this latter project. The three summer park projects with youth have been organized in partnership with Youth Employment Services (YES) Nunavik with some funding from the Challenge program administered by the KRG Sustainable Employment Department. The Challenge program creates employment opportunities for students.

The KRG 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.

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