



**Report on the
Community
Transportation
Initiatives Program**

2020-21



Introduction

The Department of Economic Development and Transportation is pleased to present a summary of projects proposed and completed under the Community Transportation Initiatives Program in 2020-21.

The Community Transportation Initiatives Program provides financial contributions to Nunavut communities for the construction and maintenance of community access roads and marine facilities that connect communities to economic development opportunities and traditional livelihood activities. These include recreational sites, camps, sites of special cultural importance, local resources and access to water or to ice in support of fishing, hunting and tourism opportunities. The program budget for 2020-21 was \$1,800,000, an increase of \$300,000 over 2019-20.

The program is application-based, with funding allocated to communities based on the merit of the project proposals and level of community support. Funding decisions seek to maximize the total number of communities receiving contributions. Community involvement, local benefit, cost, and mitigation of potential environmental impacts are considered in the evaluation of proposals.

Funding requests totaling \$3,396,199 for Community Access Road projects were received from twelve (12) communities in 2020-21. Some projects were approved for significantly less than the amount requested. Some communities were unable to complete the full scope of the approved projects, including one community that cancelled the project entirely. Another community has yet to account for its first payment, and did not receive a second (holdback) payment. Total program expenditures for which project accounting has been received were \$1,409,587 of the \$1,704,500 approved.

The Community Transportation Initiatives Program is administered in tandem with the Small Craft Harbours capital contribution program, which funds minor marine infrastructure projects proposed by municipalities. Proposal requests totaling \$1,102,662 for Small Craft Harbour projects were received from six (6) communities in 2020-21.

A total of \$497,662 in Small Craft Harbour funding was committed to provide upgrades to community breakwaters and sealift infrastructure in all six communities that requested funding, although one project did not proceed as planned, and in the end total expenditures were \$436,072.

Kitikmeot Region Projects

In 2020-21, three (3) Kitikmeot communities (Cambridge Bay, Kugaaruk, and Gjoa Haven) submitted proposals totaling \$878,634 for access road projects. Three (3) communities were approved for contributions to assist with their projects, for a total of \$1,075,400. The projects were to improve existing access roads and in one case to construct a road to a new aggregate quarry site.

Two (2) Kitikmeot communities (Kugaaruk and Kugluktuk) were provided Small Craft Harbours funding in the amount of \$160,000 for boat and sealift infrastructure improvements.

Cambridge Bay

Road to Mount Pelly Amended – The municipality was approved for \$74,000 to rehabilitate and upgrade approximately 20 km of the road to Long Point.

Kugaaruk

Kugaaruk Access Road – The hamlet was approved for \$115,000 to widen and rehabilitate 7 km of the existing access road.

Marine Barge Landing - The hamlet received \$100,000 to expand the parking and supply areas of their marine barge landing area.

Gjoa Haven

Access Road – The hamlet was approved for \$200,000 towards the construction of an access road to new quarry sites. Only the first payment was made as no reporting has been received; the department is working with the hamlet to resolve this matter.

Kugluktuk

Waterfront Revitalization – The hamlet received \$60,000 for reconstruction of the existing boat mooring and community swimming area.

Qikiqtaaluk Region Projects

In 2020-21, four (4) Qikiqtaaluk communities (Arctic Bay, Grise Fiord, Pangnirtung and Pond Inlet) submitted proposals totaling \$522,071 for access road and trail projects. Two were approved for approximately the amount requested, while two were approved for significantly less than the requested amount. The proposals were to extend and upgrade existing roads or trails.

One (1) community (Pangnirtung) submitted a proposal for \$16,612 to clean up the community's shoreline. The project was approved for the amount requested.

Arctic Bay

Victor Bay to Nuvua (Victor Point) Access Road – This is a multi-year project to create a road connection from Victor Bay to Nuvua. The hamlet was approved for \$80,000, but work was not done and the funds were returned.

Grise Fiord

Greenlander Northside Access road – The Hamlet was approved for a contribution of \$67,000 for this multi-year project, resulting in construction of 500 metres of new road, with two culverts installed.

Pangnirtung

Kuulik Trail – The hamlet was approved for a contribution of \$70,000 for improvements to this snowmobile trail.

Shoreline Cleanup – The hamlet was approved for a contribution of \$16,612 to clean up the shoreline around the community.

Pond Inlet

Salmon River Access Road – The hamlet received \$150,000 to repair and widen 2 km of the access road.

Kivalliq Region Projects

In 2020, five (5) Kivalliq communities (Arviat, Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet, Coral Harbour and Rankin Inlet) submitted proposals totaling \$1,798,728 for access road projects. All were approved for a contribution to assist with their projects. The contributions provided totaled \$839,100, or 52.7% of the amount requested. The funding was used to extend existing roads/trails, to maintain and repair their existing roads, and in one case to construct a bridge.

Three (3) communities requested and were approved for marine infrastructure funding (Baker Lake, Naujaat and Rankin Inlet). The projects involved sealift infrastructure, floating dock installation and boat launching improvements.

Arviat

Maguse River Trail – The Hamlet completed rehabilitation work on 12 km of the access road to Maguse River. A contribution of \$200,000 was provided to perform this work.

Baker Lake

Prince River Access Road – The Hamlet received \$170,000 to complete 1 km of roadway on the access road to Prince River.

Barge Pushout – The \$60,000 project was approved, but did not proceed.

Chesterfield Inlet

Access Trail – The Hamlet received a contribution of \$150,000 to develop approximately 2 km of road and maintain the existing access road.

Coral Harbour

Rocky Brook Bridge–The Hamlet received a \$300,000 contribution to the first phase of bridge construction, including building the binwall abutments and road embankments.

Naujaat

Floating Dock Installation – The hamlet received a contribution of \$46,050 for installation of the floating dock, rehabilitation of its road approach, and resurfacing the boat launch.

Rankin Inlet

Diane River Trail/Tatty's Cove – The Hamlet received a contribution of \$128,500 to rehabilitate 9 km of the Diane River Trail and Tatty's Cove access road.

Multiple Marine Projects – The Hamlet received a contribution of \$215,000 for improvements to the parking area on Nuvua Street and the boat ramps at Johnson Cove.

Access Road Projects

Community	Proposal Description	Approved	Expended
Arctic Bay	Victor Bay to Nuvua (Victor Point)	\$80,000	\$0
Arviat	Maguse River Trail Maintenance and Upgrade	\$200,000	\$200,000
Baker Lake	Prince River Access Road	\$170,000	\$170,000
Cambridge Bay	Road to Long Point	\$74,000	\$70,459
Chesterfield Inlet	Access Trail N and SW of Community	\$150,000	\$150,000
Coral Harbour	Rocky Brook Bridge	\$300,000	\$300,000
Gjoa Haven	Access Road to Quarry Sites	\$200,000	unknown
Grise Fiord	Greenlander Northside	\$67,000	\$66,934
Kugaaruk	Access Road Maintenance	\$115,000	\$115,000
Pangnirtung	Kuulik Trail	\$70,000	\$58,694
Pond Inlet	Salmon River Access Road	\$150,000	\$150,000
Rankin Inlet	Diane River Trail/Tatty's Cove	\$128,500	\$128,500
TOTAL		\$1,704,500	\$1,409,587

Small Craft Harbour Projects

Community	Proposal Description	Approved	Expended
Baker Lake	Barge Pushout	\$60,000	\$0
Kugaaruk	Marine Barge Landing	\$100,000	\$100,000
Kugluktuk	Waterfront Revitalization	\$60,000	\$60,000
Naujaat	Floating Dock Installation	\$46,050	\$46,050
Pangnirtung	Shoreline Cleanup	\$16,612	\$15,022
Rankin Inlet	Multiple Marine Projects	\$215,000	\$215,000
TOTAL		\$497,662	\$436,072