

**Report on the
Community
Transportation
Initiatives Program
2019-20**

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 2019-20 to provide insights into the effectiveness of the program.

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 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 \$3,181,275 for Community Access Road projects were received from thirteen (13) communities in 2019-20. Some projects were approved for significantly less than the amount requested, and one proposal was turned down entirely. Some communities were unable to complete the full scope of the approved projects; as a result total expenditures were \$1,333,089 of the \$1,500,000 approved.

The Community Transportation Initiatives Program is administered in tandem with the Small Craft Harbours capital program. Proposal requests totaling \$321,195 for Small Craft Harbour projects were received from six (6) communities in 2019-20.

One project did not proceed as planned, and in the end a total of \$253,013 in Small Craft Harbours funding was committed to provide upgrades to community breakwaters and sealift infrastructure in all six communities that requested funding.

Kitikmeot Region Projects

In 2019, four (4) Kitikmeot communities (Cambridge Bay, Kugaaruk, Kugluktuk and Taloyoak) submitted proposals totaling \$878,634 for access road projects. Three (3) communities received contributions to assist with their projects, for a total of \$348,350. The funding was used to improve access roads in the respective communities.

One (1) Kitikmeot community (Kugaaruk) was provided with Small Craft Harbours funding in the amount of \$50,000 to assist in improving a barge landing area.

Cambridge Bay

Road to Mount Pelly Amended – The hamlet received \$98,350 to repair and resurface approximately 17 km of the road to Mount Pelly.

Taloyoak

Upgrade Access Road – Middle Lake to Tagiokneechok – The hamlet received \$200,000 to upgrade the existing access road. Construction activities ran between August and early October. The 10-person crew worked out of a mobile camp and manually removed boulders and rocks from the trail and packed holes with gravel.

Kugaaruk

Kugaaruk Access Road – The hamlet received \$50,000 to maintain the existing access road.

Marine Barge Landing - The hamlet received \$50,000 to improve their marine barge landing area.

Qikiqtaaluk Region Projects

In 2019-20, three (3) Qikiqtaaluk communities (Arctic Bay, Clyde River, and Grise Fiord) submitted proposals totaling \$312,550 for access road projects. All three received the full amount requested to assist with their projects. The funding was used to extend and upgrade existing roads or trails.

Four (4) communities (Kinngait, Clyde River, Pangnirtung, and Qikiqtarjuaq) submitted proposals totaling \$211,195 for marine facility improvements. All four received the requested amounts for their projects.

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. When the road is completed it will cover a distance of approximately 16 kilometres. The hamlet received a contribution of \$100,000 in 2019-20 and expended the entire amount.

Clyde River

Kuuviniq to Kugaruk access road – The \$150,000 project involved building two kilometres of new road and improving sections of the Cape Christian access road between Kuuviniq and Kuugaruk River, a popular fishing area.

Clyde River Bridge – Funding of \$24,583 was provided for a condition inspection report and load testing of a bridge expected to be critical to the upcoming federal harbour project.

Grise Fiord

Access road to Plateau Area around the Greenlander – The Hamlet received a contribution of \$62,550 for this multi-year project, resulting in a 1.5 km road.

Kinngait

Pre-Feasibility Study Marine – The hamlet received \$70,000 to develop a pre-feasibility study for marine infrastructure. Work included a desktop geological assessment, community consultation, site reconnaissance and development of concept options.

Qikiqtarjuaq

Breakwater Repair and Maintenance – The hamlet received a contribution of \$100,000 to repair sinkholes in the community's breakwater.

Pangnirtung

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

Kivalliq Region Projects

In 2019, six (6) Kivalliq communities (Arviat, Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet, Coral Harbour, Naujaat, and Whale Cove) submitted proposals totaling \$1,790,091 for access road projects. All received a contribution to assist with their projects. The contributions provided totaled \$839,100, or 46.9% of the amount requested. The funding was used to extend existing roads/trails, start new ones or to maintain and repair their existing roads.

Baker Lake was approved for \$60,000 in marine infrastructure funding to improve the Barge Pushout area, unfortunately the hamlet could not undertake the work as planned.

Arviat

Maguse River Trail – The Hamlet completed additional resurfacing and maintenance on the access road to Maguse River. A contribution of \$199,800 was provided to perform this work.

Baker Lake

Prince River Access Road – The Hamlet received \$170,000 to upgrade, improve drainage and grade the existing access road to Prince River.

Chesterfield Inlet

Access Trail – The Hamlet was able to develop approximately 2 km of road and maintain the existing access road. A contribution of \$80,000 was provided in 2019-20.

Coral Harbour

Duke of York Bay / Isuuralik Trail Continuation–The Hamlet received \$150,000 and completed 3.2 kilometres of new road. Once completed, the trail will link Coral Harbour with the Duke of York Bay, which boasts high quality hunting and fishing grounds.

Naujaat

Access Trail Improvements – The hamlet received a contribution of \$100,000 for access trail improvements; although site work was not ultimately initiated, the hamlet spent \$29,714 to complete mapping of the access road corridor.

Whale Cove

Road to Airport and Access Road to Wilson River – The Hamlet received a contribution of \$139,300 to develop approximately 4km of road.

Access Road Projects

Community	Proposal Description	Approved	Expended
Arctic Bay	Victor Bay to Nuvua (Victor Point)	\$100,000	\$100,000
Arviat	Maguse River Trail Maintenance and Upgrade	\$199,800	\$199,800
Baker Lake	Prince River Access Road	\$170,000	\$170,000
Cambridge Bay	Access Road to Mount Pelly	\$98,350	\$97,520
Chesterfield	Access Trail N & SW of Chesterfield	\$80,000	\$78,002
Clyde River	Kuuvinig to Kugaaruk River	\$150,000	\$116,552
Coral Harbour	Isuuralik Trail Continuation (Duke of York Bay)	\$150,000	\$150,000
Grise Fiord	Greenlander/Old Air Strip	\$62,550	\$52,671
Kugaaruk	Kugaaruk Access Road	\$50,000	\$50,000
Naujaat	First Mountain / Utaqiuvik Roads	\$100,000	\$29,714
Taloyoak	Access Road	\$200,000	\$149,530
Whale Cove	Pullalik Access Road	\$139,300	\$139,300
TOTAL		\$1,500,000	\$1,333,089

Small Craft Harbour Projects

Community	Proposal Description	Approved	Expended
Baker Lake	Barge Pushout	\$60,000	\$0
Kinngait	Marine Infrastructure Pre-Feasibility Study	\$70,000	\$70,000
Clyde River	Clyde River Bridge	\$24,583	\$24,583
Kugaaruk	Marine Barge Landing	\$50,000	\$50,000
Pangnirtung	Shoreline Cleanup	\$16,612	\$16,612
Qikiqtarjuaq	Breakwater Maintenance and Repair	\$100,000	\$91,818
TOTAL		\$321,195	\$253,013