



**Report on the
Community
Transportation
Initiatives
Program 2021-22**

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 2021-22.

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 2021-22 was \$1,800,000, unchanged from 2020-21.

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.

Thirteen funding requests totaling \$2,470,393 for Community Access Road projects were received from twelve (12) communities in 2021-22. Total program expenditures for which project accounting has been received were \$1,563,350 of the \$1,799,240 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 (in 2023 the program's name was changed to the Community Marine Infrastructure program).

Proposal requests totaling \$671,683 for Small Craft Harbour projects were received from four (4) communities in 2021-22. A total of \$500,000 in Small Craft Harbour funding was committed to projects in all four communities that requested funding. Total eligible expenditures by the recipients were \$383,267.

Kitikmeot Region Projects

In 2021-22, Kugaaruk submitted a proposal requesting \$115,000 for a community access road project. The project was approved for the full amount. The project involved rehabilitation of 14 kilometres of the existing Barrow Lake Road.

Kugaaruk was also the only Kitikmeot community that requested Small Craft Harbour funds. The community requested and was approved for funding in the amount of \$269,497 for streetlights to the community's new sealift area.

Kugaaruk

Kugaaruk Community Access Road – The hamlet was approved for \$115,000 to widen and rehabilitate the existing Barrow Lake access road.

Streetlights to Sealift Area - The hamlet was approved for \$269,497 to contract Qulliq Energy Corporation to install streetlights on the road to the new sealift area (barge landing).

Qikiqtaaluk Region Projects

In 2021-22, four (4) Qikiqtaaluk communities (Grise Fiord, Pangnirtung, Pond Inlet and Sanirajak) submitted proposals totaling \$428,761 for access road and trail projects. Three were approved for approximately the amount requested, while one was approved for somewhat less than the requested amount. The proposals were to extend and upgrade existing roads or trails.

Two Qikiqtaaluk communities (Pangnirtung and Sanirajak) submitted proposals to the Small Craft Harbours program requesting a total of \$282,868. Both projects were approved, although one was approved for significantly less than the amount requested.

Grise Fiord

Greenlander Northside Access Road – The hamlet was approved for a contribution of \$62,000 for this multi-year project. Unfortunately, the project did not proceed, and the funds were returned.

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 \$15,000 to clean up the shoreline around the community.

Pond Inlet

Salmon River Access Road – The hamlet received \$215,000 to repair, widen and complete the access road connecting the community to Salmon River.

Sanirajak

Sanirajak Access Road – The hamlet was approved for \$66,800 to rehabilitate the access road and install 16 culverts.

Marine Infrastructure Feasibility – The hamlet was approved for \$96,185 to commission a marine infrastructure feasibility study to examine options for harbour development.

Kivalliq Region Projects

In 2021, seven Kivalliq communities (Arviat, Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet, Coral Harbour, Rankin Inlet and Whale Cove) submitted eight proposals requesting \$1,926,632 for access road projects. All were approved for a contribution to assist with their projects. The contributions approved totaled \$1,270,440, or 65.9% of the amount requested. The funding was used to extend existing roads/trails, to maintain and repair existing roads, and to prepare for or construct bridges.

One community requested and was approved for marine infrastructure funding (Naujaat). The project was approved for the amount requested and involved improvements to the community's boat launching facilities.

Arviat

Maguse River Trail – The contribution of \$206,800 was used to resurface 7 km of the access road, prepare for installation of a 4th bridge and place six culverts.

Baker Lake

Prince River Access Road – The hamlet received \$170,000 to complete 1.3 km of roadway on the access road to Prince River, including installation of four culverts.

Chesterfield Inlet

Access Trail – The hamlet was approved for \$200,000 to resurface, rehabilitate and maintain the existing access road.

Coral Harbour

Qikiqtaugalik Trail Continuation–The hamlet was approved for \$173,000 to construct an additional 3 km and to maintain the Kirchoffer to Isuralialaak area.

Rocky Brook Bridge–The hamlet received a \$107,940 contribution for bridge construction; the bridge is now complete.

Naujaat

Community Access Trail – The hamlet was approved for a contribution of \$75,000 in support of trail development; aerial LiDAR mapping of the trail alignment was completed.

Shoreline Proposal – The hamlet was approved for a contribution of \$119,318 for the purchase and installation of eight Mobi-Mats to facilitate boat launching.

Rankin Inlet

Swan Lake Trail Upgrade – The hamlet received a contribution of \$196,000 to resurface sections of the Swan Lake Trail, and to rehabilitate and upgrade the Dianne River Trail.

Whale Cove

White Rock Access Road – The hamlet received a contribution of \$141,700 to rehabilitate 10 km of the White Rock Access Road.

Access Road Projects

Community	Proposal Description	Approved	Expended
Arviat	Maguse River Trail Maintenance and Upgrade	\$206,800	\$206,800
Baker Lake	Prince River Access Road	\$170,000	\$170,000
Chesterfield Inlet	Access Trail	\$200,000	\$113,346
Coral Harbour	Qikiqtaugalik Trail Continuation	\$173,000	\$173,000
Coral Harbour	Rocky Brooke Bridge	\$107,940	\$107,940
Grise Fiord	Greenlander Northside Access Road	\$62,000	-
Kugaaruk	Community Access Road	\$115,000	\$115,000
Naujaat	Community Access Trail	\$75,000	\$25,565
Pangnirtung	Kuulik Trail	\$70,000	\$55,199
Pond Inlet	Salmon River Access Road	\$215,000	\$215,000
Rankin Inlet	Swan Lake Trail Upgrade	\$196,000	\$196,000
Sanirajak	Sanirajak Access Road	\$66,800	\$66,800
Whale Cove	White Rock Access Road	\$141,700	\$141,700
TOTAL		\$1,799,240	\$1,586,350

Small Craft Harbour Projects

Community	Proposal Description	Approved	Expended
Kugaaruk	Streetlights to (new) Sealift Area	\$269,497	\$215,598
Naujaat	Shoreline Proposal	\$119,318	\$79,597
Pangnirtung	Shoreline Cleanup	\$15,000	\$15,000
Sanirajak	Marine Infrastructure Feasibility Study	\$96,185	\$73,074
TOTAL		\$500,000	\$383,269