

2000-2001 Preliminary Report on Implementation Activities

- Discussions were launched towards renewal of the Operations and Maintenance and the Cree Capital Funding Agreement.
- A two-year \$20 million agreement to provide essential sanitation services in Cree communities was concluded.
- All but phase 3 of the Waskaganish Road was completed though a connection was made over the unfinished phase 3. Discussions continued regarding formal completion of the road.
- Within the framework of "Gathering Strength," phase 2 of a wastewater treatment project in Nemaska was completed.
- Tripartite discussions towards a multi-year agreement to fund the Cree Trappers Association did not succeed and \$300,000 was provided in March 2001.
- Further negotiations proceeded towards an agreement on implementation of the Cree Outfitting and Tourism Association but in spite of progress remained unsigned in 2000-2001; \$95,000 was provided in March 2001.
- Fire protection training sessions and, for the Chisasibi community, specialized training sessions in air safety were funded and carry out.
- Funding was provided to upgrade the fleet of Cree firefighting vehicles, and to recondition various related components.
- With respect to JBNQA implementation activities, discussions began with the Treasury Board of Canada and the Department of Public Works and Government Services of Canada concerning Cree access to federal contracts on the JBNQA territory.
- Negotiations were pursued towards concluding a two-party agreement on training and employment between the HRDC and the Cree.
- Construction of Marine Infrastructure projects was completed in Quaqaq and Umiujaq.
- A Nunavik five-year \$100 million housing agreement was concluded with the Inuit and Quebec.
- Research and discussions were pursued concerning revision of Schedule F (Economic Development) of the 1990 Makivik Implementation Agreement with the Inuit.
- Commenced review of a proposal by Makivik Corporation to amend the provisions of the JBNQA related to the enrollment of Inuit beneficiaries and to eligibility criteria.
- Assisted in funding the Katutjiniq Economic Summit, held in April 2000.
- Provided financial and administrative support to the commissioners of the Nunavik Commission in their research and consultation activities. The final report of the commissioners was filed on April 5, 2001.
- Signed a renewed five-year Naskapi Operations and Maintenance Agreement.
- Provided Canada's share of funding towards the Naskapi police station in Kawawachikamach.
- Pursued discussions and funded negotiations aimed at an agreement under which the Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach and the Innu nation of Matimekush-Lac-John (Schefferville) may acquire and operate the Menihék power station and acquire the hydraulic rights from the province of Newfoundland.
- Contributed funding to defray the costs of emergency measures to clean up sites located near the Naskapi pumping station which were contaminated as a result of oil spills.