

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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The commissioners approved an amendment to the Ordinance on the Delegation of Powers (KSB-03). Under this amendment, the Director General will now be able to approve procurement or service contracts up to a maximum of \$121,200. This amount corresponds to the public tender threshold.

The amendment increases the amount for which a procurement or service contract can be approved by the Director General from \$100,000 to \$121,200. Contracts ranging from \$121,200 to \$250,000 require approval of the Executive Committee. Finally, contracts above \$250,000 require approval of the Council of Commissioners.

In October 2022, the commissioners reiterated that they want to review detailed data on Kativik Ilisarniliriniq operations. As a follow-up to this request, they were briefed on currently available data, essential data which has been identified but is still lacking, as well as procedures for data collection and data management.

In June, an overview of actual data will be presented to the Council by the Director of Administrative Services. The objective is to have a first set of data available in real-time as of the start of the 2023-2024 school year, and to build on this to expand access to data.

The commissioners examined the Directive on Closing Schools and Vocational Education Centres (ADM-02). Their discussion clarified the need to ensure decentralized decision-making within the guidelines provided by the existing policy.

During the discussion, some commissioners shared that locally, in case of funerals, they must find a balance between the need to show respect to families and the need for students to attend school for the required number of days yearly. As a result, there have been cases of funerals where the school remained opened.

Concerning weather conditions, the commissioners agreed that even if the policy was to detail specific weather conditions (temperature, wind speed, etc.), decisions made locally would nevertheless vary.

The Commissioners awarded the 2023-2025 Financial Auditing Contract to the Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton (sole responder to the tender). Financial auditing of Kativik Ilisarniliriniq accounts takes place at the end of June. In some cases, additional auditing is also required in March, at the end of the fiscal year (government fiscal year).

The Council awarded the 2023 Summer Literacy Camps contract to United for Literacy (formerly known as Frontier College), following a call for tender. The summer camps are funded jointly by Kativik Ilisarniliriniq and Makivik Corporation. The summer camps aim to reach 450 students aged 5 to 12 years, across 12 Nunavik villages. Official dates will be announced soon. United for Literacy was the sole supplier to bid on the tender.

At the request of the commissioners, Kativik Iisarniliriniq will be looking at options to ensure timely repair and maintenance services for its school buses and vehicles in Nunavik.

Currently, there is an agreement between the FCNQ and Kativik Iisarniliriniq for the repair and maintenance of all vehicles, giving priority to school buses in Nunavik. However, many commissioners said that school buses are not being prioritized and other vehicles are taking too long to be repaired. As a result, their communities are struggling to function without these mechanical services from the FCNQ.

Under the theme of parental involvement, the Education Council will take place in Quaqaq, from April 24 to 28, 2023.

The commissioners discussed the importance of sharing information about parenting. They also stressed the need for community mobilization in addressing many of the issues that have a direct impact on student success. Solutions must be found by Inuit and this will require everyone's involvement.

The Education Council is a biennial event. The 2022 meeting was postponed to 2023 due to COVID-19 public health measures in place at the time.