



Parnasimautik

Nunavik: Past, Present and Future

Regional Voices

Parnasimautik started with Plan Nunavik prepared by representatives from most regional organizations:

- Makivik, the KRG, the NRBHSS, and the KSB
- Avataq Cultural Institute
- Nunavik Mineral Exploration Fund
- Nunavik Tourism Association
- Taqramiut Nipingat Inc.

The NLHCA tabled its concerns and proposals directly to the Québec government.



Regional Development

- Parnasimautik is part of a process that goes back to the JBNQA and earlier.
- Nunavik's needs and priorities must be addressed if the region is to host industrial development.



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- In 2010, there was no time to expand consultations with regional organizations and the communities.
- Our goal is to continue discussion among Nunavimmiut on the direction to give to development.
- Parnasimautik is not yet complete.

JBNQA Goals – Government of Canada

- To fulfil its constitutional obligations towards Cree and Inuit.
- To offload responsibility for services and programs for Aboriginal peoples.



JBNQA Goals – Government of Québec

- To secure political and economic control over the JBNQA territory.
- To proceed with hydroelectric projects without the threat of lawsuits based on Aboriginal rights.





JBNQA – Inuit Goals

- To protect the Inuit way of life.
- To improve the quality of living in the communities through better infrastructure and services.
- To generate jobs and other economic opportunities.

JBNQA and What It Accomplished

- \$90 million in cash compensation.
- Full ownership of category I lands (3,200 sq. mi.).
- Exclusive harvesting rights on category II lands (35,000 sq. mi.).
- Transfer of responsibility for the delivery of municipal services, health, education, policing, and local and regional transportation.



Nunavik Today



- Inuit still harvest wildlife, but they are also community residents and wage earners.
- The region has experienced tremendous social, economic and cultural changes.
- Makivik, the KRG, the KSB, the NRBHSS and the NLHCA still struggle daily to force Canada and Québec to live up to their JBNQA obligations.
- Avataq, TNI and other organizations struggle for funding to deliver their mandates.

Recent Initiatives

- *Master Plan for Land Use in the Kativik Region* (1998)
- Nunavik Socio-Economic Conference, Katutjiniq (2000)
- *Sanarrutik Partnership Agreement on Economic and Community Development in Nunavik* (2002)
- Katimajit Conference on Nunavik socio-economic issues (2007)



Specific Québec Initiatives

- Shine Among the Best consultations (2004)
- Energy strategy (2006)
- Mineral strategy (2009)
- Plan Nord (2011)



Sanarrutik Agreement

To establish a new nation-to-nation relationship between Nunavik and Québec and put forward a common vision of economic and community development.

- Accelerate development of hydroelectric, mining and tourism potential.
- Favour economic spinoffs.
- Favour greater autonomy and more responsibility for community development.
- Enhance public services and infrastructure.

2010 Priorities

Plan Nunavik set seven issues for Québec to prioritize within five years:

- Housing and the high cost of living
- Essential municipal services and education services
- Health services and youth protection
- Self-government for Nunavik Inuit



Parnasimautik – Principles



- Development of the region must comply with all existing treaties and agreements.
- Development must ensure protection of Inuit harvesting activities.
- Development must take into account regional socio-economic needs expressed since 1975.

Parnasimautik – Principles (continued)

- As taxpayers, Nunavimmiut are entitled to the same quality of life and level of services as other Québécois.
- Comprehensive statistical data specific to Nunavik and Nunavimmiut must be developed.
- The principle of sustainable development must form the basis of development of the region.



Parnasimautik – Principles (continued)

- Nunavik's governance capacity must continue to be enhanced.
 - Full participation in Québec's democratic institutions is a further means to safeguard our way of life in the face of development.

Parnasimautik – Sectors

Who We Are

- Culture and identity, harvesting, lands, environmental planning.

Our Communities

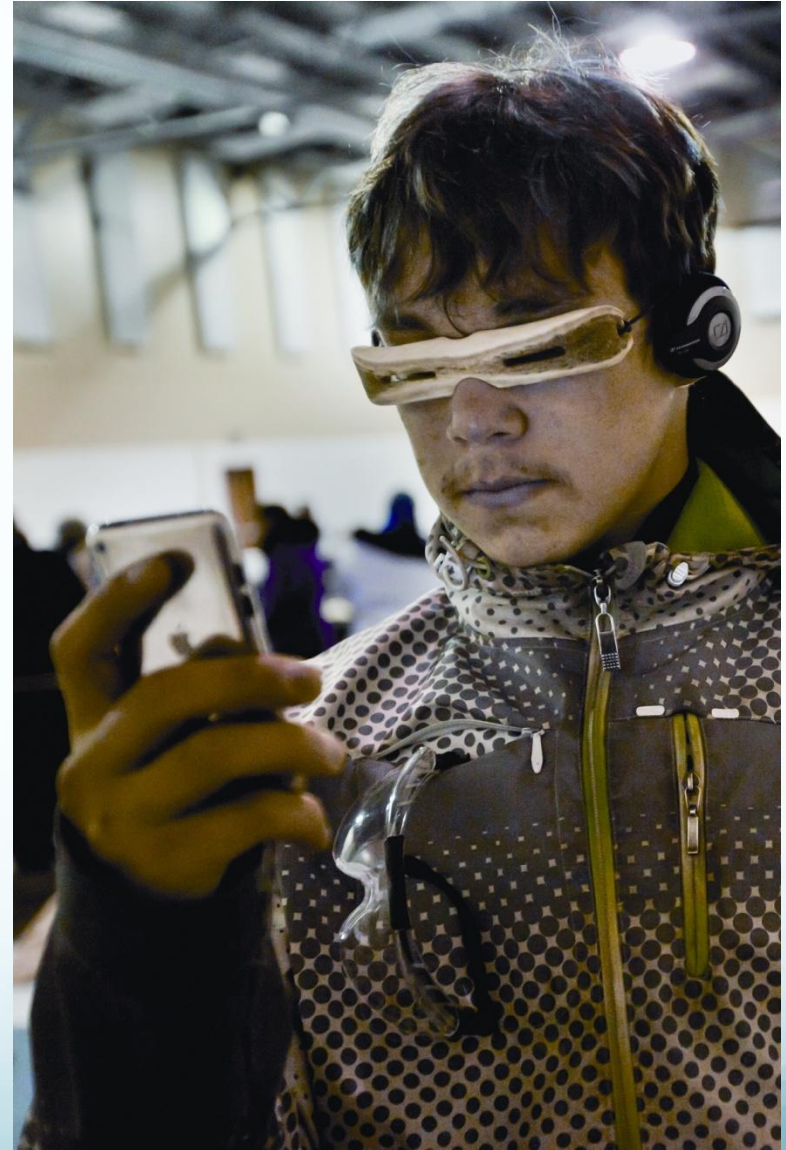
- Elders, women and youth, education, health, housing.
- Justice and social regulation, community development, biofood, employment.

Our Region

- Tourism, mining, energy, transportation, telecommunications.

Development

- Nunavimmiut are no strangers to the challenges posed by development.
- With international demand for mineral and hydroelectric resources expected to grow significantly, Nunavimmiut must ensure development does not threaten our future.





Our Vision of Development

Parnasimautik is an opportunity to examine multiple sectors of our lives and to propose a sustainable model of development acceptable to us all.