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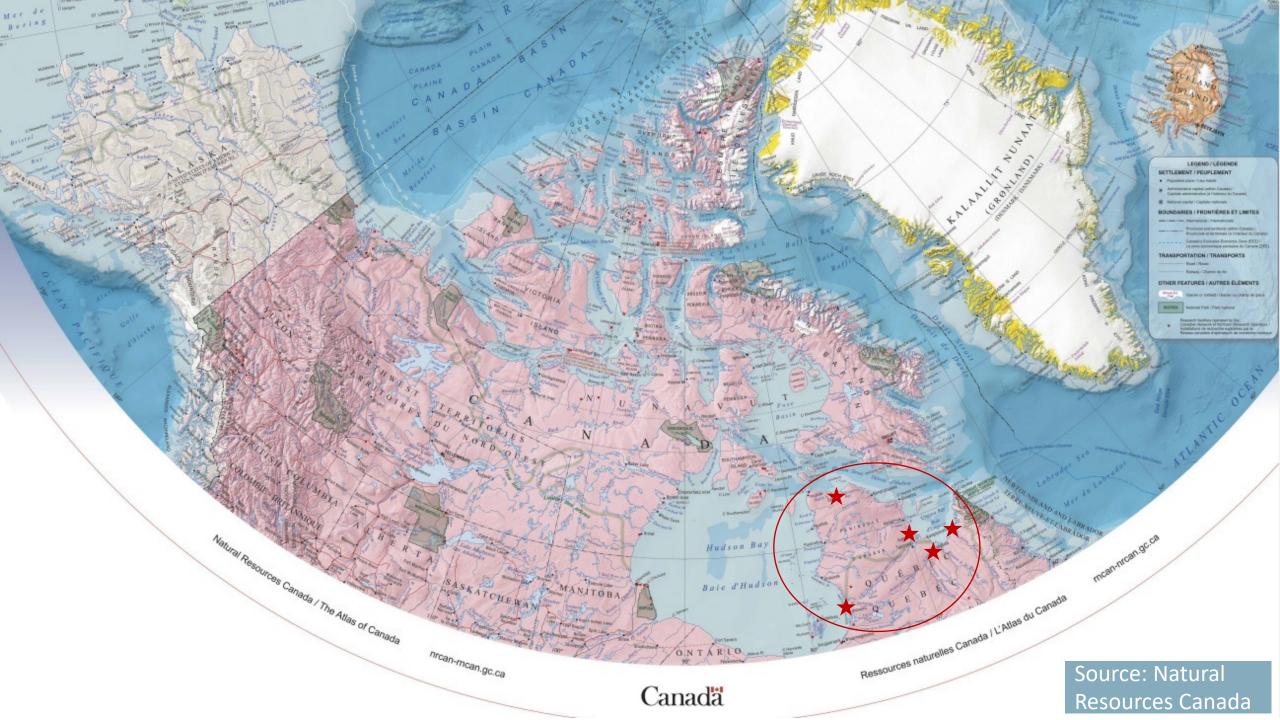
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Water treatment plant



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UV treatment







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Water truck



Distribution



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Water tanks

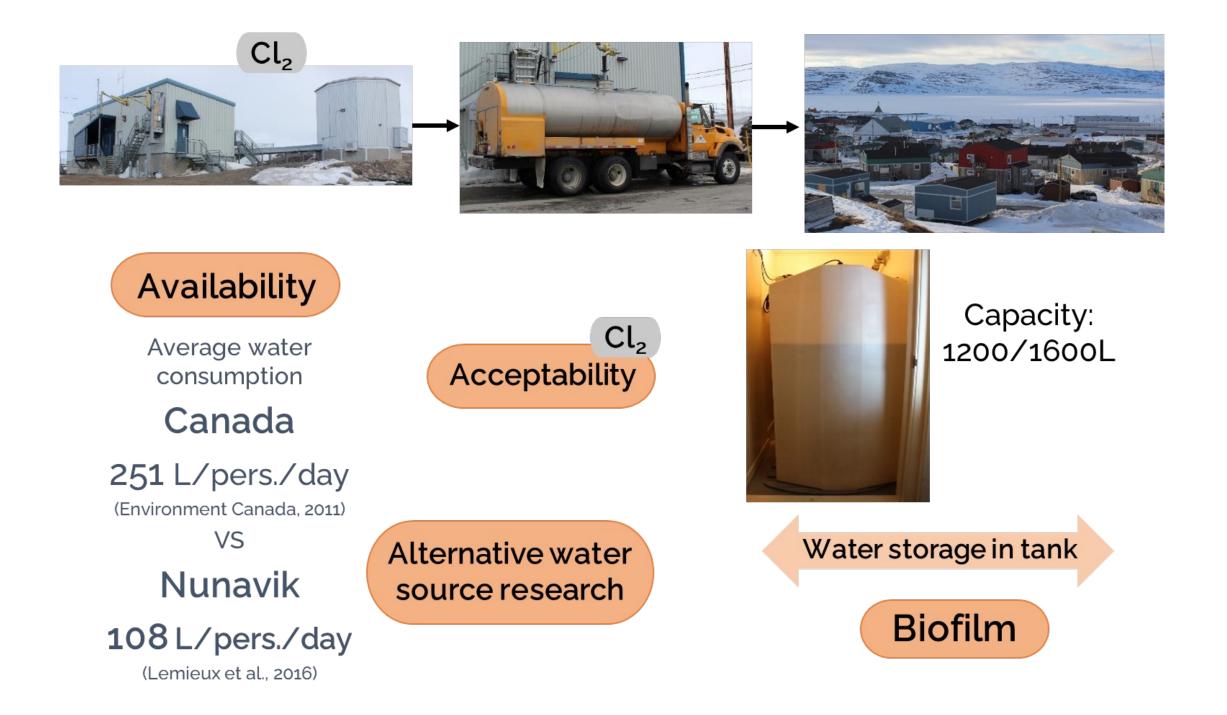


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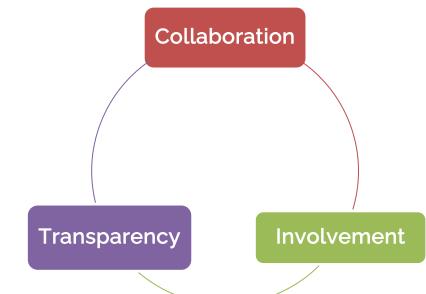


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It is important to collaborate closely with the community and to ensure our proposed research is relevant and has significant benefits for the community.

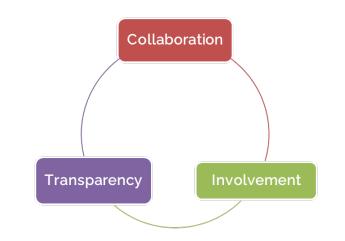
Examples:

- Ensure the exchange of knowledge and skills;
- Develop the employability of local resources;
- Implement research that will benefit to the communities;
- Minimize your ecological footprint by leaving no waste behind and no equipment that cannot be used by the community members;



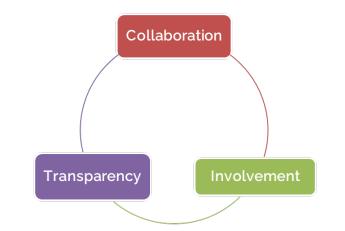
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- Implementation and maintenance of the water treatment plant or wastewater treatment facilities
- Water and wastewater operations (including, monitoring, distribution, etc.)
- Issuing drinking water advisories, such as boil-water advisories.

Before setting up your own group, look for existing committees/groups/networks that already bring these stakeholders together.

Inclusive research with communities Water research committee in Nunavik

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Collaboration

- Ensure water and wastewater research meets needs and expectations of Nunavik population
- Exchanges and collaboration between researchers and decision makers
- Make recommendations for projects' development and implementation

Inclusive research with communities Local involvement

Stop at the radio to announce the project -Kangiqsualujjuaq





Water research project Kangiqsualujjuaq – Summer 2023 uOttawa

Purpose of the fieldwork

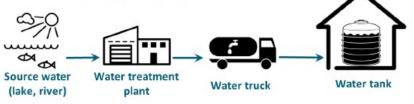
Our research team (two students from University of Ottawa and Université Laval) will visit your village in summer 2023 to study the drinking water supply. The objective of this field trip is to characterize the entire supply process (from the source to the tap).



When? From July 15 to July 24, 2023

Key facts of this fieldwork

- We will announce our arrival on the radio
- All water quality data will be provided to the NV
- Water sampling campaign locations:



Any question? Contact Anna Covey, acove078@uottawa.ca

Poster to announce our visit in public buildings - Kangiqsualujjuaq

Thank you for your welcome and precious help! We are looking forward to meeting you this summer.

Transparency

Inclusive research with communities Outcomes and local involvement

- Reports for communities or regional support documents
 - Results are shared to community/regional partners in priority
- Local involvement
 - Monthly sampling campaign made by local water operators
 - Support for the research : Questionnaire, observations and help on the field, students training, etc.

WATER QUALITY FIELD REPORT - SUMMER 2022 NORTHERN VILLAGE OF KANGIQSUALUJJUAQ

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MAY 2023

Results report - Kangiqsualujjuaq

Inclusive research with communities Outreach activities

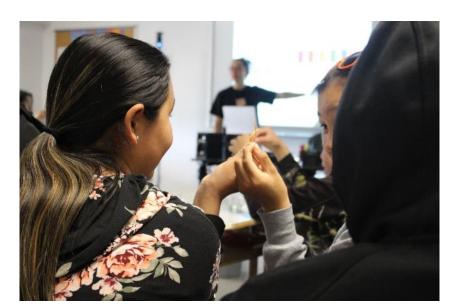
Hands-on water activities dedicated to youth (in person and remotely)

Objectives

- Awake interest in water science and engineering
- Encourage youth to become water and wastewater treatment operators.
- Raise awareness among youth in the community on the importance of water treatment

Approved by Nunavik School board

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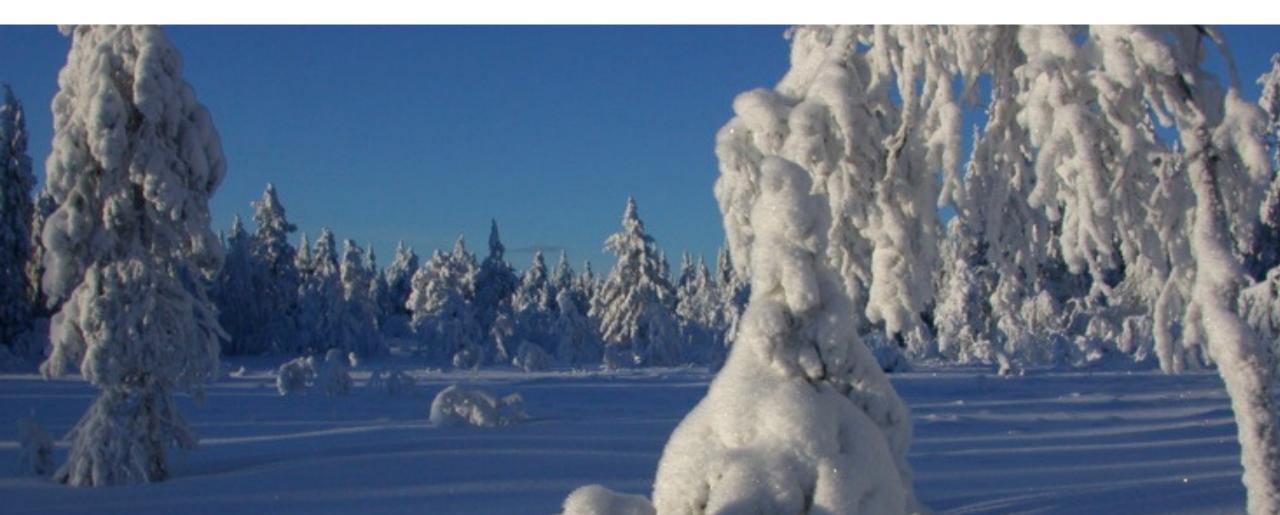
Involvement

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Examples of guidelines:

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Thank you!







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