

The NRBHSS Announces a Partnership with Cité Joie to Provide Respite and Transitional-Housing Services Culturally Adapted to Nunavimmiut

Kuujujuaq, August 17 2026 – The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) is proud to announce the creation of a new partnership with the organization Cité Joie, located in the region of Québec, in order to provide respite and transitional-housing services culturally adapted to Inuit users.

Over the past year, the NRBHSS undertook several procedures to give concrete form to this essential initiative, which will enable a better response to the specific needs of Nunavimmiut who require temporary support. This new resource will include four beds reserved for respite and transitional housing.

It is meant for individuals living with an intellectual impairment, autism spectrum disorder, loss of autonomy, a physical impairment or a stable mental disorder, as well their families. The objective is to provide a safe, caring environment that respects Inuit culture while ensuring services of good quality.

Particular attention will be paid to the integration of culturally adapted activities. This will particularly include regular meals based on traditional foods, thus contributing to the creation of a significant living environment anchored in the users' cultural values and practices.

“This partnership with Cité Joie reflects our commitment to supporting Nunavimmiut and their families by ensuring access to safe, respectful, and responsive services when needs arise. Working with a trusted partner that is attentive to cultural realities allows us to offer meaningful support now, while we continue advancing our efforts toward the development of a comprehensive and sustainable continuum of services in Nunavik,” stated Jennifer Munick-Watkins, Executive Director of the NRBHSS.

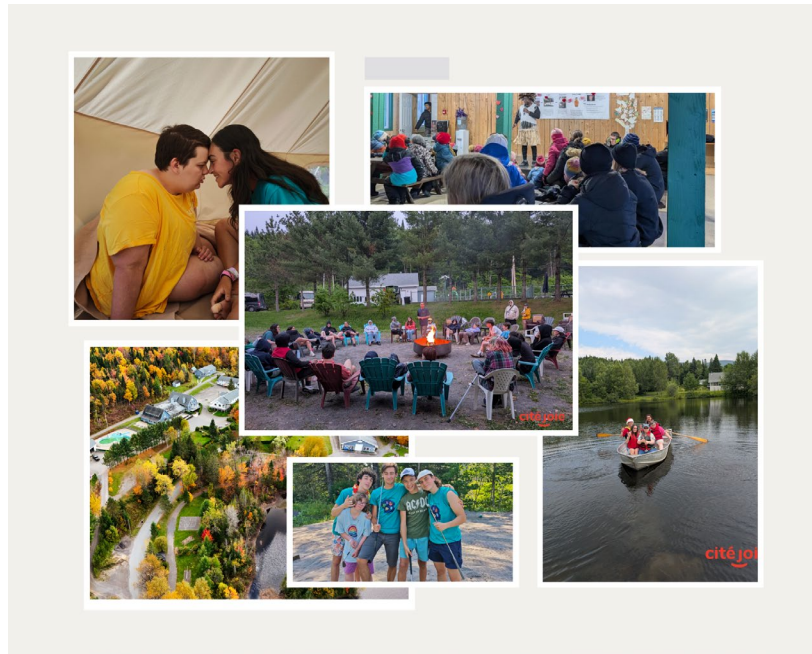
Enthusiasm is also evident at Cité Joie:

“At Cité-Joie, we are very eager to welcome individuals from Nunavik. Our team is diligently preparing for their arrival to make sure they are received under the best conditions, with sincere attention to detail and deep respect for their traditions.

We would like to provide them with more than a simple stay: a warm setting where they can discover a new environment and feel completely at home, safe and secure.

All our installations and activities are adapted to a clientele with II, ASD and PI, so that everyone can be ensured of a pleasant, inclusive experience according to each one's own rhythm," announced Dave Wyers, Assistant Executive Director of Cité-Joie.

This partnership falls in line with the NRBHSS' will to develop innovative and culturally safe services, jointly with organizations that share our values of inclusion, respect and well-being.



Photos graciously provided by Cité Joie

The NRBHSS

The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. It is responsible for nearly the entire territory located north of the 55th parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.

Cité Joie

Cité Joie's mission is to provide services of good quality for respite and adapted shelter as well as activities for individuals living with a handicap, while supporting

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