



## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### ACTIVITY REPORT SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2021

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#### **Mandate**

The Recreation Department is responsible for delivering recreational programs within the region, with a special focus on the youth of Nunavik.

#### **ARCTIC WINTER GAMES**

The Wood Buffalo Arctic Winter Games are due to be held in January and February 2023.

Development camps and qualification/elimination events will be delivered on a themed basis as follows:

1. Arctic Sports and Dene Games
2. Table Tennis and Badminton
3. Snowshoe

All sports will seek to have qualified candidates by October 2022, with the exception being Snowshoe where final qualifiers for Team Nunavik will be held between March and April 2022.

As part of a complete review of Arctic Winter Games protocols the newly formed Technical Committee - made up from the Chef de Mission of each contingent - are currently examining 3 items:

a) **Safe Sport Training, Orientation, Certification for Coaches**

Issue: what training, orientation or certification is required for Arctic Winter Games coaches to ensure athletes are in a safe and secure environment and that coaches are not putting themselves at risk?

b) **Eligibility Issue**

Issue: are athletes that are named to a National Development Program eligible to compete in the Arctic Winter Games?

c) **2023 Sport Competition Issue**

Issue: what is the process for units to confirm their sport and age category participation for 2023 to ensure four units will participate, there is viable competition and units are within their team caps?

#### **CIRQINIQ - SOCIAL CIRCUS DELIVERY**

With the re-introduction of Senior Instructors from the south camps were held in:

- i. Kuujjuaraapik
- ii. Kangiqsujaq

Unfortunately, due to the sudden outbreak of Covid-19 in the region both camps, which were intended to cover a two week period from October 18<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, were cut short. Recreation staff worked closely with KRG Travel to successfully get instructors safely home at very short notice. In addition to the cancelation of the two camps a week long Professional Development and Cultural Exchange due to be held in Kuujjuaq Nov 1 to 7 was postponed. Another attempt at this project is targeted for February 2022

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Canadian Women & Sport Same Game Project

The professional development being undertaken by Recreation Department staff is still ongoing and will happen on a regular basis through to April 2022, fluctuating between national calls and specific one on one calls. Participants across Canada collaborate on items such as creating a vision statement on gender equity and inclusion.

## COMMUNITY VISITS - KANGIQSUJUAQ, AUPALUK

Uttuqi Tukkiapik and Vanessa Aragutak, Recreation Technical Assistance and Development Advisors, visited Aupaluk to assist new recreation coordinator from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of September.

Vanessa Aragutak, also visited Kangiqsujuaq October 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>

KRG Recreation staff are in the final stages of evaluating “PLAYBuilder” a cloud-based resource which provides videos, lesson plans and programming ideas for children and youth. Upon purchase additional access codes will be provided to local recreation departments

## GRANT: 2020-2021 SPORTS PARTICIPATION PROJECT - GRASSROOTS SPORT

The Recreation Department, Nunavik Volleyball and Nunavik Soccer continue to collaborate on purchases and expenses related to the Sports Participation Project grant.

Some activities and planned events on the calendar for 2021 have been postponed due to Covid restrictions. The supply chain for equipment on order for Kuujjuaq, Kangirsuk and Salluit has also been affected.

Both soccer and volleyball are looking at ways to increase coach education opportunities throughout 2022.

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