



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ACTIVITY REPORT DECEMBER 2020 TO FEBRUARY 2021

Mandate

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

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

There has been a series of Tele-conference talks on the 2022 Arctic Winter Games since September. The Arctic Winter Games International Committee, the Host Society and Chefs de Mission representing team contingents have held open discussions on perceived threat to the Games in light of the pandemic. The current status of the games has been described as “Go, No Go” which effectively means that everything is on pause.

During the Chef’s videoconference call of January 28th the International Committee announced that the Sport Law and Strategy Group had been contracted to conduct a comprehensive COVID-19 Risk Analysis. The final analysis, to be published by the end of February, will have three options with impact assessments and recommendations:

1. Proceed with 2022
2. Defer 2022
3. Cancel 2022

Team Nunavik is preparing for 2022, though local competitive community trials have shifted the emphasis onto practice until we have more news on the situation.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - LEADERSHIP AND ADULT EDUCATION

All recreation department staff accessed the 2021 Virtual Sport for Life Summit held from Jan 26-29 and Feb 2-4. Themes of this year’s summit examined how physical literacy, inclusion, lifelong accessibility are becoming the new normal in programming sport and physical activity. One of the presenters is Greg Henhawk, Indigenous Projects Manager, Sport for Life. Mr. Henhawk is currently working with the local recreation coordinators in Kuujjuaraapik on their three year Sport For Life development plan.

Staff have accessed other online courses and workshops available through the Sport for Life “Campus” and the Coaching Association of Canada “Locker”. These courses, once completed, may also be offered to Local Recreation Coordinators as part of their training.

An additional, longer term, commitment to online education by accessing Kativik Ilisarniliriniq (KI) Adult Education “Moodle” platform is currently being assessed staff. Some courses on the platform are specifically targeted towards leadership and recreation.

ENGAGING YOUTH WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES

1. Soccer and Volleyball have shared their respective 2021 planned schedules based on the social services grant “2020-2021 Sports Participation Project - Grassroots Sport facilitated by KRG Recreation.
2. Nunavik Soccer expansion is based on five pillars of development :
 - i. Training Activities and Street Leagues: targeted for three communities - Salluit, Kagirsuk and Kuujjuaq year round
 - ii. Outdoor and Beach Soccer Program: July-August in Kuujjuaq
 - iii. Elementary School Futsal Training (9 - 12 y.o.) - January - December 2021
 - iv. Secondary School Futsal Training (13 - 17 y.o.) - January - December 2021
 - v. Adult Recreational Futsal - January - December 2021

Inukjuak and Puvirnituk are expected to join the soccer network later in the year.

3. Nunavik Volleyball expansion: Five communities will benefit from the new “Kids Program for 8 to 12 year olds” - Umiujaq, Puvirnituk, Tasiujaq, Kuujjuaq, Kangiqsujuaq. January to May and September to December 2021. A further ten communities will have access to the 13 to 19 years Volleyball Program already in existence.
4. In light of the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, discussions have been taking place with Kativik Ilisarniliriniq (KI) and KRG Recreation about collaboration on physical activity and events. Alec Clunas and Tom Phillips met with Andréanne Parenteau of KI on January 25th in Kuujjuaq, and Tom Phillips met with Sam Forget of KI in Kangiqsualujjuaq on February 3rd to discuss potential partnerships and sharing of ideas and resources.
5. Plans for KRG Recreation staff to visit communities and assist Local Recreation Coordinators with Hockey Tournaments have been put on hold. The organizers, Nunavik Minor Hockey Program (Makivik), are re-assessing available arena facilities before make a decision to postpone or cancel proposed tournaments.

CIRQINIQ

Prior to Christmas break our Junior Instructors attended a professional development workshop from December 11th to December 16th. The workshop, designed by Cirque Hors Piste, was one of a series conducted across Canada for those involved with social circus development.

Plans for the early part of 2021 include the opportunity for Junior Instructors to practice their new leadership skills and deliver weekly workshops - or a more intensive block of activity - in at least four communities - Kangirsuk, Puvirnituk, Umiujaq, Kuujjuaq, Weekly sessions would be held over eight or ten weeks and intensive sessions would be on consecutive days over one or two weeks.

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