



RECREATION department 

## ACTIVITY REPORT JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2022

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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 January 29th to February 4th 2023. Given the unusually close proximity of the Alberta 2023 and Alaska 2024 games, both Host Societies have a presence at Technical and regular monthly videoconference calls.

- a. Emma Cain, Coordinator and Tommy Phillips, Director, are confirmed to travel to Fort McMurray, Alberta for the M2 from October 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - The M2 meeting is attended by representatives of each team contingent, host societies, Arctic Winter Games International Committee and staff, and includes key municipal and regional government staff.
  - M2 Agenda items cover: sport facility and outdoor venue tours; Opening and Closing Ceremonies; athlete and coach accommodations, meals and regional travel (the games are spread over a 40 km geographic corridor); charter airline arrivals and departures; safety, health and security.
  - Team Nunavik-Quebec, mission staff, support staff, elder and politicians will depart Kuujjuaq on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, arriving one day prior to Opening Ceremonies. Return from Fort McMurray to Kuujjuaq is scheduled for 3:00am arrival in Nunavik. Flight durations to and from Alberta are 3 hours and 45 mins.
- b. The Coach application process for Team Nunavik-Quebec was very positive. Coaches, both male and female are currently being informed of their successful applications. Coaches will support Arctic Sports, Dene Games, Badminton, Table Tennis and Snowshoe competitions. The Cultural contingent, requiring two supporting adults is dealt with separately.
- c. All community try-outs have been concluded with the exception of Umiujaq, Akulivik, and Kangiqsujuaq. Coastal tryouts are being arranged with a preference to host them in Puvirnituq and Kangiqsujuaq. Regional tryouts will be held in Kuujjuaq in November.

## RECREATION FUNDING AND STAFFING

The KRG Recreation Department has signed a new agreement with the ministère de l'Éducation for the Arctic Winter Games for 2021-2024. This replaces the previous four year agreement. Monies are included in the Block Funding process.

Inukjuak, Puvirnituq, Aupaluk, Tasiujaq applied for Nunavik Summer Camp Funding, splitting the envelope of \$70,000 for On-The-Land Recreational Activities.

Elia Lauzon, Recreation Technical Assistance and Development Advisor, resigned from her position and ended her work with the department on August 19, 2022. Two vacant positions are currently posted.

## CIRQINIQ - SOCIAL CIRCUS DELIVERY

As a follow up to the camps that took place in six locations from March until late April 2022, community tours will continue this fall with the goal of reaching all 14 communities.

In September, a Cirqiniq youth ambassador, River Saunders, will attend the Cirkaskina Festival in St John's Newfoundland. Expenses will be reimbursed to the Recreation Department from Cirkaskina, one of the collaborating partners.

During the fall tour there will be an emphasis on continued training for instructors in the region. Focus will be on administrative requirements for camps and sessions, safety protocols, social topics etc.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL RECREATION COORDINATORS

Training to be held from August 15-18, 2022 in Tasiujaq was postponed due to withdrawal of participants at short notice. Dates and a change of venue to Kuujjuaq - including consultation on revised content - are being proposed for dates in October.

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