



RECREATION department

ACTIVITY REPORT FEBRUARY TO MAY 2023

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

CIRQINIQ - SOCIAL CIRCUS DELIVERY

Five (5) participants from Cirqiniq represented Team Nunavik-Quebec's Cultural Contingent at the Arctic Winter Games, Wood Buffalo, Alberta.

Six (6) community camps were delivered in the region between Feb 13 and April 05.

1. Kuujjuaq - Feb 13-26
2. Umiujaq - Feb 14-27
3. Tasiujaq - Feb 28-March 13
4. Kangiqsujuaq - Mar 14-27
5. Salluit - March 17-30
6. Quaqtaq - March 30-April 05 (partially funded by KI)

A Cultural Exchange with Cirque Hors Piste and Cirkaskina was held in Kuujjuaq Feb 20 to 25. The event included live collaborations with social circus partners in Montreal and affiliates from across Canada.

Based on the success at AWG 2023, two (2) Cirqiniq participants, accompanied by one (1) instructor/chaperone, have been chosen to represent Quebec at the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG 2023) scheduled for Halifax, Nova Scotia from July 15-30. As part of the Team Eastern Door and North (Team EDN) they will perform twice daily. KRG Recreation Department has negotiated grant payments and assistance from NAIG to cover the estimated \$25,000 expense.

Performance artists: Connie Ittukallak, Jacqueline Tulugak, Gen Bernier (Chaperone)

Two (2) Cirqiniq instructors will participate in the Cirkaskina Young Leader Consultation Committee in Montreal, July 2023

FUNDING AGREEMENT - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The Recreation Department is currently negotiating with the Ministry of Education based on the reference documents for the 2021-2024 Local and Regional Physical Activity, Active Recreation, Sports and Outdoor Initiatives (PAFILR) funding program.

\$89,134 has been preserved from 2022-2023 for the region, which effectively gives KRG Recreation Department funds of **\$178,268** to be used by March 31, 2024. Under the criteria

defined by PAFILR a maximum \$10,000 is allotted for each project. Funding for projects - once identified and confirmed - will be spread throughout all Nunavik communities.

In addition, the Ministry of Education is also seeking to identify and release additional funding in connection with Plan Nord 2023-2028. These monies are not considered as block funding, but rather will be direct payments to the Recreation Department.

- Total Funding: **\$178,268**

FUNDING AGREEMENT: CSSSNPQL / FNQLHSSC

Note: First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission is commonly referred to as “CSSSNPQL” (in French) or “FNQLHSSC” (in English).

Phase One (“Sport Participation Project - Grassroots Sport 2020-2021”) of this agreement to the value of **\$84,165** is complete. Volleyball and Soccer utilized funds to develop their respective sports in the region.

Nunavik Soccer used their remaining funds by arranging a (Futsal) Coach and Official development session with Quebec Soccer Staff Instructors flown into Salluit. Additionally, the school and community hosted a five (5) community team tournament for children.

Phase Two of this agreement focused on sport participation and physical activity is currently being negotiated to the value of **\$91,751**.

- Total funding: **\$175,916**

Additional - and separate - funding to increase the chance of Nunavik’s representation at the North American Indigenous Games scheduled for British Columbia 2027 is under discussion with the administrators of Team Eastern Door and North. Try-outs take place for sixteen (16) sports in southern Quebec during 2026. The main sports at NAIG are: Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Canoe/Kayak, Golf, Rifle Shooting, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Volleyball and Wrestling.

- Discussions will also take into account possible strategies for Hockey players wishing to try out for the annual National Aboriginal Hockey Championships.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL RECREATION COORDINATORS

Each recreation department will be provided with unique login and password for PLAYbuilder, a digital learning resource database that includes lesson plans and videos ideal for after school and weekend activity programs. PLAYbuilder is used by teachers and coaches as well as recreation professionals. Each recreation department will receive a shipment of equipment that matches activities and sports indicated in the database. One on one support will be available to assist local coordinators to become proficient if required.

In addition, Arctic Sports and Inuit Games equipment purchased to promote Heritage Sports is in the process of being shipped to eight (8) communities as part of the resource package designed to help Local Recreation Coordinators.

The Recreation Department will begin the introduction of online learning resources common throughout the Canadian Sport and Recreation System. We will use Sport for Life’s “Campus” and the Coaching Association of Canada’s “Locker”. Professional development points gained from these two sources are recognized throughout Canada (and elsewhere in the global sport domain such as the Arctic Winter Games and Commonwealth Games)

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES - AWG 2023 AND AWG 2024

The Wood Buffalo Arctic Winter Games were held January 29th to February 4th 2023.

Forty-nine (49) athletes attended the Games. Team Nunavik-Quebec breakdown was as follows:

1. Arctic Sports - 7 athletes, 2 coaches (9)
2. Dene Games - 16 athletes, 2 coaches (18)
3. Badminton - 6 athletes, 2 coaches (8)
4. Table Tennis - 8 athletes, 2 coaches (10)
5. Snowshoe - 7 athletes, 2 coaches (9)
6. Cultural Contingent - 5 performers, 1 manager, 1 safe sport manager (7)

Seven (7) Mission Staff accompanied the team to Alberta.

Team Nunavik-Quebec representatives Philippe Chiasson and Aysa Bakir travelled to Alaska for the M1 (meeting one) from May 8-12. All contingents were introduced to the Host Society and key personnel recruited specifically to administer and deliver the AWG 2024. M2 takes place in Alaska September 25-28.

Philippe Chiasson, Chef de Mission, submitted the final report to the Arctic Winter Games International Committee regarding Wood Buffalo, Alberta 2023.

The next AWG are from March 10-16, 2024 in Matanuska-Susitna Borough Alaska

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