



RECREATION department

ACTIVITY REPORT SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2023

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

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES - AWG 2024

The next Arctic Winter Games are scheduled to be held March 10 to 16, 2024 in Mat-Su Borough, Alaska, USA.

From September 24 to 28th, Philippe Chiasson, Chef de Mission and Emma Cain, Assistant Chef de Mission travelled to the Mat-Su Valley, Alaska for the second and final meeting with the host society and international committee.

Charter: The call for tender was closed on August 21st and one bid was received. Air Inuit LTD was chosen to provide services to Team Nunavik for the 2024 Arctic Winter Games

Team Nunavik clothing: A call for tender was made published through SEAO (Système électronique d'appel d'offres) on October 19th and was closed on November 6th.

Team Nunavik-Quebec Regional Tryouts - Two (2) Locations

1. Inukjuak, November 16-19: Arctic Sports, Badminton, Table tennis and Snowshoe – eighty-four (84) athletes will compete
2. Kuujjuaraapik, November 24-26: Dene Games - forty-four (44) athletes will compete

Online registration attracted a total of one hundred and sixty-one (161) applications: Twenty-five (25) coaches, eight (8) cultural performers and one hundred and twenty eight (128) youth and adult athletes.

The return of the Dene games open female category for the 2024 AWG brought the most interest with twenty (20) applications. Forty-four (44) of the overall applications were to tryout for Dene games.

Passport Requirements

Passports are still a necessity for 2024. All mission, coaches, officials, participants, media staff and special guests need to have an active passport with deadline of at least 6 months after the games, March 10-16, 2024. Anthony Arreak, Makivvik's Nunavik Enrolment Registrar has been assisting with passport photos.

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A year to date summary of circus activity includes:

- Five (5) shows were delivered with a combined attendance of six hundred and sixty (660) audience members.
- Eighty-three (83) after school workshops and thirty (30) in school workshops were delivered.
- Cirkaskina cultural exchanges were held in Kuujjuaq with Montreal participants and in Igloodik, Nunavut with our Nunavik participants.
- Cirkaskina July Young Leaders Committee event in Montreal was attended by Noriko Tooktoo and accompanied by the Senior Instructor, Mina Rita Nixiaxie.

Overall, three hundred and forty-two (342) participants enjoyed the workshops and camps which took place in the eight (8) communities of Umiujaq, Salluit, Tasijuaq, Kangisujuaq, Quataq, Kuujjuaq, Kuujjuauraapik and Kangiqsualluujuaq. Ages ranged from six (6) to forty-five (45) years old.

Over 50% of the Instructors involved in service delivery this year are Inuit.

Upcoming:

- Two (2) community camp visits have been arranged for Kangirsuk, November 14 to 27, 2023 and Ivujivik, November 28 to December 11, 2023
- One Junior Instructor Training event, in partnership with Cirque Hors Piste, will take place in Quebec City with four (4) youth scheduled to participate. Emma Cain, Recreation Coordinator, will also attend to conduct a field assessment and facilitate plans for two major summer camps in the Northern Villages for 2024.
- Seasonal camps in the communities will commence in February 2024.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER NEWS ITEMS

Air Travel and Accommodations - Statistics

During the period February 1, 2023, to November 3, 2023, the KRG Recreation Department arranged return flights and accommodations for youth and adults on one hundred and seventy-three (173) occasions.^{[PP1][TP2]}

Outings ranged from three days to two weeks and included safety considerations, mental health and welfare, meals, age appropriate activities and were supplemented by criminal record clearance and legal contracts for adults associated with events and programs.

Professional Development and Public Relations

Christopher Martin and Ryan Angatookalook (Recreation Technical Assistant and Development Advisors - RTADA's) attended an Inuit and Dene Games workshop and demonstrations hosted by Kiuna College located in Odanak, Quebec from October 25 to October 29, 2023. Delegates also attended from across Canada and including Alaska.

Representatives of the College, which is operated by Indigenous people, also held preliminary informal discussions with KRG Recreation staff on the possibility of adapting the existing College Recreation Coordination course to suit Local Recreation Coordinators from Nunavik should there be a demand.

Events - Promotion of Heritage Sports

An Inuit and Dene Games workshop was held in Aupaluk from September 17 to September 23, 2023. Facilitated and instructed by Angelina Mesher, Centre Director, Tarsakallak School and Deseray Cumberbatch, a coach from our Arctic Winter Games team, the event was given

technical support by Christopher Martin, RTADA. Further workshops and promotions for Heritage Sports are planned throughout to 2023-2024.

PAFILR - Distribution of Monies to Nine Community Initiatives, September 2023

Reference documents: the 2021-2024 Local and Regional Physical Activity, Active Recreation, Sports and Outdoor Initiatives (PAFILR) funding program. Under the criteria defined by PAFILR a maximum \$10,000 is allotted for each project.

As part of the “financial assistance for local and regional initiatives to promote physical and outdoor activities (PAFILR), fiscal year 2022-2023” the Recreation Department has collaborated with the Ministry of Education to award nine (9) \$10,000 contributions to community sports projects since September 2023.

Beneficiary Organizations were:

1. Inukjuak (School) - After School Community Soccer and Multi-Sport
2. Kangirsuk (School) - “Back to the Land”, National Parks Excursions
3. Kuujjuaq (School) - Jaanimmarik Run Club
4. Kuujjuaraapik (NV) - After School Multi-Sport Program
5. Nunavik Volleyball (Sports Association/NFP) - Regional Program
6. Puvirnituk (NV) - After School Multi-Sport Program
7. Quaqtak (School) - After School Community Soccer and Multi-Sport
8. Salluit (School) - After School Community Soccer and Multi-Sport
9. Umiujaq (NV) - After School Multi-Sport Program

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