



RECREATION department

ACTIVITY REPORT JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2023

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

NEW GRANT AVAILABLE FOR MUNICIPALITIES - SEPTEMBER 2023 LAUNCH

Provided by Mathieu Durocher, Cabinet de la ministre du Sport, du Loisir et du Plein air:

Last June, the Minister responsible for Sports, Recreation and the Outdoors launched the brand new Financial Assistance Program for Sports, Recreation and Outdoor Facilities (PAFIRSPA).

With a budget of \$300M, the program, which has two components(i) aims to build new infrastructure or (ii) upgrade existing infrastructure.

Component 1 – Sports and recreational infrastructures: Makes it possible to finance the carrying out of projects for the renovation, upgrading, construction or development of sports and recreational infrastructures promoting the practice of physical activities, excluding outdoors, such as arenas, swimming pools, multipurpose centers, soccer or baseball fields. In short, any infrastructure project or sports facility is eligible.

Component 2 – Outdoor infrastructure: Aims to finance the development and upgrading of outdoor infrastructure projects, such as hiking trails.

Indigenous communities and organizations are encouraged to apply to this new program.

Note: The above information was shared with Local Recreation Coordinators and relevant town staff on an email circulated August 25, 2023. The communities were encouraged to seek out the required information indicated and approach the KRG Recreation Department should they need to discuss or clarify an intended application.

- Key Contacts: T. Phillips, Recreation Director and E. Cain, Recreation Coordinator

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.

Philippe Chiasson was formally hired as Arctic Winter Games Coordinator on May 19, 2023. Previously Mr. Chiasson assisted KRG with the AWG in Alberta 2023.

Team Nunavik-Quebec representatives Philippe Chiasson and Emma Cain will attend M2 - an administrative and tour of facilities preview for all contingents - in Alaska September 25-28. Philippe Chiasson and Aysa Bakir had attended the M1 in Alaska from May 8 to 11, 2023.

Arctic Winter Games Preliminary Tasks Update:

- a. Clothing and accessories - still awaiting data from multiple potential vendors before going to tender. There is currently a lack of inventory at distributor level.
- b. Pins have been finalized with our contracted supplier. The artwork that has been chosen is the design submitted by Jennifer La Page for 2020, which was never utilised due to the covid pandemic and the cancellation of the Whitehorse AWG.
- c. Social Media: Online promotion via facebook page has begun. The Team Nunavik-Quebec (TNQ) profile has been updated in cooperation with KRG Communications Department.
- d. An online registration for the regional tryouts for cultural contingent, athletes and coaches has been created and promoted. As of Aug 16, 2023, sixteen (16) applications had been received for coaches/manager and thirty-five (35) applications for athletes/cultural contingent. Deadlines for applications are Sept 1 for coaches/manager and Sept 30 for athletes/cultural participants
- e. A promotion blitz will take place targeting all communities during the month of September - ten (10) posters for each community etc.
- f. Recreation Department meetings were held in person from July 4 to 7 to discuss and implement overall planning and schedules for regional tryouts and registrations. Passports are essential for the games being held in the USA. Discussions were also held on increasing awareness on passport deadlines in order to be admitted to Alaska. Note: Passports must still be valid 6 months after the games are completed.
- g. Coaches training is due to take place between the months of October 2023 and February 2024.
- h. A formal letter and package has been sent out to potential sponsors.
- i. Filming with Radio-Canada show Au Suivant was held on August 8, 2023. Christopher Angatookalook did demonstrations of Arctic Sports activities and was accompanied by Rocio Valencia from KRG Communications Department and supported by Deseray Cumberbatch - a former gold medal AWG athlete - who both acted as support and liaison in Montreal. The program is due to be aired in late September.
- j. Venue for Regionals: An invitation was emailed on July 20th to specific contacts (Mayor, Town Manager, Local Recreation Coordinator, School Principal, etc.) in the community of Inukjuak to invite them to host the Regional Tryouts in November 5-10 or November 12-17. A formal follow up letter was also sent on August 15th.
- k. Tender for Charter Flight: Call for Tenders (KRG # 3047) was opened on August 21, 2023. Winning bid to be announced officially on a date to be determined.

COMMUNITY VISITS TO LOCAL RECREATION COORDINATORS (LRC)

Recreation Technical Assistant and Technical Advisors (RTADA's), Chris Martin and Ryan Angatookalook conducted a series of community visits May through to early August. Comprehensive discussions involved Local Recreation Coordinators (LRC's), Town Managers, Treasurers, Physical Education Teachers and local champions of recreation and sports events (coaches, former athletes, organizers)

1. Akulivik - Chris Martin: Eliyassie Aullaluk, Assistant Town manager - On behalf of NV; Larry Hubert, Deputy Mayor; Luc Bedard, ex-gym teacher - Dates: June 21-24
2. Puvirnituk - Chris Martin: Philip Putugu Tukalak, LRC; Paul Napartuk, Town Manager, Maggie Tulugak (Assistant Secretary Treasurer) - Dates: July 22-26
3. Inukjuak - Chris Martin: Aloupa Epoo Mina, LRC; Ricky Moorhouse, Town Manager; Andy Moorhouse, Vice President Economic Development for Makivvik and former AWG athlete; Deseray Cumberbatch, long time Arctic Sports coach and athlete; Edua Jones,

long time Dene Games coach, athlete and official at Arctic Winter Games - Dates: July 26-30

4. Umiujaq - Chris Martin: Peter Napartuk, LRC; Ista Cumberbatch, Town Manager - Dates: July 30-August 3
5. Puvirnituk - Ryan Angatookalook: Suasie Irqumia, Koby Novalinga, LRC's; Tommy Sallualuk, Assistant Town Manager - Dates: May 07-10
6. Inukjuak - Ryan Angatookalook: Eva Nowrakuluk, Phillip Amamatuak, replacement LRC's; Ricky Moorhouse, Town Manager - Dates: May 10-12
7. Quaqtq: Ryan Angatookalook: Monica Tukkiapik, LRC; Stanley Aloupa, Replacement Town Manager - Dates: July 23 to July 29, 2023

NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES (NAIG 2023 - HALIFAX)

The North American Indigenous Games were held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 15-23. With athlete attendance at around 5,000 the NAIG is more than twice the size of the Arctic Winter Games.

The main sports at NAIG are: Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Canoe/Kayak, Golf, Rifle Shooting, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Volleyball and Wrestling.

Nunavik was represented in the Quebec cultural contingent (Team Eastern Door and the North, "Team EDN")

Performance artists were Connie Ittukallak and Jacqueline Tulugak. Gen Bernier, a Cirqiniq Instructor acted as a Chaperone. Over the course of the week the artists did four full performances, twice on the main stage. Ms. Bernier, a qualified videographer, has also created a video that will be posted on the KRG website.

Tom Phillips, Recreation Director, also attended the games to assess opportunities for Inuit athletes and coaches in the future. The next games are due to take place in Calgary, Alberta, 2027.

The Recreation Department will collaborate with the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Social Services Commission on funding to enable athletes to attend tryouts (2025-2026) and support for those who may be interested in coaching at the games. There are a considerable amount of long term opportunities for athletes, trainers, coaches and team managers within Team EDN.

FUNDING AGREEMENT - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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.

The first set of funding for projects has been approved by the Ministry of Education and an amount of \$89,341 was received by KRG. The monies are in the process of being dispersed to communities and schools.

A second funding application is being prepared by KRG Recreation Department and will be sent to the Ministry of Education for approval as soon as northern villages (recreation departments) or schools and associations, define their needs as required by the criteria outlined by the Ministry - i.e. description of physical activity or sport, duration, frequency and end date

LOCAL RECREATION IN NORTHERN VILLAGES

Nunavik Summer Camp Funding

Five (5) communities applied for funding. Kuujjuaraapik, Puvirnituk, Salluit, Kangiqsujaq, Kuujjuaq. Each Northern Village will receive an amount of \$14,000.

LRC Training

LRC In-person training was set for July 4-7, 2023. Communities from Kuujjuaraapik, Umiujaq, Puvirnituk, Salluit, Kangiqsujaq, Tasiujaq were to attend for professional development opportunities. Further training opportunities with Northern Villages will continue to be evaluated and provided as part of the departments mandate.

Current LRC's in Nunavik

1. Kuujjuaraapik – Minnie Ittoshat
2. Umiujaq – Peter Napartuk
3. Inukjuak – Aloupa Epoo
4. Puvirnituk – Philip Putugu Tukalak
5. Akulivik – *Vacant*
6. Ivujivik – Paula Angiyu
7. Salluit – Mark Yuliusie
8. Kangiqsujaq – Lucy Kadjulik
9. Quaqtak – Monica Tukkiapik
10. Kangirsuk – *Vacant*
11. Aupaluk – *Vacant*
12. Tasiujaq – *Vacant*
13. Kuujjuaq – Mae Ningiuruvik
14. Kangiqsualujjuaq – Marina Etok

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