



## **RECREATION Department**

### **ACTIVITY REPORT**

**SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2024**

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#### **MANDATE**

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

#### **PROJECTS, COLLABORATION, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY VISITS**

##### **EASTERN ARCTIC SUMMER GAMES**

- A first conference call in mid-November kick-starts planning for 2025 EASG in Nunavik.
- All Local Recreation Coordinators (LRC) will be invited to this conference call.

##### **LOCAL PROJECT**

- RTADA Emile Maheu, Ryan Angatookalook and Aysa Bakir have been in contact with LRC Angel Deer in the hopes of initiating the Putulik Memorial Cup. Due to accommodation shortages, the Cup has been postponed and moved to Salluit. The event takes place from November 28 to December 2, and is supported by KRG staff. Events are floor hockey, basketball and volleyball.

##### **LOCAL RECREATION COORDINATORS TRAINING**

- LRC Training was held in Kuujjuaq from September 16-20
  - Training conducted by RTADA Emile Maheu, Aysa Bakir and Ryan Angatookalook

Attendees: Vanita Weetaltuk – Kangiqsualujjuaq  
Maddy Grist – Kuujjuaq  
Yaaniapik Cain – Tasiujaq  
Mark Yuliusie – Salluit  
Lucasi Iyaituk – Ivujjivik  
Putugu Tukalak – Puvirnituk  
Serge Novalinga – Puvirnituk  
Aloupa Epoo-Mina – Inukjuak  
Peter Napartuk – Umiujaq  
Minnie Ittoshat – Kuujjuaraapik  
Mary Tuckatuck – Kuujjuaraapik

- Training Topics included:
  - LRC goals and objectives
  - Makivvik Presentation by the Sport & Youth Department
  - Esuma Presentation by Olivier Morin
  - Arctic Winter Games presentation by Philippe Chiasson
  - Budgeting & Funding Requests
  - 2025 Eastern Arctic Summer Games

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- RPAN Recreation Leadership Conference took place in Iqaluit from October 18-20
  - Attendees: Aysa Bakir – Kuujjuaq  
Aloupa Epoo-Mina – Inukjuak  
Joadamie Inukpuk – Inukjuak  
Minnie Ittoshat – Kuujjuaraapik  
Mary Tuckatuck – Kuujjuaraapik
  - Conference topics included:
    - Building Healthy Communities through Recreation Settings
    - Grant Opportunities & Tips for Success
    - Communication and Leadership in Recreation Settings
    - Making a Difference in Your Community – A Community Development approach
    - Managing and Preparing Your Facilities for Winter
    - Regional Meetings (sharing challenges, solutions and best practices)
- Conference calls will now resume with all LRC to discuss active projects in their communities, to share ideas, and to inspire each other.
- Upcoming: 2025 Sport for Life Summit in Ottawa

## **COMMUNITY VISITS**

- RTADA Emile Maheu visited Quaqtac from October 6-9. He assisted LRC Angel Deer, and trained on these topics: planning a tournament, inventory, budgeting, and preparing documents such as consent forms and waivers.

## **CIRQINIQ**

- Three youth participated in cultural exchanges hosted by Wemotaci along with our social circus partner, Cirkaskina, from September 25-29.
- Here are the Fall 2024 tour dates:
  - Akulivik – October 7-20
  - Aupaluk – October 21-November 3
  - Kuujjuaraapik – November 5-18
  - Kangiqsualujjuaq – November 17-30
  - Kangiqsujuaq – December 2-16
  - Kuujjuaq – Instructor Training November 10-15

- 2024 Statistics on Cirqiniq Program
  - We've had 311 youth participate in the workshop
  - 98 social workshops
  - Age ranging between 10-45 years old with most participants between 12-17 years old
  - 5 shows took place with 570 audience members present for performances.

## **ARCTIC WINTER GAMES**

The 2026 Arctic Winter Games will take place in Whitehorse, Yukon from March 8-15, 2026.

### **Host society briefing update**

Monthly meetings have now begun. Those meetings are for the AWG host, International Committee and Chefs and assistant-chefs de mission to provide updates, and to resolve logistical issues regarding technical sport packages, including age groups.

### **Team Nunavik Québec clothing**

Inventory was made in September and final evaluation of TNQ needs was done at that time. A clothing call-for-tender went public the week of November 4 and will be closing on December 12. A provision of the tender requires traditional clothing that reflects Nunavik's culture and history.

### **Online coach application**

The coach application was first online on the TNQ Facebook page in August. The deadline was November 1. An FM radio announcement in every community was done in late October.

Over 25 applications were received for coaching one of our 5 sports (arctic sports, dene games, badminton, table tennis and snowshoe) or managing our cultural group. A total of 16 coaches/managers positions are available. The final selection was made on November 8.

All coaches chosen will receive training during the 2025 calendar year.

### **Team selection tryouts**

This year, we are taking a new approach to tryouts, featuring individual sport tryouts with a focus on athlete development.

By focusing on individual sport tryouts earlier in the year, we aim to provide athletes with sufficient training opportunities to train and develop their skills.

We also believe this new approach will provide more opportunities for communities to host regional events, enhance the visibility of sports in the region, and facilitate TNQ collaboration.

A host application form was sent to Northern Villages and local stakeholders in November to invite applications for hosting one of five sports events between March and June 2025.

### **Online application for athletes and cultural group**

Athletes and cultural artists interested in trying out for the team can now apply online. The application portal opened in November. Individuals can only register for one sport or the cultural group.

*See next page for listing of departmental staff*

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