



RECREATION department

ACTIVITY REPORT NOVEMBER 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024

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.

Host Society briefing update

The initial monthly meetings are now occurring bi-weekly among the AWG host committee, the International Committee and Chefs and Assistant Chefs de Mission to discuss and resolve unfinished logistics and for the AWG to run successfully.

Charter and flights

Logistics have been coordinated with Anchorage airport, US customs and border patrol to send all information needed (date of birth, passport, etc.) on passengers travelling with the team. Updates are ongoing as the passengers send their information to the AWG coordinator, Philippe Chiasson.

- Charter
Scheduled departure from Kuujjuaq is March 9, at 1pm
Scheduled return to Kuujjuaq is March 17, at 7:55am
- Flights in Nunavik
All members of the team will be travelling on March 6 to Kuujjuaq and returning to their home on March 17. More details to come on our Team Nunavik Quebec (TNQ) Facebook page.

Team Nunavik clothing

Contract was awarded to a supplier based in Quebec City. Clothing will be arriving in Kuujjuaq for the athletes and coaches in February.

Team selection

Final roster was finalized and posted on Facebook on December 15. A total of 54 athletes and 6 artists will represent Nunavik at the 2024 AWG. In addition, 11 coaches, 2 cultural managers, 8 mission staff and 3 officials will be representing the region. Our media team will be composed of Rocio Valencia and Robert Greeley from KRG and Lucasi Kiatainaq from Kangiqsujuaq as our photographer.

Cultural training

From January 16-19 at the Kuujjuaq Theatre, six artists and two managers completed their first training session to prepare an amazing creation that will be showcased during the AWG and at a cultural gala on March 15. Also, a preview of the creation will be showed during the AWG pep rally on March 8 at the Katittavik Town Hall in Kuujjuaq.

Passports

Follow ups and reminders were done throughout the last three months to make sure everyone received their passports before the February 21st deadline given by US customs.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY VISITS

Canadian Ranger Presentation, Kuujjuaq

On January 11, Chris Martin and Ryan Angatookalook arranged a demonstration on traditional sports for the Canadian Rangers 25th anniversary celebration in Kuujjuaq.

1. The event, coordinated with Craig Lingard (KRG Civil Security) and Lieutenant Commander Mathieu Vigneault (Army), was attended by approximately 100 delegates from Rangers and Junior Rangers from across Canada.
2. The demonstration was assisted with input from Kris Tukkiapik, Aloupa Watt, Amy May, Christopher May and Tanya May, all strong advocates for traditional heritage sports.
3. The audience were shown and then invited to try demonstrations of: Kneel Jump; Triple Jump; Alaskan High Kick; Two Foot High Kick; One Foot High Kick; Arm Pull; Finger Pull; Stick Pull and Knuckle Hop.

PAFILR - Distribution of Monies to Nineteen Community Initiatives, Sept - Dec 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.

About the Financial Assistance Program for local and regional initiatives designed to promote physical and outdoor activities process:

- The Ministry of Education approached the KRG Recreation Department to aid with the identification of Schools, Municipalities and Associations who may benefit from funding for new or existing programs. The funding had been initiated in other indigenous communities in Quebec.
- The first amount proposed for Nunavik by the Ministry of Education was \$10,000.
- After discussion and negotiation between the Ministry of Education and Tom Phillips, KRG Regional Recreation Director, the first amount was revised to \$89,134 for fiscal year 2022-2023. A second amount of \$99,134 was later awarded for the fiscal year 2023-2024.
- The Ministry of Education and the Recreation Department also collaborated on the best method for the distribution of funds and to provide a mechanism for reporting (i.e. agencies would be informed of the grant proposal opportunity by email, telephone or during in person meetings in communities by Recreation Technical Assistance and Development Advisors as well as by the Ministry of Education).
- To secure the funding, there was heightened activity from September to December 2023. This was driven by the retroactive nature of the funding and the tight application deadlines set by the Ministry of Education.
- The Ministry of Education made all decisions regarding the approval of each project through a committee.

As of January 2024, The Recreation Department is a stakeholder in 19 ongoing projects designed to promote physical and outdoor activities taking place in our communities as part of our collaborative initiative with the Ministry of Education. The communities are:

- | PAFILR 2022-2023 - \$89,134 | PAFILR 2023-2024 - \$99,134 |
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| 1. Kuujjuaq (School) - Jaanimmarik Run Club | 10. Kuujjuaq (NV) - Ballet Class |
| 2. Kangirsuk (School) - "Back to the Land", National Parks Excursions | 11. Tasiujaq - (School) After School Community Soccer and Multi-Sport |
| 3. Quaqtac (School) - After School Community Soccer and Multi-Sport | 12. Aupaluk (School) - Inuit Games |
| 4. Salluit (School) - After School Community Soccer and Multi-Sport | 13. Kangirsuk - (School) After School Community Soccer and Multi-Sport |
| 5. Puvirnituc (NV) - After School Multi-Sport Program | 14. Kangirsujuaq (NV) - Multi-Sport Tournament |
| 6. Inukjuak (School) - After School Community Soccer and Multi-Sport | 15. Ivujivik (School) - Hockey Development (Gym/Ice) |
| 7. Umiujaq (NV) - After School Multi-Sport Program | 16. Inukjuak (NV) - Inukrock Climbing |
| 8. (NV) - After School Multi-Sport Program | 17. Basketball - Regional Program for Males |
| 9. Nunavik Volleyball (Sports Association/NFP) - Regional Program | 18. Basketball - Regional Program for Females |
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- The maximum allowable for each project was set at \$10,000. Nunavik Volleyball, a regional sports delivery program was allocated \$9,134 in both fiscal years.

Professional Development - Local Recreation Coordinator Training

As part of their training and professional development, five LRC attended the Sport for Life Annual Conference held in Ottawa on January 25-26. The LRC were accompanied by RTADA Christopher Martin and Ryan Angatookalook. Also attending were:

- 1 - Christopher Martin - KRG
- 2 - Ryan Angatookalook - KRG
- 3 - Aloupa Epoo-Mina Recreation Coordinator from Inukjuak
- 4 - Philip Putugu Tukalak Rec. Coordinator from POV
- 5 - Mark Yulusie Rec. Coordinator from Salluit
- 6 - Minnie Ittoshat Rec. Coordinator from Kuujjuaraapik
- 7 - Jenny Inukpuk Assist. Coordinator from Kuujjuaraapik

Community Visits to Local Recreation Coordinators

Christopher Martin and Ryan Angatookalook visited Kangiqsualujjuaq, 13th to 19th of January and Tasiujaq, 19th to 24th of January, 2024.

Kangiqsualujjuaq:

- a. Part of the arena burned down so it is not operational. Architects were in town to consult on a rebuild. The community centre is used but is aging and requires upgrades. Another group of architects were in town to consult on community centre renovations.
- b. Meetings were held with: Vanita Weetaltuk (LRC), Maggie Emudluk (KRG regional councillor, Makivik and Acting Mayor) as well as the town manager, secretary treasurer, purchasing agent and visiting architects.

Tasiujaq:

- a. The arena is not operational, and is supposed to be renovated in the summer. The outdoor rink is not operational, part of the boards were blown over by recent high winds. A new community gymnasium is being constructed, and will be operational by April.
- b. Discussions were held with Conlucy Kutchaka (Nunavik Hockey), Yanniapik Cain, the local physical education teacher (who is driving many of the events and programs in the community), Tyler MacDonald, Ungava Coast Prevention Officer with Nunavik Police Services, the Town Manager and Billy Cain (Executive Member of Regional Council and Mayor of Tasiujaq).

Kangisujjuaq

Aysa Bakir and Emile Maheu visited Kangisujjuaq from January 21-24.

Meetings were held with the Secretary-Treasurer, the Mayor, Local Recreation Coordinator, Lucy Kadjulik, Animators and arena staff on equipment, facility and programming deficits, summer camps and funding applications.

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