



## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### ACTIVITY REPORT DECEMBER 2021 TO FEBRUARY 2022

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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.

#### **RECREATION FUNDING AND STAFFING**

The KRG Recreation Department is currently working with our Legal Department and the Government of Quebec on a new multi-year funding agreement. The contract, "SC-53867-PAFIRL", spans the period from 2021 to 2024 and originates from the Ministry of Education.

The Recreation Department is presently recruiting a new Recreation Coordinator and a Recreation Technical Assistance and Development Advisor. This will bring the Department up to a full complement of seven staff.

#### **ARCTIC WINTER GAMES**

The Wood Buffalo Arctic Winter Games are due to be held January 29th to February 4th 2023. The host society website - [awg2023.org](http://awg2023.org) - has been updated to reflect changes to plans from 2022 and accommodate constant updates for 2023.

On January 20<sup>th</sup> representatives from all team contingents attended an all day "M1" video conference. During normal - pre-covid - times the "M1" typically involves a four day visit to the host region and tour of the facilities for leaders of each team, the Host Society and the Arctic Winter Games International Committee.

Prior to the video conference, each contingent had received a 290 page M1 Report and internet links to videos of venues. Features of the M1 included:

1. Review of multiple venues – arenas, gymnasiums, community centres, schools - and technical specifications for each sport
2. Care and Comfort: Athlete Services, Transportation, Food Service, Medical Services.
3. Opening and Closing Ceremonies and Cultural Events during the games.
4. Covid: open discussion on pandemic protocols

Recreation staff are now preparing documentation and guidance required by LRC's in anticipation of community tryouts, coastal tryouts and the final regional trials to qualify Team Nunavik athletes for the 2023 Arctic Winter Games.

Development camps and qualification/elimination events will be delivered on a themed basis as follows:

1. Arctic Sports and Dene Games
2. Table Tennis and Badminton

### 3. Snowshoe

#### **CIRQINIQ - SOCIAL CIRCUS DELIVERY**

Since the progressive shutdown of communities due to the Omicron variant, the Recreation Department has held regular discussions with Cirqiniq and Cirque Hors Piste. Events scheduled for late 2021 now look set to occur in late March and early April 2022. Recreation staff are considering a number of options to alleviate travel, facility and accommodation challenges.

- The major “Professional Development and Cultural Exchange” postponed in November and driven by Cirque Hors Piste is being targeted for April in Kuujjuaq or another suitable community.

#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL RECREATION COORDINATORS**

KRG Recreation staff now have access to “PLAYBuilder” a cloud-based resource which provides videos, lesson plans and programming ideas for children and youth. After staff “Onboarding” sessions by Sport for Life tutors additional access codes will be provided to local recreation departments.

Staff are keeping open communication with Local Recreation Coordinators with a view to reopening throughout the region.

#### **GRANT: 2020-2021 SPORTS PARTICIPATION PROJECT - GRASSROOTS SPORT**

The Recreation Department, Nunavik Volleyball and Nunavik Soccer continue to collaborate on purchases and expenses related to the Sports Participation Project grant..

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