



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ACTIVITY REPORT MARCH TO MAY 2022

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 has confirmed funding from the Government of Quebec of an outdoor physical activity initiatives grant to the value of \$10,000. The funding agreement was approved by the Executive Committee by way of Resolution # 2022-156 on May 4, 2022. This is a new multi-year program being established by the ministère de l'Éducation. It is hoped that larger amounts of money will follow once the format is evaluated and proven.

The Recreation Department has recruited Emma Cain as a Recreation Coordinator and Aysa Bakir as a Recreation Technical Assistance and Development Advisor. Penina Chamberland, Recreation Technical Assistance and Development Advisor, resigned from her position and ended her work with the department on April 29, 2022. The vacant position will be advertised as soon as possible

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

The Wood Buffalo Arctic Winter Games (AWG) are due to be held January 29th to February 4th 2023. The host society website is awg2023.org – Alaska 2024 phase one of website will go live at the end of May 2022.

Key items currently involved:

- a. Arrival and Departure (flight) plans have to be confirmed with the host society by their May 13 deadline.
- b. A series of videoconference 'Culture Meetings' between designated representatives of teams and the host society is due to begin soon. Rebecca Leonard of the KRG Cirqiniq social circus program will represent Team Nunavik.
- c. The Coach application process is underway. Coaches, both male and female, are required for Arctic Sports, Dene Games, Badminton, Table Tennis and Snowshoe. The Cultural contingent recruitment is dealt with separately.

Coaches will be encouraged join Team Nunavik - where possible - for both the Alberta 2023 Games and for Alaska 2024. It is believed that a stable and consistent support team over a longer term – given the close proximity of these 2 events - would offer better support and efficiencies to our athletes.

The Department participated in AWG Chef meetings on March 4, April 1 and May 6 and in the AWG Technical Committee meetings that occurred on March 25 and April 8.

The local AWG tryouts have been taking place since March 24, 2022. The following communities that have hosted these events so far (as of May 6, 2022):

1. Kangiqsualujjuaq - Elia Lauzon & Vanita Emudluk (LRC). Dates: March 25 to 27.
2. Ivujivik - Uttuqi Tukkiapik, Penina Chamberland & Paula Angiyou (LRC). Dates: March 28 to 31.
3. Puvirnituaq - Uttuqi Tukkiapik, Aysa Bakir & Suasie and Mikayla (LRC). Dates: April 10 to 14.
4. Inukjuak - Aloupa Epoo (Local Recreation Coordinator) & Aftab Khan (Coach/KI). Dates: March 24 to April 12.
5. Salluit - Uttuqi Tukkiapik and Aysa Bakir & Adamie Saviadjuk (ex-LRC) on behalf of NV Dates: May 2 to May 5.
6. Ivujivik - Uttuqi Tukkiapik, Penina Chamberland & Paula Angiyou (LRC). Dates: March 27 to 30.

Kuujjuaq is scheduled for May 9 and May 11 (Table Tennis and Badminton). Arctic Sports, Dene Games and Snowshoe will take place later in May - weather permitting.

Elia Lauzon and Emma Cain will assist and take care of Tasiujaq, Kangirsuk, Quaqtuaq and Aupaluk during the week of May 8 to 13.

Vanessa Aragutak (RTADA) will facilitate and support try-outs in the remaining communities when she returns to work on May 10.

Note: Different sports were set for different weekends.

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 were rescheduled with additional events occurring in:

1. Aupaluk - April 6-19
2. Kangirsuk - March 14-27
3. Kuujjuaq - April 8-21
4. Kuujjuaraapik camp was moved to Inukjuak due to community closure during covid outbreak. Completed in Inukjuak, April 20
5. Ivujivik April - 11-24
6. Puvirnituaq March - 14-27

Recreation staff responded quickly to a number of challenges, including travel delays, difficulties with accommodation and the COVID outbreak in communities.

The major "Professional Development and Cultural Exchange" postponed in November and driven and (mostly) financed by Cirque Hors Piste is taking place from May 14 to May 24 in Montreal. Nine youth from across Nunavik will benefit from the training.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL RECREATION COORDINATORS

KRG Recreation staff and recreation practitioners from local communities are due to attend the 2022 Sport for Life Summit in Iqaluit, Nunavut from May 26 to May 31.

- In addition to the summit, 5 to 7 participants from Nunavik are due to be trained in the Aboriginal Coaching Modules “Intro and Part 1” – a quality certification course which is also required for coaches attending the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG).

GRANT: 2020-2021 SPORTS PARTICIPATION PROJECT AND EXTENSIONS

The Department and Nunavik Volleyball and Nunavik Soccer continue to collaborate on purchases and expenses related to the Sports Participation Project grant. Due to lockdowns in Nunavik and supply problems, the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission (CSSSPNQL) has extended the deadline significantly on the two programs. A final report is due from both organizations on May 31 with any unspent monies deferred to allow them to complete their respective projects in 2022.

In addition, approximately \$90,000 has been awarded to KRG by CSSSPNQL as an extension of this agreement. The monies, spread over two fiscal years will initially go towards purchasing equipment for recreation departments in communities. Recreation staff will discuss with Local Recreation Coordinators in the Northern Villages on any specific requests. Total gains for the region would amount to approximately \$175,000 with discussions of more grants to come.

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