



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ACTIVITY REPORT JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2021

Mandate

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

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

On August 23, 2021, the Chefs de Mission from all nine contingents met as part of the new Arctic Winter Games Technical Committee.

The formation of the Technical Committee composed of each of the Chef de Mission of all nine contingents, is designed to provide recommendations to the Arctic Winter Games International Committee that better reflects the needs of athletes, coaches and team contingents.

The first recommendation from the Technical Committee is a comprehensive outline and review of all age categories for the Wood Buffalo Arctic Winter Games due to be held in January and February 2023.

Once the decision on age categories is ratified by the International Committee, Team Nunavik will commence development camps in communities throughout the region.

It is anticipated that development camps will be delivered on a themed basis as follows:

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

Tom Phillips, Chef de Mission for Team Nunavik and Regional Recreation Director, will act as Nunavik representative on the AWG Technical Committee.

CIRQINIQ - SOCIAL CIRCUS DELIVERY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As of 14 June, 2021, the changes to quarantine requirements related to Covid-19 allowed for the reintroduction of Cirqiniq Instructors to travel from the south to Nunavik. Cirqiniq Fall Tour 2021 Camps were set up for:

- i. Kangirsuk – August 16 to August 29
- ii. Umiujaq – August 14 to August 27

A meeting between KRG Recreation staff and Cirqiniq representatives on September 6 will define more camps throughout the region and plan for a professional development opportunity in Kuujuaq for Junior Instructors in early November.

Other events in the Cirqiniq calendar include:

- a. Tiilu Ilimasaut, a Junior Instructor from Kangiqsujuaq, being chosen to represent Nunavik at the Cirkaskina Conference in St John's, Newfoundland, from September 22 to September 29.
- b. An article featuring Cirqiniq and KRG due to be published in Above and Beyond magazine, Canada's Arctic Journal and the inflight magazine for Canadian North.
- c. A research study being conducted by the University of Guelph on youth experiences and inter-cultural performance. All research activities are coordinated by Dr. Ajay Heble and David Lane. This study will be addressed further at the professional development camp scheduled for the first week of November 2021

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – STAFF, LEADERSHIP AND LRC TRAINING

Lea Wiens, a Sport Consultant for Sport for Life and Facilitator for Canadian Women and Sport delivered a number of professional development sessions for both KRG Recreation staff and Recreation Coordinators from Northern Villages from July 18 through to July 23.

In attendance were:

- Ryan Angatookalook (Kuujjuaraapik)
- Jimmy Emudluk (Kangiqsualujjuaq)
- Emma Kasudluak (Inukjuak)
- Kaitlyn Patterson and Keera Taylor (Kuujjuaq)
- Penina Chamberland, Elia Lauzon, Uttuqi Tukkiapik, Vanessa Aragutak (KRG)

Held in Kuujjuaq, the sessions covered gender equity issues, the history of recreation and physical activity in Nunavik, physical literacy and fundamental movement skills, discussions with Inuit in Nunavut, and an introduction to "PLAYBuilder" a cloud-based resource which provides videos, lessons plans and programming ideas for children and youth.

In addition, four video interviews were held as part of the ongoing Sport for Life grant project in Kuujjuaraapik. Filmed by Edson Maruyama (Communications Dept., KRG), interviews were conducted with: Ryan Angatookalook, Vanessa Aragutak, Susie Gordon (Loan Officer, KRG) and Tom Phillips.

As a result of the sessions:

- i. KRG Recreation staff were awarded 5 access codes to Women and Sport's gender equity program "Same Game Challenge" –one of only 10 organizations across Canada to be awarded access. After completing some preliminary tasks the recreation staff will attend a national "Onboarding" session on Tuesday August 24.
- ii. 10 free access codes for "PLAYbuilder" should be secured for Nunavik: when obtained, they will be used in recreation departments across the region, and mentored by KRG staff as Local Recreation Coordinator Training.

GRANT: 2020-2021 SPORTS PARTICIPATION PROJECT - GRASSROOTS SPORT

As part of the administrative support to the grant project, 8 orders were placed during the week of August 16 to August 23 for soccer equipment to the approximate value of \$15,000. The shipments will be delivered to Kangirsuk, Salluit and Kuujjuaq.

Children's soccer will be offered as an after-school program beginning in early September.

Moving forward, soccer will place immediate emphasis on coach education in the communities through online courses.

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