



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ACTIVITY REPORT MARCH TO MAY 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

After a series of twice-weekly meetings throughout March involving the Arctic Winter Games International Committee, the AWG 2022 Host Society and the nine team contingents, two issues related to the COVID pandemic and uncertainty about future games were resolved.

1. On March 31, 2021, The Arctic Winter Games International Committee (AWGIC) announced January 29 to February 4, 2023 as the rescheduled dates for the Wood Buffalo Arctic Winter Games.
2. On April 29, 2021, the AWGIC confirmed the 2024 games for Matanuska-Susitna, Alaska, USA.

In addition to the confirmation of the Games to take place in 2023, there will be a current review of all 35 age categories and all 20 sports included in the games. A newly formed Technical Committee representing team contingents will work with the AWGIC to clearly redefine age categories, included sports, and make recommendations on Safe Sport policies to move the competition forward.

Based on the recommendations from the AWGIC regarding Safe Sport (liability/abuse protocols) and new age categories, Team Nunavik will resume plans for Arctic Sports, Dene Games, Badminton, Snowshoe and Table Tennis in the near future. Plans would include opportunities for coach and athlete development, education for officials, and an assessment of equipment used in our communities.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – STAFF, LEADERSHIP AND LRC TRAINING

1. Developing Leader Series (DLS) - North Level 1

From funding provided by Canadian Sport for Life, Tom Phillips, KRG Recreation Director, Ryan Angatookalook and Tylor Natachequan from Kuujuaaraapik recreation department attended the newly designed Developing Leader Series (DLS) - North Level 1, including:

- i. Leadership Style (INSIGHT),
- ii. Communications and Influence,
- iii. Setting Objectives and,
- iv. Managing Conflict.

Participants on this course hailed from British Columbia, Alberta, Nunavut and Nunavik. Based on our evaluation and feedback this course format may be extended to include other Local Recreation Coordinators in the Fall.

2. Professional development – Northern specific needs (to be determined)

KRG Recreation is also in discussion with Lea Wiens and Greg Henhawk, sport consultants with Sport For Life, on adapting course content and utilizing their respective skills as Facilitators for professional development in the region. Subject matter would target northern specific needs. Both facilitators currently support programs and education in Nunavut and the North West Territories.

The Coaching Association of Canada has some free web-based online courses available to help with decision making and addressing challenges to community groups that have emerged during the pandemic.

1. SafeSport
2. Mental Health and Sport
3. Leading a Return to Sport Participation (in times of COVID)

All three short courses have been accessed and completed by the KRG Recreation Department employees and are being highly recommended to Local Recreation Coordinators given the current implications for sport and recreation programs by the pandemic. LRC's who express an interest in these courses can be mentored by our staff.

ENGAGING YOUTH WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES – SUPPORTING NV's

From early March through to late April, KRG Recreation Staff visited communities to assist Local Recreation Coordinators and Northern Villages with the delivery and support to coastal/regional mini hockey tournaments catering to Midget and Bantam players in Nunavik.

The events were:

- # 1 - Hudson Strait Mini Tournament - Competition Venue: Salluit
Dates: March 3-10, 2021 Participants: 50 Bantam, 48 Midget
KRG support to LRC: Uttuqi Tukkiapik, Penina Chamberland (2)
- # 2 - Hudson Coast Mini Tournament - Competition Venue: Umiujaq
Dates: March 17-23, 2021 Participants: 51 Bantam, 46 Midget
KRG support to LRC: Elia Lauzon, Alec Clunas, Vanessa Aragutak (3), + Tom Phillips
- # 3 - Ungava Bay Mini Tournament - Competition Venue: Kangiqsujaq
Dates: March 31-April 5 Participants: 42 Bantam, 54 Midget
KRG support to LRC: Vanessa Aragutak, Alec Clunas, Elia Lauzon (3)
- # 4 - Finals of Mini Tournaments - Competition Venue: Kangiqsujaq
Dates: April 13-20, 2021 Participants 52 Bantam, 49 Midget
KRG support to LRC: Elia Lauzon, Alec Clunas, Vanessa Aragutak, Penina Chamberland, Uttuqi Tukkiapik (5)

In addition to the 4 minor hockey competitions the Nuvuk Cup 2021 for adults took place at Salluit Arena from April 29-May 2. Five teams competed: Salluit x 2, Kuujuaq, Kangiqsujaq and Tasiujaq. Two KRG Recreation staff, Uttuqi Tukkiapik and Penina Chamberland provided on-site technical support to the Salluit Recreation Department.

GRANT: 2020-2021 SPORTS PARTICIPATION PROJECT - GRASSROOTS SPORT

At the time of writing Nunavik Volleyball had completed a tour of the region as stated in the grant application, but we are still waiting a final report.

Nunavik Soccer supplied a comprehensive report to KRG Recreation which included some highlights listed below:

1. Soccer Training activities have resumed in all three villages (Salluit, Kangirsuk, & Kuujjuaq) despite occasional loss of facilities due to reconstruction and COVID-protocols;
2. There are ongoing discussions with a new program in the region, Agir Tôt (Act Early), for the resumption of MultiSport activities (to be accommodated within the soccer framework);
3. Adult Recreational Futsal: After almost two years of inactivity since March 2019, the adult recreation futsal program resumed in the local Forum in Kuujjuaq in early 2021, as schools remain closed to public activities;
4. Thanks to support from KI, some local coaches participated in PHE Canada's National Virtual Conference (February 16-April 15, 2021) addressing issues of Indigenous and holistic approaches to physical education and sport. Future training for coaches will include sport specific video analysis as well as typical technical and theory content.

CIRQINIQ - SOCIAL CIRCUS DELIVERY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

From March 24-29 local Junior Instructors in the Cirqiniq program attended a 4 day online gathering broadcast across Canada. Based at the Kuujjuaq Theatre, 4 staff supported the professional development of 7 Junior Instructors throughout the weekend

Online meetings between the Recreation department and Senior Instructors for Cirqiniq on the 5th of May led to discussions on:

- a. Renewing equipment and stock in Northern Villages in anticipation of future camps and workshops;
- b. Continued support for the delivery of local workshops in communities led by Junior Instructors, and mentored by Senior Instructors based in Montreal.
- c. Tentative plans for a summer camp in August - dependent upon covid protocols at that time - and further professional development in September.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Alec Clunas, Recreation Coordinator left the department at the end of April after many years of service.

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