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ED Report - Sport North Annual General Meeting  
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I would like to start by thanking the Board, TSO's and SNF Staff for their dedication in moving Sport Forward. Now that Covid restrictions have been lifted, I am heartened with the fact that we will be able to meet in person. Being together is beneficial to share information. The coffee breaks also seem to generate some healthy discussion and it will be nice to see everyone together again.

Please find below a summary of the Federation's progress this year.

#### WCLC Funding Agreement

The 2023-2026 WCLC – Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation Fund Letter was sent to MACA – SRY, on March 1st.

The document centers on the programs in the 2020-2023 Application and allowed SNF the opportunity to provide an outline of Sport North Programs and Services for the 2023 - 2026 annual contribution of \$800,000.00 of WCL – Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation Fund.

#### Games Games Games

The Staff and TSO's have had a full schedule of Multi-Sport Games since the last AGM. The 2022 Canada Summer Games August 6-21 in the Niagara Region, the 2023 AWG's January 29- February 5 in Wood Buffalo, AB. and finally, the 2023 Canada Winter Games February 18 – March 5, in PEI. Right



around the corner are the 2024 AWG's March 10-16 in Matsu-Borough, Alaska. The AWG TSO's met May 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the '23 AWG's and ideas on the 2024 AWG Territorial Trials selection process and hosting sites. The Games are right around the corner so early planning is critical in ensuing Team NT is prepared. Lastly with the 2024 AWG's, please inform your athletes/Coaches to have their passports updated as we always seem to have participants sitting on pins and needles, waiting for their documents.

I would like to thank the TSO's and sport/host committees for their efforts throughout the year. We always learn something new with these events and continue to look at ways to ensure the preparation, selection and delivery of Team NT is successful and Athlete Centered.

#### Multisport Games Manual

As a reminder, on December 10, 2021, MACA distributed the first draft of the Multi-Sport Games Manual and requested feedback from the TSO's.

The purpose of the Manual is to have policies in place for all those involved in any of the Major Games Team NT participates in (Arctic Winter Games, Canada Games, North American Indigenous Games).

The Multi-Sport Games Committee hopes to share draft two with the TSO's with a goal to implement the Manual for the 2025 Canada Summer Games.

#### SNF Strategic Plan

The Federation contracted C. Sparks Consulting (Caroline Sparks) to lead the Board in creating the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan. Work began October '22 with the SNF Staff and Board initiating discussion and navigating through the Strategic Planning World. Since our first meeting, Caroline has met several times with Staff and Board, ending with a Strategic Planning



session April 14-16 in Inuvik. All SNF Board Members and Staff were in attendance, and the exchange was valuable. Immediately after the planning session in Inuvik, TSO's received a survey on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The feedback from the TSO's will be useful in creating the Strategic Plan. Caroline will be providing an overview of the final version this weekend.

### Coaching

Rita manages the Coaching Program and offers a variety of opportunities for NWT's Coaching community.

The following sessions will be offered either virtually, in-person or via home study this year:

- A Path to Reconciliation in Sport
- Coach Developer/Co-Delivery Training
- Concussions – What Coaches and Their Teams Need to Know
- Concussions in Sport
- Covid Vaccination Policy and FAQ's
- Covid-19 & Vaccinations: Legal Considerations
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Feedback is Fertilizer, and Sometimes it Stinks
- Fundamental Movement Skills
- Gender Equity LENS e-learning
- Indicators of a Healthy Sport Organization
- Managing Through Crisis
- NCCP Basic Mental Skills
- NCCP Design a Basic Sport Program
- NCCP Developing Athletic Abilities
- NCCP Make Ethical Decisions
- NCCP Manage a Sport Program
- NCCP Managing Conflict
- NCCP Mentorship
- NCCP Planning a Practice
- NCCP Prevention and Recovery
- NCCP Psychology of Performance
- NCCP Teaching & Learning
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- Safe Sport: A Common Goal, a Shared Responsibility
- Sport Leadership Conference – one free registration for each TSO
- Trailblazers Webinar
- Understanding & Supporting 2SLGBTQ+ Communities

### Special Projects

SNF takes on Special Projects with the objective of ensuring that there is a direct OR indirect benefit to the TSO. Spider leads most of SNF's Special Projects and his work in this area is to be commended. Below is a summary of what's transpired in this area over the year:

**Common Vision – Breaking the Cycle** Version 3, targeting kindergarten and Jr. kindergarten teachers to widen their skill set to include purposefully establishing physical literacy foundations amongst their students included.

- NWT Teachers Association Conference trade show engagement alongside Aurora College Early Childhood Educators, followed with a *Being, Belonging, Becoming* online professional development webinar, and subsequent Community of Practice (CoP) inline sessions targeting shared challenges.
- Beaufort Delta Early Years Active Play professional development – in person Inuvik Active Play workshop widely attended by Jr. K/K teachers, with program monies being used to fly in and accommodate remote participants.
- In-person staff support at the Tuktoyaktuk Child Development Centre

**National LGBTQ Sport Inclusion Task Force & National Parasport Collective** – ongoing SNF representation

**National Indigenous Day (June 21<sup>st</sup>)** –light standard banners produced, then graciously erected for free by the City of Yellowknife, displaying **Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action for Sport.**



**Canadian Women in Sport – Gender Equity pilot orchestration with** participation by NWT Soccer, and scheduled subsequent engagement by Speed Skating NWT, NWT Softball, NWT Kayak Association and NWT Squash... in turn supporting gender equity obligations obliged of TSOs by MACA and backing up the GNWT to meet its Red Deer Accord obligations around gender equity.

**2023 SNF Sport Leadership Summit (online)** – featuring TSO top-of-mind topics:

- Safe(guarding) Sport Environments: What every sport participant needs to know.
- Increasing Sport Participation
- ‘Mental Health Is Our Sport’
- Leading Culture Change

... featuring Canadian renown subject matter experts with NWT sport leaders offering *on-the-ground* perspectives.

### Coming this Season

**She Leads by Sport** – Girls in the Game Coach Training: Strategies to Build Self Esteem and Engage Young Females in Sport (webinar June 2023)

**Reaching Each and Everyone** - Delivering Muslim sensitive sport programming, creating welcoming and inclusive LGBTQ sports environments, working with newcomer communities in creating strategies to grow recreational sport participation (October 2023) ... Collaborating with individuals from underrepresented and marginalized communities, Sport North with guided facilitation by industry leader Sarah Gallsworthy will plan and host an interactive gathering and discussion panel, with a follow up day of strategic planning and next steps.



**Inspire Through Sport** ( <https://www.inspirethroughsport.com/> ) – Awaiting GNWT Status of Women Funding Confirmation; A leadership development program targeting teenage female athletes looking to develop their skills in life, sport, and coaching. Participants will experience and develop qualities associated with a positive, motivating, inspiring leader as well as be trained at the introductory coaching level of their respective sport.

**Forging Men of Character** <https://jamesleath.mykajabi.com/forging-men-of-character> webinar hosted by James Heath targeting young men around respecting girls and women.

### Communication & Marketing

We were pleased to publish the TSO Presidents Handbook that can be found on the Sport North website: <https://www.sportnorth.com/about/sport-north-federation-presidents-handbook-territorial-sport-organizations> . This is a good document for onboarding new TSO Executive members and provides an overview of SNF's programs and services.

Regarding Sponsorships, we have renewed our agreements with Canadian North, NorthwTel and Nova Hotels. We hope that you take advantage of the benefits from the Travel and accommodations rates provided.

### KidSport

Tyler has been working with the KidSport Committee streamlining applications and processes to promote the program throughout the NWT. We have seen an increase in individual and equipment applications since Covid measures have been lifted. The committee increased the funding allocation from \$300 to \$500 to assist applicants with more financial resources. The 2nd Annual Roger Walker KidSport Golf Tournament will be



held July 7th at the Yellowknife Golf Club. We hope that you can join us for a great day of golf and dinner to raise funds.

I would like to thank the KidSport Committee members; Sheena Jensen, Kim Poulter, Dolphus Nitsiza, Dianne Beck, and Thorsten Gohl. Your work on the committee is appreciated and respected.

Closing Remarks

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my report to the TSO membership. I look forward to working with you in implementing the programs, services and projects outlined in the 2023-28 SNF Strategic Plan.

Last and definitely not least, Thank You for Volunteering!

Yours in Sport,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Othmer", is written in a cursive style.

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