



**SPORTNORTH**  
FEDERATION

# Annual Report

2012-2013



# MINISTER'S MESSAGE

As the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs in the Northwest Territories (NWT), I would like to recognize Sport North and its member Territorial Sport Organizations for the work they have done over the last year to help northerners lead healthier lives. Your efforts to develop and support sport and recreation opportunities in the NWT ensure that northerners have many available options when choosing to lead active lives.

In *Believing in People and Building on the Strengths of Northerners*, Members of the 17th Legislative Assembly committed to working to improve the health and well-being of all NWT residents. One important way that people can improve their health is by taking part in regular physical activity. The sport and recreation programs that you and our other partners support provide northerners with opportunities to lead healthier lives.

I would like to thank the many volunteers who contribute their time, talent and energy to the recreation and sport system. The work you do is important to the growth of the system and our efforts to build healthier communities.

I would also like to wish the best to the athletes, coaches and officials who will represent the NWT in the coming year.

There has been much discussion over the past year about how we can continue to work together to meet the recreation and sport needs of NWT residents. As we move forward, we will be challenged to find ways to further develop an effective and integrated recreation and sport system. I would like to encourage Sport North, its member organizations and our other partners to continue with us in shaping a better system for the future.

Thank you



Robert C. McLeod  
Minister, Municipal and Community Affairs



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We in the Northwest Territories are blessed to have a cadre of volunteers who are so committed to provide opportunities in sport for people of all ages and localities. I am proud to be a part of this extraordinary community.

While the focus of the Federation is on sport, we recognize that other organizations are involved in recreation and related activities. We have made an effort to keep the lines of communication with these entities open. To that end, the Federation has had ongoing discussions on issues of mutual concern with the Sport and Recreation Council (SRC), Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) and with other partner organizations. We recognize the contribution of our partner organizations, and will continue to play our part to work together with other stakeholders to foster a real spirit of inclusiveness and sector harmony. The Board has started the process for developing our next strategic plan, which has and will continue to involve the input of all of our Territorial Sport Organizations (TSOs).

We are proud of the achievements of our athletes, both young and old. As you know, Sport North is trying to exemplify the Canadian Sport for Life (CS4L) philosophy by being inclusive of the needs of northern athletes of all ages. We are also pleased that many of our programs are enhancing opportunities for the young people in our 33 northern communities. The KidSport™ NWT program continues to grow and assists families with financial need to enable their children to participate in sport. We are proud that our TSOs reach out to youth in communities large and small. I congratulate the active seniors, who serve as positive role models for the ideal of keeping active throughout life. The Federation continues to strive for an environment that ensures opportunities in sport for all residents of the NWT.

We have TSOs, a staff and a Board with extensive experience, spirit, industry and passion. Together, we will work with continued diligence to enhance the opportunities for participation and achievement in sport for people of all ages and locations through the NWT.

*Richard W. Daitch*

Richard Daitch  
President, Sport North Federation

# MISSION AND VISION

**Mission:** Sport North represents the Territorial Sport Organizations of the Northwest Territories. We are dedicated to the development of sport at every level of participation in the Northwest Territories.

**Vision:** Sport North Federation will be the recognized leader in sport development and will ensure that opportunities in sport, based on fair play, are accessible to all residents of the NWT.

# OUR VALUES

At Sport North, we value:

**Integrity**

Applying our policies and procedures in a consistent, fair and transparent manner.

**Responsibility**

Meeting our obligations to our members and partners.

**Fairness**

Free from bias, dishonesty or injustice.

**Honesty**

The quality of being truthful and trustworthy.

**Respect**

Reflecting the values which we seek to instill in our children and youth.

**Excellence**

Demonstrating high standards in all areas of our organization.

**Responsibility**

Something for which one is responsible; a duty, obligation or burden.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Richard Daitch, President  
Fort Smith

Abe Theil, Past President  
Yellowknife

Tim VanOverliw, Marketing Chairperson  
Yellowknife

Diane Baxter, Games Chairperson  
Inuvik

James Wong, Finance Chairperson  
Yellowknife

Elaine Keenan-Bengts  
Yellowknife

Les Skinner  
Inuvik

Ryan Fequet  
Yellowknife

Maureen Miller  
Yellowknife

Theresa Ross  
Inuvik

Sport North's main goals closely resemble the four pillars of the Canadian Sport System: enhanced capacity, enhanced interaction, enhanced excellence and enhanced participation.

Our accomplishments in fulfilling these goals this year are depicted in the following pages.

## ENHANCED CAPACITY

Sport North facilitates the technical development of athletes, coaches and officials through the support of the Excel NT program, clinics for athletes, coaches and officials, Rising Star, Sport North scholarships and the KidSport™ program. This year, six coaching courses were held by Sport North, with 113 coaching events by our Territorial Sport Organizations. Twenty-seven Territorial Sport Organizations provided development opportunities for over 25,000 participants in 714 events (i.e. athlete, coach and official clinics and competitions). Forty-three athletes were supported by the Rising Star program, eight Sport North scholarships were distributed and over \$25,000 was distributed to 104 KidSport™ kids from 12 communities.

By developing cost-effective partnerships with the private sector, Sport North has continued to be able to align programs and events with corporate clients.

Sport North has also resumed their partnership with Top of the World Travel, Coast Fraser Towers and Northwestel.

To enhance organization and technical capacity within the NWT sport community, Sport North introduced the Annual NWT Sport Hall of Fame to recognize and celebrate our sport volunteers, coaches and athletes that have made a profound impact to the North. The inaugural year saw 12 athletes and one builder be inducted in to the Hall of Fame. Congratulations to Sharon and Shirley Firth, Stuart Hodgson and the 1967 Centennial Voyageurs. Sport North also continues to recognize through the Sport North Awards program.



Inuvik Curling Club Junior Ladies – Inuvik Team of the Year

# ENHANCED INTERACTION

After returning from the 2012 Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse, YT, Sport North has been gearing up for the 2013 Canada Summer Games in Sherbrooke, QC, in August. Sport North has been working with the Territorial Sport Organizations to develop and prepare all members of Team NWT travelling to the Games. Team NWT will be participating in Athletics, Basketball (Men's), Beach Volleyball, Golf, Soccer (Men's) and Swimming.

Also this year, the Sport North Federation represented the NWT at the national level with representation on national organizations (KidSport, Coaching Association of Canada, Canada Games Council and Western Canada Games Council) as well as continuing our membership and commitment to the Canadian Council of Provincial and Territorial Sport Federation and National Sport Trust Fund. With monthly newsletters and regular news releases to communicate events and member successes, Sport North has heightened public relations for the organization and its members, while providing our Members of the Legislative Assembly with continuous contact.



# ENHANCED EXCELLENCE

To be a model sport organization, Sport North has worked over the past year to review the current organizational structure and operations, ensure program alignment with our mission and values, assemble annual planning meetings to keep the Board up-to-date, while providing substantive value to our members and administer programs in the most cost-effective manner.

Sport North provides financial services to the Aboriginal Sport Circle of NWT, NWT Sport and Recreation Council and NWT Lotteries as well as contributes funding to staff positions for the Territorial Sport Organizations accessing the TSO Support Program.

Sport North has started on upgrading and revamping the current Sport North website to provide the members and public with an enhanced hub of information, while integrating Sport North's social media portals (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube). The website continues to receive regular updates throughout the year to keep members and the public aware of events and sport initiatives within the NWT and beyond.



# ENHANCED PARTICIPATION

Participation in sport has been an emphasis for the Sport North Federation this year, with focus on developing community athletes. Our Territorial Sport Organizations have provided many clinics and development camps for our 33 communities to enhance the development of our community athletes at the upcoming Canada Summer Games.

Through the commitment to the long-term athlete development model and the Canada Sport for Life initiatives, Sport North has been able to identify gaps within its organization as well as start to identify gaps throughout the NWT sport sector.

To ensure participation in sport, Sport North has continually promoted a greater integration between school sports and other organized sports by hosting player, coach and official development clinics and supporting school athletics in their pursuit of territory-wide tournaments.



**Paul Shearme – Yellowknife**  
Ruth Inch Memorial Contributor to Sport



**James McCarthy – Yellowknife**  
Dennis Crane Memorial – Official of the Year



**Paul Stipdonk – Fort Simpson**  
Delma Kisoun Memorial – Community Contributor



## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Sport North Federation

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Sport North Federation, which comprise the statements of financial position as at March 31, 2013, March 31, 2012 and April 1, 2011, and the statements of revenues and expenditures, members equity and cash flows for the years ended March 31, 2013 and March 31, 2012, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sport North Federation as at March 31, 2013, March 31, 2012 and April 1, 2011, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years ended March 31, 2013 and March 31, 2012 in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

### Other Matter

The financial statements of Sport North Federation for the year ended March 31, 2012, were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements on May 16, 2012.



Ashton Chartered Accountants  
Hay River, Northwest Territories  
May 24, 2013

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

March 31, 2013

	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash (Note 4)	1,421,535	1,348,619
Investments	250,642	-
Accounts receivable	252,193	323,696
Due from related parties (Note 17)	86,442	117,397
Due from government agencies	88	18,279
Prepaid expenses	17,105	3,941
Inventory	1,567	1,606
	<b>2,029,572</b>	<b>1,813,538</b>
<b>Capital assets (Note 6)</b>	<b>4,607</b>	<b>7,862</b>
<b>Investment in Lex Borealis Ltd. (Note 5)</b>	<b>928,939</b>	<b>929,098</b>
	<b>2,963,118</b>	<b>\$ 2,750,498</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable	27,088	142,377
Wages payable	95,082	101,530
Due to related parties (Note 17)	284,913	274,888
Deferred revenue (Note 8)	1,072,592	678,097
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 18)	99,208	95,523
	<b>1,578,883</b>	<b>1,292,415</b>
<b>Long-term debt (Note 17)</b>	<b>166,254</b>	<b>265,444</b>
<b>Accrued termination benefits (Note 18)</b>	<b>168,405</b>	<b>151,083</b>
	<b>1,913,542</b>	<b>1,708,942</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
General fund	887,771	838,306
Restricted fund	139,098	180,543
Reserves (Note 16)	22,707	22,707
	<b>1,049,576</b>	<b>1,041,556</b>
	<b>2,963,118</b>	<b>2,750,498</b>

On behalf of the Board

  
Director

On behalf of the Board

  
Director

See notes to financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Year ended March 31, 2013	Budget 2013 (unaudited) \$	Actual 2013 \$	Actual 2012 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Contribution – SRC	1,837,256	<b>1,666,729</b>	1,589,634
Lottery Operations ( <i>Schedule 2</i> )	78,000	<b>76,195</b>	125,540
	1,915,256	<b>1,742,924</b>	1,715,174
Administration ( <i>Schedule 3</i> )	168,500	<b>167,527</b>	182,003
Board & Committees ( <i>Schedule 4</i> )	4,785	<b>4,643</b>	4,152
Coaching ( <i>Schedule 6</i> )	3,750	<b>1,520</b>	1,980
KidSport ( <i>Schedule 7</i> )	51,800	<b>29,301</b>	30,146
Programs ( <i>Schedule 8</i> )	89,567	<b>149,543</b>	126,537
Games ( <i>Schedule 9</i> )	61,000	<b>39,574</b>	1,509,193
	379,402	<b>392,108</b>	1,854,011
	2,294,658	<b>2,135,032</b>	3,569,185
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Games</b>			
Arctic Winter Games ( <i>Schedule 10</i> )	-	<b>14,810</b>	1,132,254
Canada Summer Games ( <i>Schedule 11</i> )	-	<b>18,027</b>	-
Canada Winter Games ( <i>Schedule 12</i> )	-	-	(11,739)
Western Canada Summer Games ( <i>Schedule 13</i> )	-	-	220,467
Canada 55+ Games ( <i>Schedule 14</i> )	61,000	<b>33,448</b>	2,309
Total expenditures, Games ( <i>Schedule 9</i> )	61,000	<b>66,285</b>	1,343,291
<b>Other</b>			
Administration ( <i>Schedule 3</i> )	353,150	<b>224,313</b>	471,163
Board & Committees ( <i>Schedule 4</i> )	142,161	<b>130,589</b>	96,571
Financial Assistance ( <i>Schedule 5</i> )	758,500	<b>752,650</b>	742,516
Coaching ( <i>Schedule 6</i> )	53,750	<b>35,348</b>	45,289
KidSport ( <i>Schedule 7</i> )	146,850	<b>130,503</b>	37,175
Programs ( <i>Schedule 8</i> )	779,247	<b>772,590</b>	553,334
	2,294,658	<b>2,112,278</b>	3,289,339
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>	-	<b>22,754</b>	279,846

See notes to financial statements.

## SPORT NORTH MEMBERS

Aurora Horse Association

Badminton NT

Basketball NWT

Hockey NWT

NWT Biathlon Association

NWT Boardsport Association

NWT 5 Pin Bowling Association

NWT Broomball Association

NWT Curling Association

NWT Dog Sledding Association

NWT Federation of Shooting Sports

NWT Figure Skating Association

NWT Golf Association

NWT Gymnastics Association

NWT Judo Association

NWT Karate Association

NWT Kayaking Association

NWT Ski Division

NWT Soccer Association

NWT Softball Association

NWT Speed Skating Association

NWT Squash Association

NWT Swimming Association

NWT Track and Field Association

NWT Traditional Sports Organization

NWT Volleyball Association

NWT Wrestling Association

NWT WTF Tae Kwon Do

Tennis NWT

\*25,239 members from

33 communities

### **Affiliate Members**

NWT School Athletic Federation

Special Olympics NWT



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