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- 1. All Canadian provinces and territories have agreed to increase participation in sport by 10% by 2020. What is the most effective way for this territory to make that happen?**

Come up with solutions to increase funding to Sports organizations in NWT. Look at historical funding and find a formula to increase funding, just as arts and other cultural programs should be funded.

If I were the Minister responsible, I would work with the Federal and Indigenous partners, and the Department to develop a plan to accomplish this, all the while providing measurable results from the commitment that has been made.

- 2. Access, affordability and availability of sport and recreation programs and facilities are vital to our communities. Where does the improvement of this fit into your priorities for the next 4 years? It fits in to attraction and retention portion of my campaign. We need to, in a meaningful way, address the needs of the people of the NWT and the communities they live in. A holistic approach is required to attract and retain people in NWT and this includes sports and recreation and facilities.**
- 3. Will you work with your fellow members of the Legislative Assembly to create awareness of the issues facing sport in the NWT and address the needs of our organizations? A lot is expected of sport without it ever being a priority issue for Territorial government. How do you propose to change this?**

I will work with fellow members of the Legislative Assembly to create awareness of issues facing sport. If I were the Minister accountable, I would develop a plan with funding to address the needs of your organizations. I would present a plan within the first six months to enable budgeting and collaboration with Indigenous and Federal Governments.

- 4. Research has shown that the rates of obesity and illness, particularly in children, continue to rise at alarming rates. The cost of delivering healthcare in this Territory has become almost all consuming to the Territorial budget. How would you incorporate sport and physical activity into a preventative approach and policy on wellness?**

If I were the Minister responsible, I would work with the Department and Department of Health to establish and implement a multi-year strategy that features sport and physical activity as fun, healthy way to shape ones' life. I envision this from the perspective of kids so that it's relatable and encourages buy in from young people.

- 5. While our Sport Volunteers are the pillar of all sport matters in the NWT; their efforts go unappreciated and undervalued. Do you have any plans to change the way**



that volunteers are overlooked in their roles and in what ways do you plan to recognize them if selected? *Sport Volunteers must be appreciated in a meaningful way. We could be looking at things like a volunteer hall of fame, acknowledgment on social media and the internet, or other things to show our appreciation. Being a pillar of sport matters, Volunteers should be appreciated.*