

**Pan-Territorial Sport Strategy
Northwest Territories
2005-2006 Interim Report
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Esteem Team

This program area includes activities associated with the Esteem Team and Get Your Groove On role model programs, Intramural training workshops and Physical Education curriculum In-service Training.

The NWT Esteem Team – a national role model program that uses high profile athletes to make inspiring and educational presentations to youth.

In June Sarah Daitch, a high performance cross country skier attended the 2005 NWT School Track & Field Championships where she was included in the opening ceremonies and distributed Esteem Team promotional material to athletes and volunteer organizers. The effect of having a homegrown athlete who has excelled on the National sport stage is very positive with the young track and field athletes. It is estimated that this event has as many as 800 participants from 15 different communities.

Get Your Groove On is a program developed in the north specifically to promote greater participation in sport by young women and girls. These workshops have had over 100 participants from communities in every region across the NWT and have proved to be a great success. A funding grant that was declined from another sources has limited the activity in this program, however on May 27-28, 2005, a Get Your Groove On workshop was held William MacDonald Junior High School in Yellowknife. Eleven grade eight students attended this event.

Canadian Intramural Recreation Association Workshops – The purpose of the Intramural Sport Workshops is to train students and teacher supervisors how to establish and operate intramural programs in schools. Previous attempts to partner with regional education authorities to deliver this program have had limited success. On November 8, 2005, information regarding available funding and potential instructors was again circulated to delegates attending a Superintendent's Conference. Should no inquires be received it is possible that funding allocated to this area could be redirected to other programs in early 2006.

Physical Education In-service Training – In the Northwest Territories many schools rely on generalists to teach physical education. This program area exists to provide training to teachers in this situation on the physical education curriculum that was revised between 2002/2003. During previous reporting periods, some success has been reported with

the delivery of in-service training to teachers. This year, one grant of \$5,000 has been confirmed to the Yellowknife Education District No. 2 (Catholic) for a series of training events for teachers who are not only responsible for physical education curriculum, but also for coaching school athletic teams. Training will be delivered to teachers throughout the 2005/06 school year, and the District No.2 administrators have also been encouraged to invite teachers from District No. 1 (public).

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The total expense for the Esteem Team as of December 1, 2005 is **\$8,505.88**.

Coaching Symposiums

A regional coaching symposium is being planned for the February 2006. The intent of this training event is to focus on coaches and managers who are attending the 2006 Arctic Winter Games in Kenai Peninsula, Alaska in March. Coaches and Managers will have an opportunity to receive some training development, and to work together on the final preparations before Team NWT departs.

A presentation was also made on the recently adopted Long Term Athlete Development model to Sport North Federation representatives during their November 25 & 26, 2005 meetings.

The total expense for Coaching Symposium as of December 1, 2005 is **\$0.00**.

School Athletics

NWT School Athletics Association (NWTSA) has been developed with support from the Pan-Territorial Sport Strategy. On May 27, 2005 the NWTSA held their Annual General Meeting. The focus for the NWTSA in its' early stages of development have been on solidifying a school sport calendar of events, developing a marketing plan to promote the Association and the events, and establishing a Code of Conduct and a Discipline Policy. The NWTSA have also worked to address membership dues, and election of officers.

The total expense for School Athletics as of December 1, 2005 is **\$12,073.20**.

Research Projects

No research projects have been proposed in the budget this year.

Total expenses for the research program as of December 1, 2005 is **\$0.00**.

Multi-Sport Camps

The multi-sport camp program was designed to provide a positive sport experience to young northerners in smaller communities in the NWT. The sport camps expose children to quality instruction in a variety of sports, promoting healthy and active lifestyles, as well as experiencing new sports.

This year the multi-sport camps ran from June 17 to August 19, 2005 and included the following:

- Norman Wells, 15 youth participated in a competitive swimming camp
- Deline, 112 youth participated in canoeing, badminton, softball, volleyball and soccer.
- Paulatuk, 70 youth participated in softball, arctic sports, and soccer.
- Fort Good Hope, 16 youth participated in canoeing.
- Tuktoyaktuk, 30 youth participated in ultimate Frisbee and canoeing.
- Norman Wells, 27 youth participated in ultimate Frisbee, soccer and dodge ball.
- Tsiigehtchic, 30 youth participated in arctic sports and basketball.
- Fort McPherson, participation numbers are unconfirmed, however camps were delivered for softball, arctic sports and soccer.
- Fort Providence, 76 youth participate in lacrosse, skateboarding, badminton, soccer, basketball, and swimming.
- Jean Marie River, 22 youth participate in soccer and outdoor hockey.
- Fort Liard, 90 youth participated in floor hockey, basketball, swimming, soccer, softball, volleyball, outdoor hockey
- Wha Ti, 41 youth participate in badminton, lacrosse and basketball.
- Fort Resolution, 168 youth participate in badminton, soccer and softball.

For the remainder of the year, a number of hockey camps are being planned for the smaller aboriginal communities. The intent is to bring in higher profile instructors to communities and combine sport with role model type presentations.

The total expenses for Multi-Sport Camps as of December 1, 2005 is **\$45,691.94**.

Excel NT Program

Activity in this area is intended to support competition and skill development for emerging high performance athletes and coaches. Within the Excel NT program there are two categories, Rising Stars and Coaching Mentorship.

Excel NT's *Rising Stars Program* provides funding to those athletes that exhibit high performance potential in their chosen sport and wish to receive additional skills training, through a camp format, outside the Northwest Territories. This year thirty-six (36) athletes have received \$14,776.00 in funding. The sports these athletes are competing in include: speed skating, hockey, figure skating, curling, gymnastics, badminton, wrestling, volleyball, and baseball.

The *Coaching Mentorship Program* was brought about to encourage and develop sustainable coaching throughout Northwest Territories communities. The intent of this years work plan is to have those coaches that have been identified to take part in the Coaching Symposium that is being planned for February. At this point it is unclear if this will proceed as planned because the budget cannot sustain the developmental coaches actually attending the Arctic Winter Games. A secondary plan may include creating another training event for the development coaches given the challenges associated with including them with an Arctic Winter Games training event.

The total expense for the Excel NT Program as of December 1, 2005 is **\$16,181.34.**

Access Program

KidSport is a nationally registered charity that brings sport and children in need together so all kids can participate in sport. It clears the way for kids to get involved by providing support for registration fees, community programs, and by making sure they have the equipment they need. In the Northwest Territories, the Sport North Federation is the registered administrator of this charity program.

Since April 1, 2005, KidSport NWT has approved one hundred and three (103) kids from twelve communities for \$20,713.00 of funding. Presently, Graham Shaw Christmas cards, large-framed pictures, and KidSport silicone bracelets are being sold as part of fundraising campaign. KidSport NWT is currently developing several other fundraising initiatives. Support in the past has been made available to the program administrators to advance the marketing and fundraising arm of the charity.

Canadian Association for Advancement of Women and Sport (CAAWS) is a national program that supports girls and women as participants and leaders in sport and physical activity. Three workshops are being planned for the Northwest Territories, although no dates have yet to be confirmed.

A grant to the Active Living Alliance for Persons with Disabilities has been made available to support access to sport and physical activity related camps. To date this organization has not yet applied for this funding.

The total expense for the Access Program as of December 1, 2005 is **\$0.00**.

Traditional Sport Coaching Development

Training and resource manuals are being developed for coaches in the area of traditional sports. The objective is to complete coaching manuals and technical training guides for Arctic Sports, Dene Games, Inuit Wrestling, Snowshoeing and Snowshoe Biathlon, and dog mushing.

As follow up to activity in 2004-2005, this year's work plan includes completing the final draft of the Participant Development Model (PDM) for Arctic Sports and Dene Games. This work is the precursor to establishing coaching programs for these traditional Aboriginal sports. This work is being completed with Pan-North partners in Nunavut and Yukon, and we have also established a partnership with the Government of Alberta as their interest in traditional sports in northern Alberta continues to grow.

The forth manual in the series, the Snowshoe Training Resource will be launched this year at the Arctic Winter Games in Alaska.

We also anticipate the publication of Dr. Mike Heine's research paper, which deals with "the concept of traditions" which is associated with the development of the traditional coaching resources.

From July 28 – August 2, the 2005 Northern Games were hosted in Inuvik, NWT. This celebration of arctic sports has been a focal point for the Inuvialuit, and has been delivered every second year for more than 30 years. Participating jurisdictions included Alaska, Nunavut, Northern Ontario, Northwest Territories, Total participation was approximately 400 participants.

The total expense for Traditional Sport Coaching Development as of December 1, 2005 is **\$25,841.51**.

NWT Games

The NWT Games were established as a pilot concept in order to create opportunities for youth from all NWT communities to participate and compete in sport activities.

From July 8-11, 2005, the inaugural NWT Summer Games were held in Inuvik, NWT. There were over 280 participants from 28 communities across the NWT.

The youth had the opportunity to try out numerous sports like wrestling, competitive swimming, flag football, ultimate frisbee, Dene games, canoeing, skateboarding, lacrosse, and several others. The format of these Games includes both competitive sports as well as “try me” activities.

While initial feedback was that the participants had a great time and that the Games were a success, a formal evaluation will be completed prior to the delivery of the next Games in February 2007. A detailed report of this event will be included in the year-end report.

The total expense for the NWT Summer Games as of December 1, 2005 is \$357,463.

NWT Ski Development

In 2004/05 the NWT Ski Development Program was launched in the Northwest Territories. The intent of this program is to bring cross country ski opportunities to all interested communities. Projects potentially include minor trail improvements, equipment upgrades, coaching development, skill development, role model presentations, or other priorities identified by the community. This year a grant was given to the NWT Ski Division to supplement the delivery of this program. Other partners in this program include the Northwest Territories Recreation and Parks Association (NWTRPA) and Conoco-Phillips.

The total expense for the NWT Ski Development program as of April 1, 2005 is **\$40,000.00**.

**2005/2006 Pan Territorial Sport Strategy
Budget Summary as of December 1, 2005**

Account	Budget	Expenses
Esteem Team	\$67,500.00	\$8,505.88
Coaching Symposium	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
School Athletics	\$5,000.00	\$12,073.20
Research	\$0.00	\$0.00
Multi-Sport Camps	\$80,000.00	\$45,691.94
Excel NT	\$40,000.00	\$16,181.34
Access	\$17,500.00	\$0.00
Traditional Coaching	\$60,000.00	\$25,841.51
NWT Games	\$360,000.00	\$357,463.00
NWT Ski Development	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Total	\$710,000.00	\$506,384.00