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Project Name

Commitment to Excellence: Delivery Model

Project Description

Since the 1960s, several organizations have been established to provide, lead or govern sport and recreation activities in the Northwest Territories. To date, each organization has operated fairly independently. In the early 2000s, an attempt was made to bring more coordination to the sector by creating the NWT Sport and Recreation Council (SRC), yet the success of this undertaking has not been fully realized. The main reason is that the breadth of the SRC's mandate and the roles and responsibilities of each individual sport and recreation organization have not been entirely clear.

Recognizing that the sector needs to operate in a more streamlined manner, the seven main NWT sport and recreation organizations have pledged to work together to develop a new model. Their goal is that, by late 2010, the sector will be operating under a model that clearly defines governance, accountability and roles and responsibilities. The new model will, ultimately, be the framework within which these organizations will work together to address the needs of NWT residents.

Partner Organizations

A Working Group has been formed for this project and includes:

- Aboriginal Sport Circle of the NWT
- Beaufort Delta Sahtu Recreation Association
- GNWT, Department of Municipal and Community Affairs
- Mackenzie Recreation Association
- NWT Recreation and Parks Association
- NWT Sport and Recreation Council
- Sport North Federation

Activities to Date

The project kicked off at a meeting on December 2, 2009. The Working Group agreed on the terms of their partnership and the objectives and tentative dates of their meetings. They also reviewed trends and best practices related to how sport and recreation sectors across Canada and elsewhere operate.

Next Steps

At its next meeting, scheduled for January 2010, the Working Group will examine options for restructuring the NWT sport and recreation sector, discussing the pros and cons of each option.