



NWT
**RECREATION
& PARKS**
ASSOCIATION

2015 • 2016 Annual Report



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Strategic Goals

The NWT Recreation and Parks Association's 2014-2017 strategic priorities are: increase the skills, knowledge and connection of members; increase community-sustained recreation and parks programs; be recognized and valued as leaders on recreation and parks issues; be more relevant to every community through strategic partnerships; grow and more effectively engage our membership.

2015–2016 Activities

Goal #1 *Increase the skills, knowledge and connection of members:*

- 492 people were trained at 49 NWTRPA training events held in 14 communities (that's almost one training event per week);
- Training focused on Elders in Motion, On the Land Programs, Fitness, HIGH FIVE®, and Recreation Leadership;
- Strategic training partnerships continued with the SideDoor to add a Youth Centre stream to the NWTRPA Annual Conference and with the School of Community Government to deliver Recreation Leader Certificate Program courses; and
- A partnership with Yukon and Nunavut to develop a tri-territorial recreation training program was the recipient of the 2015 Arctic Inspiration Prize (see page 4).

Goal #2 *Increase community-sustained recreation and parks programs:*

- NWTRPA training, financial, and program support enabled 20 successful Elders in Motion, On the Land, and Aquatics programs;
- Partnerships were formed with Transport Canada, University of Ottawa, Deline Got'ine Government, Town of Inuvik, and the Village of Fort Simpson to conduct boating safety research; and
- Walk to Tuk hosted over 2,600 participants forming 198 teams from 22 communities. This was our largest event to date showing that Walk to Tuk continues to get more NWT residents outside and active during the winter months.

*Cover Photo – 2015 Arctic Inspiration Prize Carving: Adamie Anautak, Akulivik, Nunavik
Sea-goddess singing and drum dancing with leather drum on caribou antler frame (©Fred Cattroll).*

Goal #3 *Be recognized and valued as leaders on recreation and parks issues:*

- The NWTRPA has advocated to:
 - » Increase support for after-school programs;
 - » Update the Public Pool Regulations;
 - » Prioritize active elders programming; and
 - » Build awareness of the Framework for Recreation in Canada.
- The NWTRPA has worked with a number of committees that advance recreation and parks programs and services. This includes participation on:
 - » Health & Social Services Injury Prevention Committee;
 - » School of Community Government Recreation Leader Certificate Program Steering Committee;
 - » Arctic Institute for Community Based Research Healthy Lifestyles Project Team;
 - » Tri-Territorial Recreation Training Project Team;
 - » NWT On the Land Collaborative Fund Partner; and
 - » NWT Physical Literacy Workgroup.
- The NWTRPA has been a leader with the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association and the Canadian Recreation Facilities Council through Board and staff time investments. Both organizations have updated their strategic plans and are working together to advance recreation, parks and infrastructure in Canada.

Goal #4 *Be more relevant to every community through strategic partnerships:*

- NWTRPA worked with 16 organizations from 12 communities to support aquatics staff recruitment, aquatics training, Elders in Motion training, and On the Land program training;
- Get Active provided funding to 138 groups from 32 communities. Over 6,600 NWT residents participated in over 200 Get Active-funded events in 2015. That means, 15% of the NWT population participated in a Get Active sponsored event; and
- NWTRPA's work was supported by 23 funders and sponsors. Thank you all for your support!

Goal #5 *Grow and more effectively engage our membership:*

- Changes to the NWTRPA Bylaws that will improve the governance and management of the Association were approved by the membership in 2015; and
- The Board of Directors has approved a membership plan to attract new members, improve membership service, and better engage with our membership. This plan is in the process of being rolled out.



2015–2016 Highlights

NWTRPA One of the Arctic Inspiration Prize Winners

The NWTRPA, along with our partners from Yukon and Nunavut (RPA and RPAY), were one of three winners of the fourth annual Arctic Inspiration Prize, announced in January 2016.

Nominated by Yukon Olympic cyclist Zach Bell, the collaborative of recreation associations, governments, and a social enterprise received \$600,000 in funding to develop and deliver sustainable training for staff and volunteer leaders who serve as recreation coordinators and directors, youth leaders, board members, coaches, fitness leaders, camp counsellors, and after school leaders in the North.

The Tri-Territorial Recreation Training Program builds on community knowledge and successes and provides the foundational competencies needed to build community and help address our Northern challenges. Recreation leaders will be better able to engage citizens in organizing and delivering recreation and sport events, festivals, and the visual and performing arts that provide opportunities for self-expression, social interaction, and civic pride.



NWTRPA Launches an On the Land Leaders Network

The NWT Recreation and Parks Association has begun the work of building a network of on the land leaders in response to calls for increased communication and collaboration between people working in land-based programming.

The move comes in the wake of a gathering of on the land leaders hosted by the NWTRPA in February at the Yellowknife Ski Club. 26 people from each of the regions in the NWT came together to discuss the rewards and challenges of facilitating on the land activities and to identify concrete actions that will increase the capacity of leaders and organizations to deliver culturally relevant, safe, and meaningful on the land programs.

While a number of actions were identified as priorities for the group, the call heard most consistently from participants was for a network of on the land leaders. Not only will a network create a space for sharing resources and best practices, but it can also serve as the foundation for other priorities identified during the meeting, including training, advocacy, research, and resource development.

A detailed account of the meeting can be found in the On the Land Round Table Report that is available at www.nwtrpa.org.



2015 NWTRPA Award Winners

In October 2015, the NWTRPA celebrated excellence in recreation with our Annual Awards Ceremony in Fort Simpson. The award winners were:

- 2015 Award of Excellence – Cynthia White (Fort Smith)
- 2015 Innovation Award – Stephane Sevigny (Yellowknife)
- 2015 Scott McAdam Youth Leadership Award – Jacob Klengenber (Ulukhaktok)
- 2015 Canadian Parks & Recreation Association Award of Merit - Shane Thompson (Fort Simpson)
- 2015 Youth Centre Award – SideDoor (Yellowknife)

NWTRPA Delivers Fitness Course

New to the NWTRPA is the Fitness Leadership Program. This program supports northerners gain the skills and knowledge necessary to become recognized exercise leaders. The NWTRPA supported and offered Alberta Fitness Leadership Certification Association (AFLCA) courses to NWT communities. AFLCA certifications are nationally transferable and internationally recognized.

To become fully certified, participants must complete and pass the Exercise Theory Course, a Specialty Course, an assessment, and have current CPR training, all within one year. This year, 41 people participated in courses, assessments and CPR training in Inuvik and Yellowknife. Five people from Inuvik and four people from Yellowknife completed their certification and are now certified exercise professionals.

With the development of the NWTRPA Fitness Leadership Program, NWT residents are no longer required to travel south or take online courses in order to participate in fitness leader certification courses. It is exciting to see people learn and use their new skills to offer fitness programs in their communities.



NWTRPA Active Elder

Winner: Allen Joss



2015 Award Winners:

(L-R): Iris Hamlyn (SideDoor); Cassandra Spencer (SideDoor); Shane Thompson; Megan Chafe (SideDoor); Stephane Sevigny; Chief Gerry Antoine (Liidlii Ku First Nation); Cynthia White; Corey O'Farrell (SideDoor); Tim Van Dam (NWTRPA President).



In November 2015, the NWTRPA celebrated Active Elders at our Elders in Motion Training Gathering Awards Luncheon. The Active Elder winner was:

- 2015 Active Elder – Alan Joss (Uluhaktok)

THANK YOU!

We owe our successful year to the dedication of our Board of Directors, volunteers, staff and our members. Thank you to our funders and sponsors who make our work possible. We look forward to another great year ahead!

2015-2016 Board of Directors:

- Tim Van Dam (Fort Smith) - President
- Tony Devlin (Inuvik) - Member-at-Large
- Cynthia White (Fort Smith) - South Slave Regional Director
- Nathan McPherson (Fort Simpson) - Dehcho Regional Director
- Doreen Nitsiza (Whati) - North Slave Regional Director
- Jill Gilday (Yellowknife) - Yellowknife Regional Director
- Lindsey Blake (Norman Wells) - Sahtu Regional Director
- Mike Scott (Inuvik) - Beaufort-Delta Regional Director

2015-2016 Aquatics Committee

- Mike Scott (Chair)
- Tim Van Dam
- Johanna Elliot
- Heather Tybring
- Emmanuel Belgrave
- Mary Gordon
- Jackie Thompson
- Colin MacPherson
- Audrey Giles

2015-2016 Staff

- Alison Devitt & Robin Young – Communications & Administration Officer
- Sheena Tremblay – Active Communities Coordinator
- Natasha McCagg – Recreation Consultant
- Jessica Dunkin – On the Land Programs Consultant
- Rose Johnson – Aquatics Coordinator
- Geoff Ray – Executive Director



NWT Recreation and Parks Association Statement of Operations

For the year ended March 31,

	Budget 2016	Actual 2016	Actual 2015
Revenues			
Contributions			
Corporate contributions	11,400	17,139	37,700
GNWT - Health and Social Services	23,500	29,302	22,575
GNWT - Municipal and Community Affairs	160,000	184,996	181,908
NWT Ski Division	-	-	50,000
NWT Sport and Recreation Council	775,672	918,839	1,031,576
Transport Canada	40,584	40,390	23,818
Fees	16,482	21,454	30,101
Membership income	6,000	3,964	5,216
Other income and interest income	-	8,143	5,941
	1,033,638	1,224,227	1,388,835
Add: Transfer from deferred revenue - prior year	275,695	366,846	154,651
Less: Transfer to deferred revenue - current year	(28,954)	(364,423)	(366,846)
	1,280,379	1,226,650	1,176,640
Expenditures			
Accounting and legal	32,000	35,658	39,386
Advertising and promotion	45,045	35,565	35,584
Amortization	-	2,365	2,430
Bad debts (recovery)	-	520	300
Conferences and workshops	156,926	138,693	144,972
Dues and fees	6,500	5,812	6,294
Equipment	-	2,181	2,032
Grants and contributions	176,500	115,000	97,176
Insurance	8,000	6,415	6,586
Interest and bank charges	1,500	2,998	1,802
Office	41,217	26,862	22,380
Program contractors	41,557	41,071	30,482
Program materials and supplies	90,374	86,205	95,990
Rent	6,860	21,375	21,350
Telephone and internet	9,000	8,302	6,879
Travel	182,304	215,184	177,941
Wages and benefits	475,805	447,239	411,139
	1,273,588	1,191,445	1,102,723
Excess revenue before other items	6,791	35,205	73,917
Transfer from Tangible Capital Asset Fund	-	2,181	2,032
Refundable portion of contributions received	-	-	(13,818)
Excess revenue	\$ 6,791	\$ 37,386	\$ 62,131

Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31,

	2016	2015
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 451,990	\$ 415,393
Cash restricted - Legacy and Contingency Funds	295,249	365,190
Accounts receivable	279,002	211,105
Prepaid expenses	902	10,644
	1,027,143	1,002,332
Tangible capital assets	11,094	11,278
	\$ 1,038,237	\$ 1,013,610
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 24,232	\$ 29,679
Payroll liabilities	30,386	35,275
Deferred revenue	364,423	366,846
	419,041	431,800
Fund Balances		
Unrestricted net assets	285,218	255,791
Tangible capital asset fund	11,094	11,278
Legacy fund	251,884	243,741
Rona Williams Tai Chi fund	10,000	10,000
Contingency fund	61,000	61,000
	619,196	581,810
	\$ 1,038,237	\$ 1,013,610

The NWTRPA's mission is to promote the inclusion of recreation and parks as key to our way of life. We do this by supporting leaders, communities, and partners through training, advocacy, and networking.



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