

Northern Sport, Culture & Recreation District (NSCRD) 2024-2025 Annual Report



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Our Vision

Healthy individuals and communities through increased capacity to deliver sport, culture and recreation.

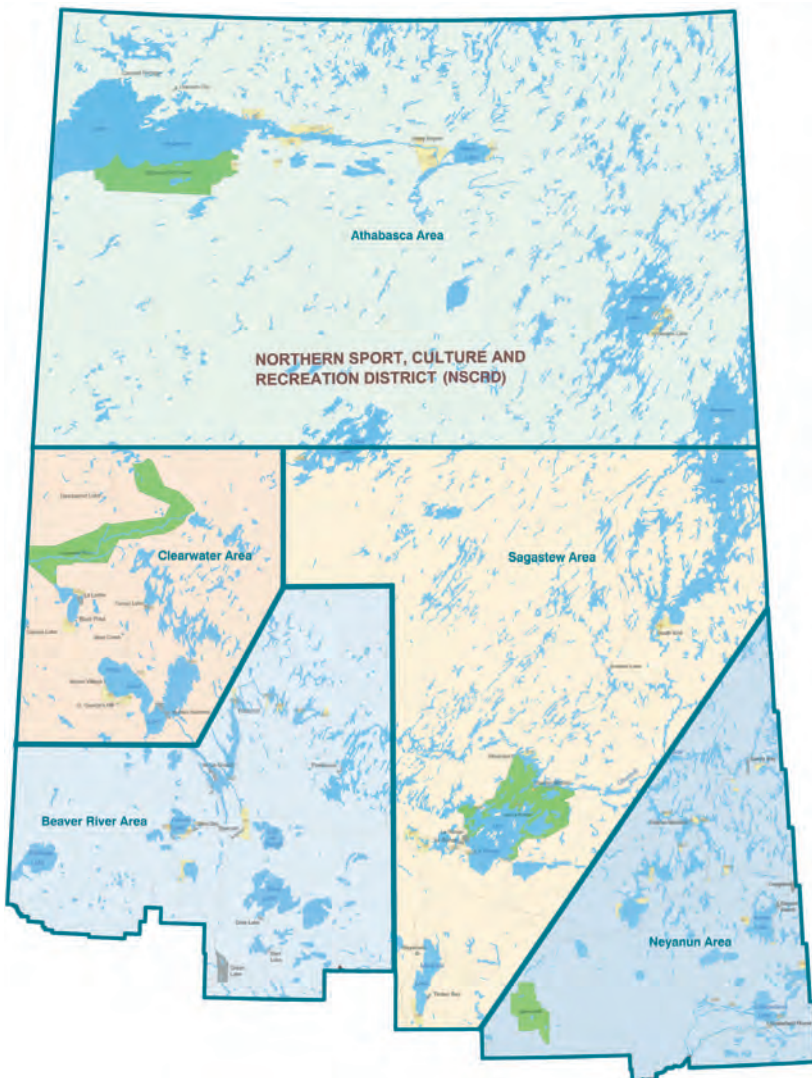
Our Mission

To facilitate and foster the development and delivery of sport, culture, recreation and leadership programs and services which are responsible to and benefit people and communities within the northern administrative district.

Our Values

Our volunteers and staff work with the following set of values:

- Respect for people;
- Facilitating/servicing the expressed needs of “community,” volunteers and clients;
- High quality of services and programs;
- Exemplifying the qualities of trust, integrity, competence and honesty;
- Inclusiveness;
- Cultural awareness and sensitivity; and
- Transparency and accountability.



Our Strategic Direction

Facilitation of Community Development

- Increased community capacity to deliver sport, culture and recreation.

Coordination of District Network

- Communities are aware of and understand NSCRD sport, culture and recreation programs and services.
- Mutually beneficial and effective partner relationships for the shared vision of healthy individuals and communities.
- Increased understanding and relationships with global partners to enhance the effectiveness of the sport, culture and recreation system.

District Organizational Development

- Organizational excellence through organizational, professional and personal development.

Our Board of Directors

The Northern Sport, Culture & Recreation District will have a twelve-member board of directors including:

- Five “geographic” representatives chosen by at-large elections, one from each of the five prior Regional Recreation Associations:
 - Kevin Roberts**
 - Vawn Desjarlais**
 - Alwyn Piche**
 - Lindsay Shirran**
 - Colleen Charles**
- Seven “program” area representatives as elected by the members from a north wide nomination process:
 - Randy Janvier**
 - Kristy McDougall**
 - Cheyenne MacDonald**
 - Rachel Merasty**
 - Lionel McKenzie**
 - Vacant**
 - Vacant**

Geographical Representation

The five (5) geographic areas located within the District, comprised of Northern Municipalities and First Nations communities from which our General Board Members are elected.



Our Role

The most important role that we have as a District is to assist northern communities with their sport, culture and recreation development. All the staff at the NSCRD are available to support community needs in the sport, culture, recreation, physical activity or youth leadership areas. We are here to help connect communities with other organizations such as provincial sport governing bodies, recreational and/or cultural organizations. See the back page for the listing of NSCRD staff and contact information.

Community Visits & Consultation

NSCRD staff manage community profiles on each of our 54 member communities. In 2024-2025, NSCRD staff reported 83 community visits and 83 critical conference calls in and with NSCRD members. Service activities include delivery of NSCRD programs and services, supporting and attending steering committee meetings, ongoing communication, supporting grant opportunities, program planning, and other community development activities. The Annual Report shares information on these activities throughout the year.

Tools to Support Community Development

The NSCRD develops “tools” like the Community Recreation Handbook to assist member communities.

Listed below are some examples of facilitated workshops:

Global Partnership



Saskatchewan
Parks and Recreation
Association

NSCRD with our global partners; Sask Culture, SPRA, and Sask Sport, hosted regular Zoom meetings, program initiatives, provincial clinics, training opportunities and program planning building community development.

Grant Writing Workshop

NSCRD staff are here to collaborate with individuals applying for sport, culture, and recreation grants to review and provide support to achieve successful outcomes. Upon request, where there is an increased interest, NSCRD will facilitate grant writing workshops.

Two (2) grant writing workshops virtually facilitated:

- December 10, 2024, hosted a virtual grant writing workshop, four (4) members registered from La Loche/Clearwater River Dene Nation, Montreal Lake/Prince Albert, Meadow Lake and Saskatoon.
- March 19, 2025, hosted a second virtual workshop, sixteen (16) registered from eleven (11) communities. Buffalo Narrows, Canoe Lake, Turnor Lake, La Loche, La Ronge, Île-à-la-Crosse, Southend, Beauval, Sandy Bay, Cole Bay, and Prince Albert.

Rec Café

PURPOSE: To get Recreation Professionals together to support each other in their employment.

OUTCOME: To have a better understanding of the supports out there for your employment and your community; to share ideas with each other.

There were five (5) virtual Rec Café's held:

- September 12, 2024 – Focus on Grants, with guest speakers from Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA), Communities Initiatives Fund (CIF) and Sask Culture. Twenty-four (24) registered from eleven (11) communities. (Pinehouse, Creighton, La Ronge, Air Ronge, Lac La Ronge Indian Band, Cole Bay, Beauval, Turnor Lake, La Loche, Wollaston Lake, Southend).
- January 28, 2025 – Workplace Generational Divide: Overcoming Barriers, seventeen (17) registered from six (6) communities and ten (10) organizations.
- January 30, 2025 – Running Effective Meetings: Rules, Procedures and Building Chairperson Skills, seventeen (17) registered from four (4) communities and five (5) organizations.
- February 4, 2025 – Fundamentals of Finance: Best Practices in Building Financial Literacy, seventeen (17) registered from four (4) communities and eight (8) organizations.
- February 6, 2025 – Making the Most of your Schedule: Fundamentals of Time Management, twenty (20) registered from four (4) communities and six (6) organizations.





Northern Community & School Recreation Coordinator Program (NC&SRCP) (2023-24 NC&SRCP Program Year)

The purpose of the Northern Community & School Recreation Coordinator Program (NC&SRCP) is to enhance the quality of life for northerners through the provision of community-based sport, culture and recreation programs after school, in the evenings, on weekends and at community and school special events.

Community and School Recreation Coordinators (CSRCs) are employed to facilitate the delivery of sport, culture and recreation programs, using the school as a major asset of the community and in partnership with other community-based organizations providing sport, culture and recreation programs, services and facilities.

Funded by the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund.

Financial

The NC&SRCP is funded by the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund. The program runs on a school-year calendar from September 1 to August 31 annually.

2023-24 NC&SRCP	GRANTED	SPENT	DIFFERENCE
Management and Administration	\$112,300	\$148,645.68	\$36,345.68
Training	\$68,100	\$113,612.77	\$45,512.77
Site Grants (\$56,200/full time site)	\$1,208,000	\$1,095,975.86	\$112,324.14

Community Site Grant

The NC&SRCP grant is designed to support the following elements in a community program:

Local Employment of a CSRC

CSRCs are hired by a local employer based on a combination of education, community knowledge, related experience, strengths, and other certifications. Average full time CSRC salary and benefits and employment remittance was \$40,721.45.

Training and Professional Development

A variety of training opportunities are offered throughout the year. CSRCs are also encouraged to seek out professional development opportunities to enhance their ability to offer high quality programs. Average site expense on training opportunities for CSRC was \$3,298.53.

Program Supplies and Leadership

The remaining portion of the grant (after wages and training) is available for expense on programming supplies. Average site expense on program supplies and leadership was \$12,832.16.

Leadership Training

NSCRD hosts a variety of training opportunities for CSRCs and Community Partners throughout the year.

Fall Orientation

October, La Ronge - Attended by sixteen (16) coordinators, fifteen (15) Supervisors and one (1) Community Partners.

Sessions Included:

- Welcome & Program Overview
- Keynote – Laura Lawrence
- Turning your Annual Program Plan into your Daily Program – Shelly Panko-Shultz
- Supervisor Roundtable

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December, La Ronge - six (6) CSRCs, one (1) NSCRD staff.
Principles of Healthy Child Development and Quality Experience Scanning Tools.





Spring Training

May, Prince Albert – fifteen (15) CSRCs, two (2) NSCRD staff.
Whole Person Training and Consulting, Bob, and Catherine Hornsberger.
Conflict Resolution in the Workplace

“This workshop gave me new skills to maintain workplace relationships.”

“I always enjoy coming to these conferences and learning from Bob and Cat. The exercises and information that I can take away is always spot on! Thank you.”



Archery Training

February, La Ronge – ten (10) CSRCs, one (1) community member.
NASP led training event to allow CSRCs to teach Archery in schools.

Pickleball Training

August, La Ronge – ten (10) CSRCs.
Pickleball training in La Ronge taught the rules of the game and the basics of how to play. All attending CSRCs left with a Pickleball set including a net, balls, and rackets.

Fifteen (15) Facilitated Calls

Topics included: Calendar Creation, Astronomy Programming, Christmas Fun, Roundtables, CSRC Jeopardy, Getting Out of Your Comfort Zone, Book Programming, Summer Program Planning, and Setting S.M.A.R.T. goals.

Fitness 2J2

Through a partnership with Fitness 2J2, the NSCRD collaborated with the communities of PBCN Deschambault Lake, Pinehouse Lake, LLRIB Kitsaki (Senator Myles Venne School), English River First Nation (Dillon) and PBCN Pelican Narrows. Fitness 2J2 provided all-encompassing fitness programming and leadership to school aged children during the day and then adults and elders into the evening. Activities included self-defense training, yoga instruction and basic fitness.



Program Planning & Participation

To guide the development of programs, all sites are required to submit an Annual Program Plan and Statistics (APPS) using the online APPS tool developed by the NSCRD.

The data collected from the APPS tool is summarized from participation data from each site. It helps establish a basic understanding of the sport, culture and recreation opportunities provided in program communities.

A total of 88,481 participation opportunities occurred during 5,581 program sessions (average 260 sessions per site).

- 4,058 unique participants in regular ongoing after-school programs.
- 46% of programs planned were recreation in scope.
- 23% of programs planned were sport in scope.
- 26% of programs planned were culture in scope.
- 5% of programs planned were leadership in scope.
- 6% of participants were pre-school (0-4yrs) age.
- 29% of participants were children (5-12yrs) age.
- 35% of participants were youth (13-18yrs) age.
- 26% of participants were adult (19-49yrs) age.
- 4% of participants were elder (50+yrs) age.
- 100% of programs reduced barriers in design by providing food, transportation or no cost.
- 1255 programs planned and 848 programs facilitated.





Enhancing Existing Sites

Many community sites find themselves able to go above and beyond the existing funding and program using additional dollars to enhance the experience in their sites. To help them out with that, we provided the Enhancement grant which provided five (5) separate communities with extra dollars to run additional programming that the core site grant was not able to provide.

Examples of community program successes utilizing the Enhancement Grant:

- Buffalo Narrows – Canning Day, as well as additional summer programming.
- Green Lake – Holidays Week, Christmas to Valentines Day ran in one week during the summer!
- Île-à-la-Crosse – Fishing and Soccer.
- English River First Nation – Fishing, Canada Day and Beach Days.
- Sandy Bay – Boating, Camping and Canada Day.

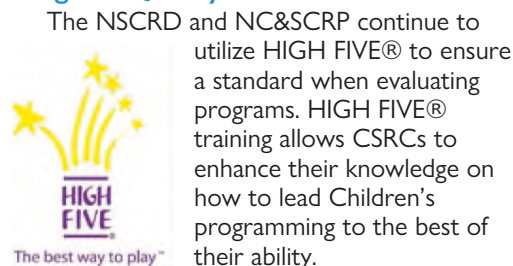
Summer Program Tour

Community Developer Shelly Panko-Schultz with NSCRD staff, were able to provide one-to-one mentorship to specific sites to allow CSRCs to learn, grow and develop skills needed to transform their Annual Program Plan into the day-to-day business of their job. Communities visited by Shelly include Cumberland House Cree Nation, PBCN Deschambault Lake, LLRIB Kitsaki (Senator Myles Venne School), LLRIB Stanley Mission, PBCN Southend, Green Lake and Buffalo Narrows.

Book Program

In partnership with McNally Robinson, the NSCRD provided 100 books to each program site. These books were intended for all ages. This allowed CSRCs to lead book-based programming such as reading clubs, elders reading time, and virtual reading groups.

Program Quality - HIGH FIVE®



The NSCRD and NC&SCRCP continue to utilize HIGH FIVE® to ensure a standard when evaluating programs. HIGH FIVE® training allows CSRCs to enhance their knowledge on how to lead Children's programming to the best of their ability.

Program Strengths Include:

- Leader Behaviour Interactions; Discretion with Confidential Matters
- Child To Child Interaction; Atmosphere
- Program Characteristics; Welcoming Environment

A high score in HIGH FIVE® Leader Behaviour Interactions, indicates that CSRCs focus attention on children and not one another, use appropriate language and behaviour and work as a team.

Participating Communities

	COMMUNITY	SCHOOL
1	Buffalo Narrows	Twin Lakes Community School
2	Canoe Lake Cree First Nation	Canoe Lake Mikisiw School
3	Cumberland House Cree Nation	Nisto Awasisak Memorial School
4	PBCN Deschambault Lake	Kimosom Pwatinahk & Kitapiskaw Elementary School
5	Buffalo River Dene Nation (Dillon)	Buffalo River Dene Nation School
6	Green Lake	St. Pascal School
7	Fond du Lac Denesuline First Nation	Father Gamache Memorial School
8	Île-à-la-Crosse	Rossignol Elementary and High Schools
9	Jans Bay	Jans Bay Community School
10	La Loche	La Loche Dene High School
11	LLRIB Kitsaki	Bell's Point Elementary School
12	LLRIB Kitsaki	Senator Myles Venne School
13	Montreal Lake Cree Nation	Senator Allan Bird Memorial School
14	English River First Nation (Patuanak)	St. Louis School
15	PBCN Pelican Narrows	Wapanacak School & Opawikoscikan School
16	Pinehouse Lake	Minahik Waskahigan School
17	Sandy Bay	Hector Thiboutot Community School
18	PBCN Southend	Reindeer Lake School
19	LLRIB Stanley Mission	Keethanow Elementary School & Rhoda Hardlotte Memorial School
20	LLRIB Sucker River	Chief Moses Ratt Community School
21	Timber Bay	Timber Bay School
22	Hatchet Lake Denesuline First Nation	Father Megret Schools
Summary: Twenty-one (21) Full Time, One (1) Half Time, Eleven (11) Provincial, Eleven (11) First Nation		





The Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund Community Grant Program

The Sask Lotteries Community Grant Program is a partnership among Sask Sport Inc., SaskCulture Inc. and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Inc. The grant program assists in the development of sport, culture and recreation programs by providing funds to non-profit community organizations operated by volunteers.

In 2024-25, forty-seven communities applied for 116 different projects opportunities. Opportunity providing programming for the entire community, Canada Day and Treaty Day events and others providing direct planning for specific target groups, elders yoga and youth craft nights.



COMMUNITY NAME	VALUE
Northern Town of Creighton	\$13,418.00
Cumberland House Cree Nation	
Northern Village of Cumberland House	\$7,427.00
Northern Village of Denare Beach	\$7,634.00
Northern Village of Pelican Narrows	
Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation @ Deschambault Lake	\$15,043.00
Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation @ Pelican Narrows	\$38,058.00
Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation @ Sturgeon Landing	\$1,221.00
Northern Village of Sandy Bay	\$6,545.00
Little Red River (La Ronge)	\$4,319.00
Little Red River (Montreal Lake)	
Montreal Lake Cree First Nation	
Northern Hamlet of Timber Bay	\$1,027.00
Northern Hamlet of Weyakwin	\$1,277.00
Churchill River @ Stanley Mission	\$18,808.00
Northern Settlement of Southend	\$500.00
Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation @ Southend	\$14,658.00
Northern Village of Air Ronge	\$10,385.00
Northern Settlement of Brabant Lake	\$776.00
Lac La Ronge Indian Band @ Grandmothers Bay	
Lac La Ronge Indian Band @ Hall Lake	\$6,658.00
Northern Town of La Ronge	\$25,240.00
Lac La Ronge Indian Band @ Kitsaki	\$29,926.00
Northern Hamlet of Missinipe	\$500.00
Lac La Ronge Indian Band @ Nemeiben (Sucker) River	\$4,075.00
Northern Settlement of Stanley Mission	\$1,552.00
Northern Village of Beauval	\$6,010.00
Canoe Lake Cree First Nation	\$10,949.00
Northern Hamlet of Cole Bay	\$2,128.00
Northern Hamlet of Dore Lake	\$500.00
English River Band	
Northern Village of Green Lake	\$4,028.00
Northern Village of Île-à-la-Crosse	\$12,169.00
Northern Hamlet of Jans Bay	\$1,903.00
Northern Hamlet of Patuanak	
Northern Village of Pinehouse Lake	
Northern Settlement of Sled Lake	\$500.00
Northern Settlement of Bear Creek	\$588.00
Birch Narrows Dene Nation	\$4,517.00
Northern Hamlet of Black Pointe	\$588.00
Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows	\$10,423.00
Buffalo River Dene Nation	\$7,841.00
Clearwater River Dene Nation	\$9,991.00
Northern Settlement of Descherm Lake	\$526.00
Northern Settlement of Garson Lake	\$500.00
Northern Village of La Loche	\$26,546.00
Northern Hamlet of Michel Village	
Northern Hamlet of St. Georges Hill	\$1,640.00
Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake	\$2,171.00
Black Lake First Nation	\$15,738.00
Northern Settlement of Camsell Portage	\$500.00
Fond du Lac First Nation	\$10,930.00
Hatchet Lake Band	\$16,294.00
Northern Hamlet of Stony Rapids	\$3,280.00
Northern Settlement of Uranium City	\$2,517.00
Northern Settlement of Wollaston Lake	



Indigenous Community Sport Development Workbook and Grant Program (ICSDG)



The Indigenous Community Sport Grant is a Sask Sport funding initiative targeted at developing community-based sport programs to launch them into competitive venues, club formation, association with a Provincial Sport Governing Body, and developing their athletes and coaches so they can effectively compete and train.

In the last financial year, the adjudication committee has approved thirty-three (33) applications.

- Funding for equipment purchases.
- Supporting travel for competition and development training for athlete, coach and officials.
- Recognition for volunteers.
- Fees to join provincial sport governing bodies and competition registration.



COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION	SPORT
Birch Narrows Dene Nation Recreation	Soccer
Creighton Community School	Athletics
La Loche Minor Sports	Baseball
Wapaw Recreation Pelican Narrows	Baseball
Black Lake Recreation	Soccer
Minahik Waskihigan School	Football
Montreal Lake Cree Nation Recreation	Baseball
Village of Cumberland House	Flag Football
Beauval Sports and Recreation	Softball
Reindeer Lake School	Canoe
La Ronge Minor Baseball Club	Baseball
Valley View School	Football
Île-à-la-Crosse Friendship Center	Kayak
La Loche Minor Sports	Soccer
Birch Narrows Dene Nation Recreation	Hockey
Northern Hamlet of Cole Bay	Hockey
La Ronge Ski Club	Cross Country Ski
Village of Denare Beach Recreation	Skating
Île-à-la-Crosse Friendship Center	Hockey
Kiskahikan School	Skating
Beauval Minor Sports and Recreation	Volleyball
Flin Flon Ski Club	Cross Country Ski
Northern Volleyball Club	Volleyball
Kimosom Pwatinahk High School	Indoor Soccer
Father Gamache Memorial School	Volleyball
Father Porte Memorial School	Volleyball
Father Megret Schools	Indoor Soccer
Father Gamache Memorial School	Badminton
Father Megret Schools	Badminton
Kimosom Pwatinahk High School	Hockey
Father Porte Memorial School	Badminton
Father Megret Schools	Table Tennis
Buffalo Narrows Recreation	Volleyball



National
Coaching
Certification
Program

Athlete, Coach & Officials Development

NSCRD athlete, coach, and official's development initiatives in partnership with the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP), provincial sport governing bodies, Indigenous Coaches and Officials Program, and with regional partners like NLSD#113. Strategies focus on the long-term development of sports of high interest and participation in community and school-based clubs. Types of coaching development opportunities include:

- NCCP Community Stream coaching courses.
- NCCP Introduction to Competition Multi-Sport Modules Part A & B, Making Ethical Decisions, Fundamental Movement Skills.
- NCCP Introduction to Competition Sport Specific.
- NCCP Level One Officials Training Sport Specific.
- Sport specific training camps have been held in the Northern District.

Sport Pillar - Athlete Development

NSCRD provided athlete development camps in the sports of soccer (fourteen (14) opportunities), canoeing (twelve (12) events), cross country skiing (twelve (12) events), pickleball, Smashball, Kin-Ball, football, girls hockey, minor hockey (four (4) events), and Future Stars Program. Over six hundred and thirty-five (635) youth attended the 47 various sport camp opportunities held in the north from over 25 communities.

Sport Pillar - Coaching Development

The NSCRD, in partnership with the Coaching Association of Saskatchewan, the Indigenous Coaches and Officials Program and our Provincial Sport Governing Bodies, supported coaching clinics in the sports of pickleball, two (2) broomball clinics, cross country skiing, three (3) canoe, and five (5) Aboriginal Coaches Modules. Twelve (12) coaching opportunities and seven (7) online workshops instructed 153 certified or new coaches/instructors.

Sport Pillar - Officiating Development

The NSCRD, in partnership with the Coaching Association of Saskatchewan, the Indigenous Coaches and Officials Program and our Provincial Sport Governing Bodies, supported three (3) officials' clinics in the sports of soccer, volleyball and broomball, training 33 new officials, fifteen (15) of them being youth.

Northern Hockey Development

NSCRD partnered with the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey (SJHL) teams La Ronge Ice Wolves and Flin Flon Bombers to host hockey development camps for the communities of Weyakwin, Stanley Mission, Pinehouse and Deschambault Lake. One hundred and four (104) participants in the four (4) camps.





Saskatchewan Summer Games

Team North represented nine (9) sport teams at the 2024 Saskatchewan Summer Games in Lloydminster. Sixty-five (65) athletes, ten (10) coaches, eleven (11) managers, and five (5) mission staff attended.

In the sports of:

Golf – one (1) male athlete and two (2) managers.

Soccer (F) – fifteen (15) female athletes, two (2) coaches and one (1) manager.

Volleyball (F) – eight (8) female athletes, one (1) coach and one (1) manager.

Special 'O' Bocce – athletes, one (1) male, two (2) female, one (1) coach and one (1) manager.

Canoe/Kayak – six (6) male and six (6) female athletes, two coaches and one manager.

Triathlon – three (3) female athletes, one (1) coach and one (1) manager.

Beach Volleyball – two (2) male athletes, one (1) coach and one (1) manager.

Athletics – three (3) male and two (2) female athletes, and two (2) managers.

Soccer (M) – sixteen (16) male athletes, two (2) coaches and one (1) manager.

Medals

Gold – Four (4) in Canoe/Kayak.

Silver – Eleven (11) Medals, one (1) Golf and ten (10) Canoe/Kayak.

Bronze – Five (5) Medals, one (1) Athletics Discus and four (4) Canoe/Kayak.

Total – Twenty (20) Medals.





Culture Days

Within the northern district three (3) member communities registered for Culture Days (Creighton/Flin Flon, La Ronge, Buffalo Narrows). Projects include: La Ronge Library- Community Art Project and Talent Show, Town of La Ronge Recreation - fiddle event, Buffalo Narrows Recreation- ribbon skirt making. Creighton/Flin Flon area had 45 projects during culture days including theatre, dance, beading, soapstone carving, birch bark biting, arts, main street days and much more.

National Indigenous History Month

In June, Canadians celebrate National Indigenous History Month to honour the history, heritage, and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada. It is also an opportunity to recognize the strength of present-day Indigenous communities.

The Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District, celebrates the diverse and rich history of the Indigenous groups that have lived in Northern Saskatchewan since time immemorial. In partnership with MBC Radio, the NSCRD is profiling Indigenous VOLUNTEER leaders as part of National Indigenous History Month.

Arts and Culture Leaders

The Arts & Culture Leader Registry is a contemporary alternative for the Northern Arts & Culture Handbook. The purpose is to celebrate northern arts and culture; highlight northern talent; and to provide opportunity for arts and culture leaders through:

- Promotion on social media, website, and newsletter distribution.
- Build individual and organizational capacity.
- Connection of registered arts and culture leaders to relevant provincial and national programs and services.

In support of arts and cultural leaders, NSCRD partnered with the Lac La Ronge Indian Band by providing sponsorship to the Tony Cote Summer Games Cultural Village. The Lac La Ronge Indian Band Cultural Village being the first cultural village hosted during a Tony Cote Games, provided 44 traditional knowledge keepers, artist, and crafts people opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and talents. Beading, birchbark biting, carving demonstrations, Cree language, fish preparation, skiff making, square dancing, snowshoe making, tipi teachings, traditional medicine teas and traditional medicine teaching land and water, wild fur teaching, hide tanning and net making were included in the pavilions throughout the event for attendees from across the province to engage in.





Northern Youth Cultural Fund

The Northern Youth Cultural Fund (NYCF) in partnership with SK Culture provides funding for cultural, artistic, or creative interactive activities for children and youth up to age 19 in northern Saskatchewan.

The Northern Youth Cultural Fund aims to:

- Connect children and youth to unique, life-changing artistic and cultural experiences in their communities.
- Provide all children and youth with the opportunity to participate in creative activities regardless of economic barriers they may face.
- Provide financial support so all kids have an opportunity to participate in creative activities like drama, art, dance, culture, and music; and,
- Support cultural programming, which is critical to a healthy, vibrant community.



COMMUNITY	CULTURE PROGRAM
Lakeview School	Cultural Camp
Common Weal Community Arts Inc.	Language Program
Montreal Lake Cree Nation	Cultural Teachings
Pinehouse Wellness Corp.	Cultural Camp
La Ronge Arts Council	Arts at the Library
Beauval Minor Sports and Recreation	Youth Painting and Arts Project
La Loche Culture and Recreation Board	Yanessa Days
Creighton Recreation and Tourism	Hoop Troupe Dance
Flin Flon Friendship Center	Wilderness Land Based Teaching
Community Arts Mentorship Program	Hip Hop Workshops
Birds Culture Camp Inc.	Ribbon Skirt Making
Beauval Minor Sports and Recreation	Guitar Program
Father Megret High School	Calendar Art Project
Tri-Community Dance Club	Dance
Birds Culture Camp	Moose Hide Making
Village of Denare Beach	Ribbon Skirt Making
Minahik Waskahigan School	Youth Conference
TOTAL	\$92,581

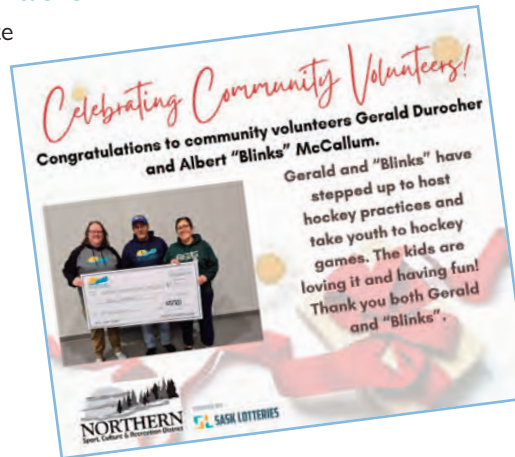
Hip Hop Workshops in the Far North

NSCRD in partnership with Hip Hop artist mentors- ZHE the Free, Big Tones, and B-boy Karlo provided culturally responsive programs the communities of Fond du Lac, Wollaston Lake, Black Lake and Stony Rapids. They also provided Hip Hop enhancements in Buffalo Narrows, Canoe Lake and Beauval. More than 700 youth participated in interactive Hip Hop, beat making, R.A.P, freestyle and performance skills. After school sessions gave youth opportunity to create their own recording to listen to and have.



Community Volunteer Celebration

NSCRD provided a unique opportunity to celebrate northern volunteer leaders. A nomination process opened for community members to nominate volunteer leaders in their community by telling us who they are and what impact they make in the community. Three opportunities granted in the categories of sport, culture, and recreation recognizing eleven (11) volunteers, one (1) club, and two (2) programs, in three (3) communities (Île-à-la-Crosse, La Ronge, and LLRIB Kitsaki), supporting eighteen (18) youth hockey players, multiple youth dance club members and family survivors of suicide. All volunteers received a token of appreciation.



Spirit North

NSCRD collaborated with Spirit North and Cross Country Saskatchewan to bring a traveling cross-country skiing program to Northern Saskatchewan. Ten (10) communities visited (La Ronge, Air Ronge, LLRIB – Kitsaki, Hall Lake, Sucker River, and Stanley Mission, PBCN Southend, La Loche, Île-à-la-Crosse, and Cumberland House). Community Program Leaders visited twelve (12) agencies, with an overall of 768 participants over 53 days of programming. Two (2) community events attended (Saskaloppet and School Ski Championships) with 171 participants; Spirit North collaborated with those participants/communities to get them to the two community events.

School Ski Championships

NSCRD in partnership with the La Ronge Nordic Ski Club to host the School Ski Championships. A total of 126 skiers participated, from Churchill Community High School, Gordon Denny Community School, Pre-Cam Community School, Sally Ross School, Rossignol Community School, and the communities of Flin Flon, Hudson Bay, Saskatoon, and Regina.



Ball Diamond Maintenance Course

NSCRD held a Ball Diamond Maintenance course in the Northern Village of Air Ronge on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. Sixteen (16) participants registered from five (5) communities (La Ronge, Beauval, LLRIB Kitsaki, La Loche and Air Ronge). Ten (10) participants attended the one-day course.

Communities in Bloom

To inspire all communities to enhance the quality of life and our environment through people and plants to create community pride. The Northern District has two (2) communities registered as 'CinB' Communities (Île-à-la-Crosse and Creighton). NSCRD assists these communities with their local committees.



NPIDF (Northern Physical Instructor Development Fund)

The intention of the Northern Physical Instructor Development Fund (NPIDF) is to support Community Development by disbursing funds to Municipalities, Metis Locals, First Nations, and Schools that deliver physical fitness programs.

This funding will build and/or enhance community capacity by developing physical fitness instructors in Northern communities in Saskatchewan.

A guiding principle of this Northern Physical Instructor Development Fund is that communities are empowered and supported to assess for themselves the training and development they most need.

NSCRD approved four (4) applicants to obtain physical fitness certifications to become leaders. One (1) applicant has completed their Children's Fitness Coach Certificate, and three (3) applicants completed their Cross Fit Level 1 certification. Meanwhile, one (1) applicant has approval to obtain their National Lifeguard and Instructor Training in the upcoming year.



Assistant Curling Ice Technician Course

NSCRD assisted two (2) individuals to attend the Assistant Curling Ice Technician course in La Ronge. These two individuals represented the community of La Ronge from the Lac La Ronge Curling Club. Meanwhile six (6) attended the course held at the La Ronge Curling Club.



Play Leadership

NSCRD, in partnership with SPRA, delivered one (1) SPRA Play Leader workshop. Thirteen (13) participants registered from twelve (12) communities (La Ronge, LLRIB - Kitsaki, Sucker River, and Stanley Mission, PBCN Southend and Deschambault Lake, Cumberland House, Patuanak, Canoe Lake Cree Nation, Timber Bay, Buffalo Narrows, and Dillon).

Listen to Dis' (LTD) - A Performance & Disability Cultural Conversation

Listen to Dis' is Saskatchewan's first and only disability-led, disability arts organization. NSCRD partnered with LTD to perform in northern Saskatchewan. Stanley Mission – May 3, 2024 – held at the Rhoda Hardlotte Memorial Keethanow High School with 260 attending.

The event opened with a dazzling montage of music and theatre from past and future productions performed by LTD's music ensemble The Dripping Honeys and guest artists. Our goal was to invite people in, through art and facilitated dialogue, to create a better understanding of access and inclusion from a Crip perspective. One that helps construct community awareness and appreciation of disability and access in art, culture, and education. It was unapologetically satirical, ironic, and hilarious and was meant to interrupt hidden biases around disability.

Following the performance, we host a safe and nurturing community conversation about ACCESS and the ARTS: The how, why, when, where, and who... We, as always, MOVE at the SPEED OF TRUST.



Understand Diversity Webinar

NSCRD partnered with other Districts to deliver an Understand Diversity webinar with facilitator Flo Frank. There were six (6) northerners attending, representing five (5) communities (Pinehouse, Air Ronge, Creighton, La Ronge and LLRIB Kitsaki).



Northern Active Living Library (NALL) Program

A groundbreaking partnership between the Pakkisiimon Nuyeh Library System (PNLS) and NSCRD offers everything from Bocce Ball and Steel Horseshoes to Yoga mats and board ball, the NALL program provides a broad spectrum of sports and activity equipment suitable for various ages and interests. Delve into the Active Fun Kits, designed for convenience and fun. These kits include items like bean bags, activity dice, juggling equipment, and skipping ropes, all packed for easy use and transportation. NSCRD has expanded the items available to include winter activities, such as Ice Sleds, Snow Tubes with helmets, binoculars and Snowshoes to fit the whole family!

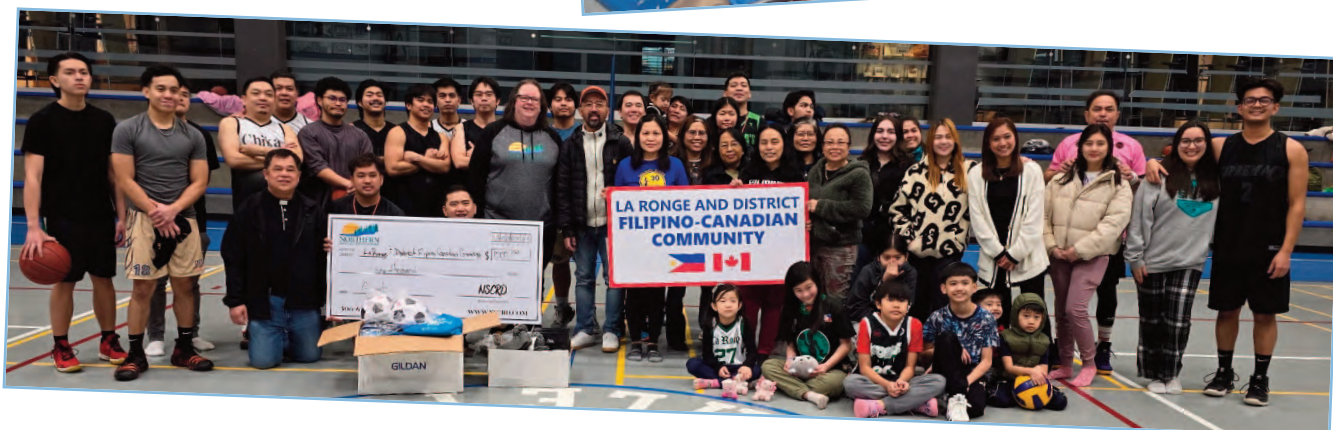
To borrow any or all these items, go to your local or SCHOOL library and get a FREE library card; then work with your librarian to request the items. It's as easy and as simple as that! Everything is FREE!!!



NSCRD Micro/IDEA Grant

The Micro Grant is an initiative designed to build relationships and increase interaction with under-served member communities that do not participate in the Northern Community and School Recreation Coordinator Program. Fourteen (14) member communities received a micro-grant to support new sport, culture, or recreation programs.

- Stony Rapids
- St. Georges Hill
- LLRIB Grandmothers Bay
- Black Lake First Nation
- LLRIB Hall Lake
- Birch Narrows Dene Nation
- Denare Beach
- Uranium City
- Cole Bay
- PBCN Sturgeon Landing
- Turnor Lake
- Beauval
- Weyakwin
- La Ronge & District Filipino Canadian Community





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