



Northern Sport, Culture & Recreation District (NSCRD) 2025-2026 Annual Report

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Our Vision

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

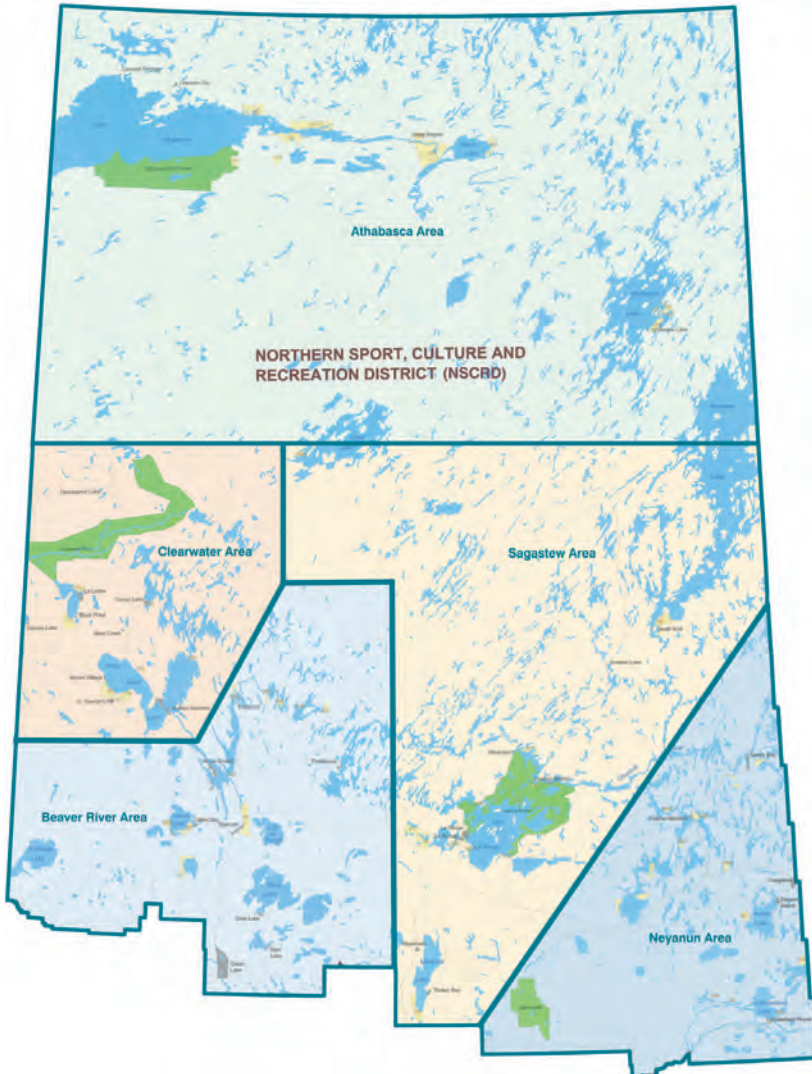
Our Mission

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
Terri-Lynn Beavereye
Nikki Webster
Vacant

Geographical Representation

The five (5) geographical 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 fifty-four member communities. In 2025-26, NSCRD staff reported ninety-eight (98) community visits and 137 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 work 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 were facilitated, one (1) in-person and one (1) virtual.

- October 21, 2025, hosted an in-person Grant Writing Workshop in Stanley Mission, eight (8) members attended from seven (7) different organizations.
- January 21, 2026, hosted a virtual Grant Writing Workshop, eighteen (18) participants registered from ten (10) communities/organizations; three (3) attended from three (3) communities/organizations (La Ronge, Northlands College and Northern Lights School Division #113, and the Lac La Ronge Indian Band).

Rec Café

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

OUTCOME: To gain a clearer understanding of the support available for recreation employees and community leaders, and to share ideas among peers. There were five (5) virtual Rec Café sessions held:

- September 10, 2025 – Focus on Grants, with guest speakers from Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA), Communities Initiatives Fund (CIF), and Sask Culture. Seventeen (17) registered from thirteen (13) communities/organizations. (Beauval Recreation, Pinehouse, Town of La Ronge, Lac La Ronge Indian Band, Canoe Lake Cree First Nation, Kineepik Metis Local, Southend, Northern Village of Sandy Bay, Napatak Ramble, Pinehouse Wellness Centre, La Ronge Arts Council, Sandy Bay Family Resource Centre, and Cumberland House – Ministik Community School)
- January 7, 2026 – Improving Operational Efficiency & Risk Management, seven (7) registered from six (6) communities.
- January 14, 2026 – Leadership Action – Find Your Flow, fifteen (15) registered from nine (9) communities.
- January 21, 2026 – Grant Writing 101 for Non-Profits, eighteen (18) registered from ten (10) communities.
- January 28, 2026 – Project Management: 101 Fundamentals, twenty-one (21) registered from eleven (11) communities.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Rec Café

Winter Webinar Series:

Dates and Discussion Topics:

1. Wednesday, January 7 - Policies: Improving Operational Efficiency and Risk Management!
2. Wednesday, January 14 - Leadership in Action: Find your Flow!
3. Wednesday, January 21 - Grant Writing: 101 for non-profits
4. Wednesday, January 28 - Project Management: 101 Fundamentals

All times 1:15pm - 2:45pm

Registration Rec Café Winter 2026 - Fill out form <https://forms.office.com/r/ElEys1EDJ>

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Northern Community & School Recreation Coordinator Program (NC&SRCP) (2024-25 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.



2024-25 NC&SRCP Full Time Site Grant \$57,661

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. Twenty-two, Coordinators were employed full time over the course of the year (one part time). All the Coordinators are Northern residents and live in the community they serve. Total CSRC salary and benefits and employment remittance was \$916,188.

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. Total site expense on training opportunities for CSRC was \$65,531.

Program Supplies and Leadership

The remaining portion of the grant (after wages and training) is available for expense on programming supplies. Total site expense on program supplies and leadership was \$276,203.

Leadership Training

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

Fall Orientation

October, La Ronge

Sixteen (16) CSRCs attended training sessions:

- A Day in the Life of a CSRC,
- Effective Programming,
- New Programming Ideas, and
- Conversations Around Workplace Challenges.

In Prince Albert, program supervisors attended a day workshop, "Improving Workplace Relationships," facilitated by Bob and Catherine Hornsberger, Whole Person Training and Consulting Services.

HIGH FIVE® - PHCD & QUEST 2

December, La Ronge

Ten (10) CSRCs completed "Principles of Healthy Child Development" and seven (7) CSRCs received High Five® certification, facilitated by Crystal Clarke.





Spring Training

May, Prince Albert

Seventeen (17) CSRCs attended workshop, “Wholistic Wellness”, facilitated by Bob, and Catherine Hornsberger, Whole Person Training and Consulting Services.

Summer Program Workshops

May, in La Ronge and June, in Prince Albert

Shelly Panko-Schultz facilitated two, hands-on workshops, which provided fifteen (15) CSRCs resources and guidance to plan and run their summer activities back in their home communities.

Broomball Clinic

La Ronge

Scott Julé from Broomball Saskatchewan instructed the rules and basic skills of Broomball to four (4) CSRCs.

Pickleball Clinic

Beauval

Pickleball Saskatchewan led a clinic for youth and five (5) CSRCs to learn rules of the game and proper playing techniques.

Bimonthly Facilitated Zoom Calls

An average of thirteen (13) CSRCs met as a group throughout the year with NSCRD staff over thirteen (13) Zoom meetings. The goal of these meetings is to share a variety of topics, to build coordinators’ skills, and enhance programming. Examples of topics include; calendar creation, community roundtables, working with youth, and goal setting.

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 77,693 participation opportunities occurred during 5,489 program sessions (average 255 sessions per site).

- 859 unique program opportunities.
- 44% of programs planned were recreation in scope.
- 24% of programs planned were sport in scope.
- 25% of programs planned were culture in scope.
- 7% of programs planned were leadership in scope.
- 6% of participants were pre-school (0-4yrs) age.
- 30% of participants were children (5-12yrs) age.
- 32% of participants were youth (13-18yrs) age.
- 27% of participants were adult (19-49yrs) age.
- 5% of participants were elder (50+yrs) age.
- 100% of programs reduced barriers in design by providing food, transportation or no cost.
- 1286 programs planned and 859 programs facilitated as per the annual program plan.





Programming Equipment and Site Partnerships

NSCRD looks to provide other options to enhance site development and increase capacity through providing equipment or partnerships.

Examples of equipment and partnership opportunities:

- Community Developer Shelly Panko-Schultz with NSCRD staff, were able to provide one (1) summer programming kit for a developmental site in the Athabasca Basin.
- Two (2) sites with ample human resources, approved to receive expressly programming dollars.
- Partnership developed to provide Hip Hop programs in Canoe Lake, Beauval, Buffalo Narrows, Fond du Lac and Hatchet Lake for over five hundred youth participants.
- Provision of Ribbon Skirt kits for twenty (20) participants to the site in Sandy Bay.
- Broomball and Futsal equipment to sites participating in clinics.
- Partnership developed to provide Soccer in School with four (4) CSRCs, providing nets and balls for indoor soccer programming.

Book Program

In partnership with McNally Robinson, the NSCRD provided one hundred books to twenty-two (22) program sites. 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.



Participating Communities

COMMUNITY	SCHOOL
Beauval	Valley View School
Buffalo Narrows	Twin Lakes Community School
Canoe Lake Cree First Nation	Mikisiw School
Clearwater River Dene First Nation	Clearwater River Dene Nation
Cumberland House Cree First Nation	Nisto Awasisak Memorial School
Buffalo River First Nation	Buffalo River Dene Nation School
English River First Nation	St. Louis School
Fond du Lac Denesuline First Nation	Father Gamache Memorial School
Green Lake	St. Pascal School
Hatchet Lake Denesuline First Nation	Father Megret Schools
Île-à-la-Crosse	Rossignol Elementary and High Schools
Jans Bay	Jans Bay School
La Ronge	Churchill Community High School
LLRIB, Kitsaki	Senator Myles Venne School
LLRIB, Stanley Mission	Keethanow and Rhoda Hardlotte Schools
LLRIB, Nemeiben Lake	Chief Moses Ratt School
PBCN, Deschambault Lake	Kimosom Pwatinak Collegiate
PBCN, Pelican Narrows	Wapanacak and Opawikoscikan Schools
PBCN, Southend	Reindeer Lake School
Pinehouse Lake	Minahik Wasahigan School
Sandy Bay	Hector Thiboutot School
Timber Bay	Timber Bay School
Summary: Twenty-one (21) Full Time, One (1) Half Time, Eight and a half (8.5) Provincial, Thirteen (13) 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 2025-26, fifty-two (52) communities applied for 138 different project 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, youth craft nights and youth sports.



COMMUNITY NAME	VALUE
Northern Town of Creighton	\$13,731.00
Cumberland House Cree Nation	\$11,848.00
Northern Village of Cumberland House	\$5,913.00
Northern Village of Denare Beach	\$7,501.00
Northern Village of Pelican Narrows	\$1,347.00
Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation @ Deschambault Lake	\$17,903.00
Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation @ Pelican Narrows	\$45,300.00
Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation @ Sturgeon Landing	\$1,456.00
Northern Village of Sandy Bay	
Little Red River (La Ronge)	\$5,179.00
Little Red River (Montreal Lake)	\$8,640.00
Montreal Lake Cree First Nation	\$19,162.00
Northern Hamlet of Timber Bay	\$1,142.00
Northern Hamlet of Weyakwin	\$1,410.00
Churchill River @ Stanley Mission	\$22,535.00
Northern Settlement of Southend	\$1,960.00
Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation @ Southend	\$17,443.00
Northern Village of Air Ronge	\$14,947.00
Northern Settlement of Brabant Lake	\$500.00
Lac La Ronge Indian Band @ Grandmothers Bay	\$5,344.00
Lac La Ronge Indian Band @ Hall Lake	\$7,972.00
Northern Town of La Ronge	\$27,605.00
Lac La Ronge Indian Band @ Kitsaki	\$35,861.00
Northern Hamlet of Missinipe	\$500.00
Lac La Ronge Indian Band @ Nemeiben (Sucker) River	\$4,884.00
Northern Settlement of Stanley Mission	\$1,354.00
Northern Village of Beauval	\$7,501.00
Canoe Lake Cree First Nation	\$12,954.00
Northern Hamlet of Cole Bay	\$2,735.00
Northern Hamlet of Dore Lake	\$522.00
English River Band	
Northern Village of Green Lake	\$4,500.00
Northern Village of Île-à-la-Crosse	\$15,604.00
Northern Hamlet of Jans Bay	\$1,636.00
Northern Hamlet of Patuanak	\$888.00
Northern Village of Pinehouse Lake	\$11,092.00
Northern Settlement of Sled Lake	\$500.00
Northern Settlement of Bear Creek	\$635.00
Birch Narrows Dene Nation	\$5,672.00
Northern Hamlet of Black Pointe	\$550.00
Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows	\$11,103.00
Buffalo River Dene Nation	\$9,395.00
Clearwater River Dene Nation	\$12,625.00
Northern Settlement of Descharme Lake	\$500.00
Northern Settlement of Garson Lake	\$500.00
Northern Village of La Loche	\$29,171.00
Northern Hamlet of Michel Village	\$522.00
Northern Hamlet of St. Georges Hill	\$1,086.00
Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake	
Black Lake First Nation	\$18,484.00
Northern Settlement of Camsell Portage	\$500.00
Fond du Lac First Nation	\$12,943.00
Hatchet Lake Band	\$16,480.00
Northern Hamlet of Stony Rapids	\$3,088.00
Northern Settlement of Uranium City	\$1,283.00
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-five (35) 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.



APPLICANT	SPORT
Father Megret High School	Volleyball
Creighton Community School	Volleyball
Father Porte Memorial School	Volleyball
Father Gamache Memorial School	Volleyball
Senator Myles Venne School, LLIB	Football
Father Gamache Memorial School	Cross Country Running
Rossignol High School	Canoe
Father Megret High School	Cross Country Running
Rhoda Hardlotte Memorial School	Volleyball
Father Porte Memorial School	Cross Country Running
Creighton Community School	Athletics
I5U Boys Club Team	Volleyball
I5U Girls Club Team	Volleyball
Northern Stars Girls Club Team	Volleyball
Town of Creighton Sports Camp	Volleyball
Buffalo Narrows Sports & Rec	Softball
Wollaston Lake Elementary School	Cross Country Running
Wollaston Lake Elementary School	Volleyball
Creighton Community School	Basketball
Beauval Minor Sports and Recreation	Cross Country Ski
Flin Flon Ski Club	Cross Country Ski
Rhoda Hardlotte Memorial School	Wrestling
Kineepik Metis Local Inc	Hockey
Father Gamache Memorial School	Indoor Soccer
Father Porte Memorial School	Badminton
Father Megret High School	Table Tennis
Father Gamache Memorial School	Badminton
Father Megret High School	Badminton
Kimosom Pwatinahk High School	Hockey
Wollaston Lake Elementary School	Indoor Soccer
Reindeer Lake School	Volleyball
Reindeer Lake School	Cross Country Ski
Kiskahikan School	Skating
Valley View Community School	Basketball
Wollaston Lake Elementary School	Gymnastics



Athlete, Coach & Officials Development



National Coaching Certification Program

NSCRCD 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

NSCRCD supported athlete development camps in District communities.

SPORT	COMMUNITY	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES
Wrestling Sport Clinic	Stanley Mission	Eight (8)
Female Hockey/Women in Sport	LLRIB Kitsaki	One hundred (100)
Cross Country Skiing	La Ronge	Sixty (60)
Futsal	Creighton	Sixty (60)
Football	Prince Albert	One hundred and eighty (180)
Minor Hockey Jamboree	Buffalo Narrows	Sixty (60)
Broomball	Île-à-la-Crosse	Ninety-nine (96)
Far North Volleyball Tour	Stony Rapids, Black Lake, Hatchet Lake, and Fond du Lac	One hundred and twenty (120)

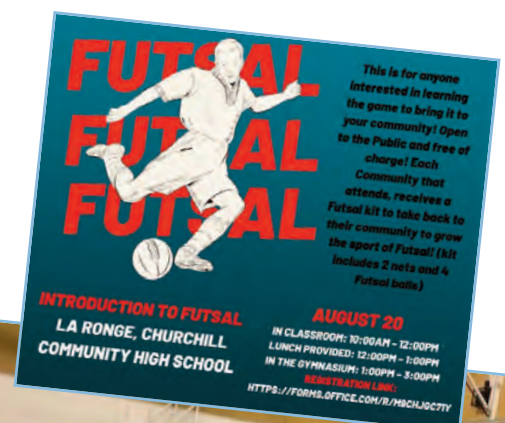
Six hundred and fifteen (615) youth attended the eight (8) various sport camp opportunities held in the north from over twenty-five (25) communities.

Sport Pillar - Coaching Development

The NSCRD, in partnership with the Coaching Association of Saskatchewan (CAS), the Indigenous Coaches and Officials Program and our Provincial Sport Governing Bodies, supported coaching clinics in the sports of hockey (twenty (20) certified), Gymnastics (five (5) certified), cross country skiing (six (6) certified), canoe/kayak (one (1) certified for employment), futsal (twenty-six (26) certified) and two (2) Aboriginal Coaches Modules facilitated. Promotion of several online coaches' clinics happened each month through CAS. Three (3) clinic cancellations occurred due to wildfire complications.

Sport Pillar - Officiating Development

The NSCRD, in partnership with the Coaching Association of Saskatchewan (CAS), the Indigenous Coaches and Officials Program and our Provincial Sport Governing Bodies, supported two (2) officials' clinics, ten (10) in the sports of soccer, and six (6) volleyball training. Sixteen (16) new officials trained, fifteen (15) of them being youth.





Northern Hockey Development

NSCRD partnered with the MLTC/PAGC to promote and assist with hockey camps throughout the north. Camps occurred in Buffalo Narrows, Deschambault Lake, Cumberland House, Meadow Lake, and Black Lake.



Saskatchewan Winter Games 2026

Team North represented seven (7) sport teams at the 2026 Saskatchewan Winter Games in Flying Dust First Nation and Meadow Lake. Forty-Four (44) athletes, eleven (11) coaches, four (4) managers, and four (4) mission staff attended.

In the sports of:

Wrestling – One (1) male, two (2) female athletes, and two (2) coaches.

Judo – One (1) female athlete, one (1) coach and one (1) manager.

Badminton – Five (5) male athletes, Four (4) Female athletes one, (1) coach and one (1) manager.

Figure Skating – One (1) female athlete, one (1) coach and one (1) manager.

Futsal (F) – Twelve (12) female athletes, two (2) coaches and one (1) manager.

Futsal (M) – Nine (9) male athletes, two (2) coaches.

Cross-Country Ski – Four (4) male athletes, five female (5), two (2) coaches and one (1) manager.



Medals

Gold – Five (5) in Cross-Country Ski.

Silver – Three (3) in Cross-Country Ski.

Bronze - Four (4) in Cross-Country Ski and One (1) in Judo.

Team NORTH WINS.... Sask Milk District Spirit Award

Presented at the conclusion of each Saskatchewan Summer and Winter Games to the District Team whose athletes, coaches, managers, and mission staff best combine competitive performance, good sportsmanship, passion, and a spirit of fair play, cooperation, and friendship.

Nomination Criteria:

The District Team, whose athletes, coaches, managers, and mission staff best displayed the Saskatchewan Games Council's values at the Games.

1. Inclusive – supporting all people, cultures, and abilities in a safe, respectful environment where all can thrive through sport.

2. Passionate – there is a contagious passion, energy, and spirit shown by the District Mission Team as well as their athletes and coaches.

3. Responsive – the District is cooperative, supportive, and responsive through their positive engagement and collaboration with all those involved with the Games.

4. Accountable – honest and ethical participation is displayed where the values of fair play, friendships, and good sportsmanship are honored.





Culture Days

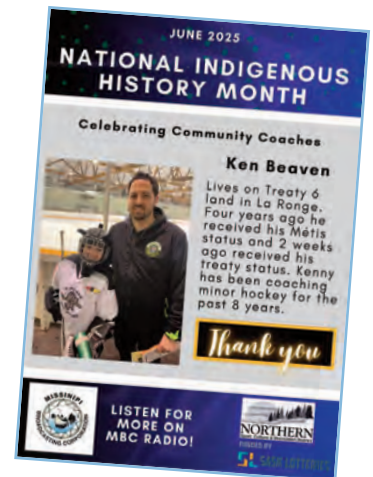
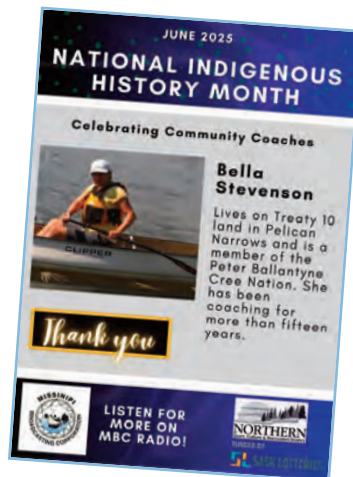
Within the northern district, three (3) member communities registered for Culture Days (Creighton/Flin Flon, La Ronge and Beauval). La Ronge Library hosted five (5) programs, Community Dance & Sing, Chinese hand fans, author readings, birch bark art, and caribou hair tufting. Town of La Ronge Arts Council organized a printmaking workshop. Beauval Recreation organized the program Reconnecting to Culture. Creighton/Flin Flon area had sixty (60) projects during culture days including theatre, dance, beading, soapstone carving, birch bark biting, main street days, Ashes We Rise, Art in the Wild, sculpture making, wild rice, school events 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 profiled Northern Coaches as part of National Indigenous History Month.





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.

APPLYING ORGANIZATION	CULTURE PROGRAM
Athabasca Education Authority	Making Dene Drums
Common Weal Community Arts Inc.	Art & Culture Program
Île-à-la-Crosse Recreation	Trap Line Teachings
Pinehouse Wellness Corp.	Camp Out Memorial & Camp
La Ronge Arts Council	Arts at the Library
Beauval Minor Sports and Recreation	Land Culture Camp
La Loche Friendship Center	Traditional Garment Teachings
Creighton Recreation and Tourism	Hoop Troupe Dance
Southend Reindeer Lake School	King & Queen Trappers Event
Community Arts Mentorship Program	Hip Hop Workshops
Birds Culture Camp Inc.	Beading & Dream Catching
Beauval Minor Sports and Recreation	Take Me Outdoors
Dene High School	Dene Cultural Arts
Birds Culture Camp Inc.	Rabbit Snaring
Northern Lights Blue Grass Camp	Music Camp
TOTAL	\$88, 420



Far North Hip Hop Workshops

NSCRD in partnership with Hip Hop artist mentors ZHE the Free, Big Tones, and B-boy Karlo provided culturally responsive programs the communities of Creighton, Pelican Narrows and Deschambault Lake. They also provided Hip Hop enhancements in Buffalo Narrows, Canoe Lake and Beauval. More than 800 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 perform.





School Ski Championships

NSCRD, in partnership with the La Ronge Nordic Ski Club, hosted the School Ski Championships. Cold weather conditions canceled the School Ski Championships. However, a Ski School Fun Ski took place on an alternate date. There were ninety (90) skiers in attendance from five (5) communities (La Ronge, Air Ronge, Lac La Ronge Indian Band, Sucker River, and Stanley Mission).



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.

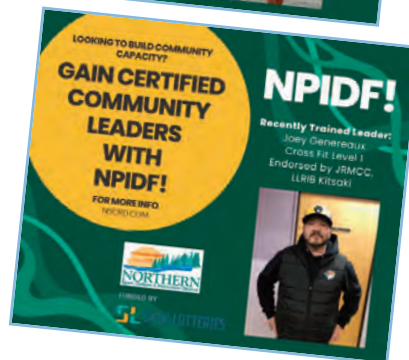
NPIDF (Northern Physical Instructor Development Fund)

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 NPIDF is that communities are empowered and supported to assess for themselves the training and development they most need.

NSCRD approved two (2) applicants to obtain physical fitness certifications to become leaders. One (1) applicant completed their Cross Fit Level 1 certification, and one (1) applicant completed their National Lifeguard and Instructor Training.



Community Change and Transition Webinar

NSCRD partnered with other Districts to deliver an online seminar on community change and transition, facilitated by Flo Frank. Two NSCRD staff attended.

Northern Active Living Library (NALL) Program

A groundbreaking partnership between the Pahkisimon Nuye?ah Library System (PNLS) and NSCRD offers everything from Bocce Ball, Ladder Ball, Steel Horseshoes, Corn Hole, Yoga mats, board ball, Bucket Golf and sporting equipment such as footballs, basketballs, volleyballs (including Beach), soccer balls and soccer nets 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, Snowshoes to fit the whole family, Ice Fishing equipment, complete with tackle, augers and Ice Fishing Shacks!

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!!!

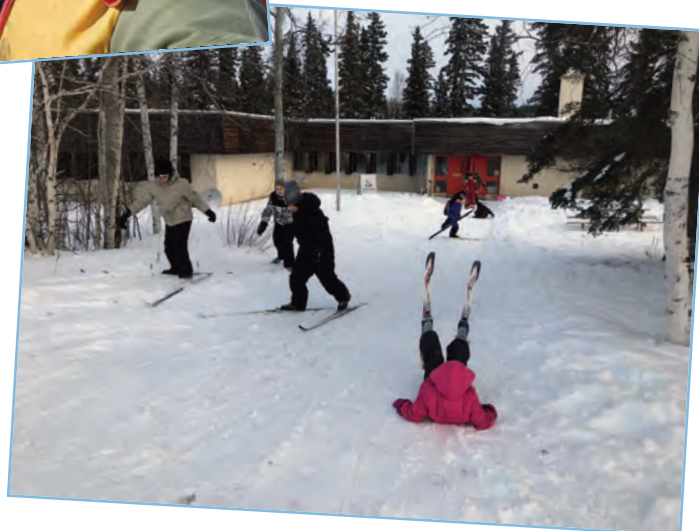




NSCRD IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility) Grant

The IDEA Grant is an initiative designed to build relationships and increase interaction with underserved member communities that do not participate in the Northern Community and School Recreation Coordinator Program. Eighteen (18) program grants were issued to sixteen (16) communities to support new sport, culture, or recreation programs.

- LLRIB Hall Lake
- Brabant
- Cole Bay
- Cole Bay (N-13 Fur Block Association Inc.)
- PBCN Sturgeon Landing
- LLRIB Grandmothers Bay
- Weyakwin
- Air Ronge
- Denare Beach
- Montreal Lake Cree Nation
- Uranium City (Ski Club and Skate Rink)
- Stony Rapids
- Black Lake Denesuline Nation
- St. George's Hill
- La Ronge Nordic Ski Club
- La Loche
- PBCN Pelican Narrows





NSCRD Facility Grant

NSCRD aimed to support communities within the Northern District through facility development. This program helped enhance and expand sport, culture, and recreation opportunities by increasing facility usage and supporting long-term community development.

- La Ronge Friendship Centre
- La Loche Friendship Centre
- Black Lake First Nation
- Stony Rapids
- Northern Village of Air Ronge
- Northern Village of Beauval
- Canoe Lake Cree Nation
- Clearwater River Dene Nation
- Northern Town of Creighton
- Cumberland House Cree Nation
- Northern Village of Denare Beach
- Northern Village of Green Lake
- Northern Village of Ile-a-la-Crosse
- Northern Village of La Loche
- Lac La Ronge Indian Band, Hall Lake
- Lac La Ronge Indian Band, Kitsaki, JRMCC
- Northern Hamlet of Michel Village
- Northern Village of Pelican Narrows
- Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation, Sturgeon Landing
- Northern Hamlet of Weyakwin



Tri-Community Fun Run

A community winter fun run organized by Failed New Years Resolutions Run Club. The event was designed to provide an inclusive, non-competitive opportunity for community members to engage in physical activity during the winter months. Participants were encouraged to run, jog, or walk at their own pace in a supportive and welcoming environment.

The run emphasized physical activity as a tool for supporting mental health, reducing social isolation, and fostering community connection. The event also highlighted respect for and connection to the land, reflecting the values and identity of Northern Saskatchewan communities. All ages and ability levels were welcomed, with safety measures and accessibility considerations incorporated into the event design.



Ball Diamond Maintenance

This one-day introductory course provides professional instruction on proper sportsfield maintenance. This course talks about pitcher's mound, home plate and bull-pen areas, base paths, infield maintenance and much more. This is a practical course combined with classroom instruction. This course was scheduled to be hosted in Canoe Lake however forest fires prevented the course from taking place. The host community received ball diamond maintenance equipment as well as two sets of bases.

Provincial Districts Collaboration – Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) Convention

The SUMA Tradeshow attracts a dynamic mix of municipal decision-makers from across Saskatchewan, including mayors, councillors, CAOs, city/town/village managers, and department leaders. It also draws operational staff from public works and infrastructure, along with provincial ministers and government representatives—bringing together the key people shaping the province's communities.

All of the Districts have come together to host a shared booth, showcasing the collective value and services they offer to municipalities



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