



# Northern Sport, Culture & Recreation District (NSCRD)

2022-2023  
Annual Report

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## Our Vision

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

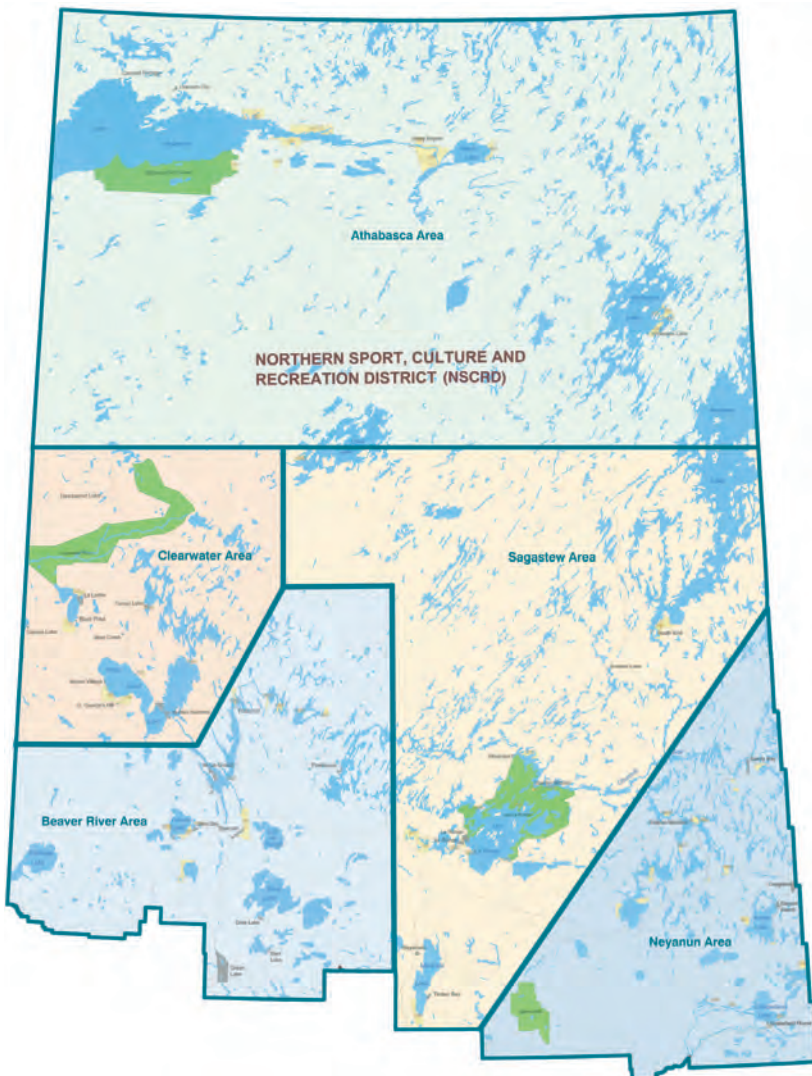
## Our Mission

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:
  - Athabasca Area – **Clifford Laprise**
  - Beaver River Area – **Cassandra Corrigan**
  - Clearwater Area – **Alwyn Piche**
  - Neyanun Area – **Colleen Charles**
  - Sagastew Area – **Vawn Desjarlais**
- Seven “program” area representatives as elected by the members from a north wide nomination process:
  - Randy Janvier**
  - Kristy McDougall**
  - Cheyenne MacDonald**
  - Rachel Merasty**
  - Mike Bouvier**
  - Lionel McKenzie**
  - Christopher Merasty**

### 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

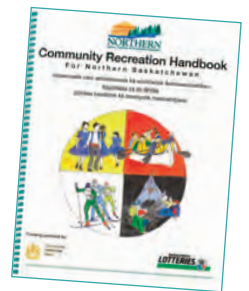
The most important role that we have as a District is to assist northern communities with their sport, culture and recreation development. All the staff at the NSCRD are available to support community needs in the sport, culture, recreation, physical activity or youth leadership areas. We are here to 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 manages community profiles on each of our member communities; 11 from the East Service Area, 23 from the West Service Area and 19 from the Central/Far North Service area. In 2022-2023, NSCRD Community Relations Coordinators and other staff reported 107 community visits and 166 critical conference calls in and with member communities. 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 is here to work with individuals applying for sport, recreation, and culture 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 grant writing workshops were facilitated, one face-to-face and one virtually.

- August 28, 2022, hosted by Buffalo Narrows, seven members attended representing 4 communities and associations.
- March 21, 2023, hosted virtually, 20 participants from Stanley Mission, Green Lake, Lac La Ronge Indian Band, La Ronge, Air Ronge, Cumberland House, Pelican Narrows, Sandy Bay, Sucker River, Buffalo Narrows, Timber Bay and Deschambault Lake.



### 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 six virtual Rec Café's held:**

- April 7, 2022 – 9 participants from Lac La Ronge Indian Band, La Ronge, Air Ronge, Clearwater River Dene Nation and Île-à-la-Crosse.
- August 23, 2022 – 4 participants from Pelican Narrows and Cole Bay with a speaker from the Office of the Treaty Commissioner.
- September 16, 2022 – 13 participants from Île-à-la-Crosse, La Ronge, Air Ronge, Sucker River, Denare Beach, Sandy Bay, Cole Bay and the Lac La Ronge Indian Band with speakers from the Community Initiatives Fund and Sask Culture.
- February 28, 2023 – 14 participants from Timber Bay, La Ronge, Deschambault Lake, Sucker River, Buffalo Narrows, Sandy Bay, Pelican Narrows, Cumberland House, Green Lake, Stanley Mission and Air Ronge.
- March 14, 2023 – 20 participants from Timber Bay, Deschambault Lake, Lac La Ronge Indian Band, Buffalo Narrows, Sucker River, Sandy Bay, La Ronge, Air Ronge, Stanley Mission, Green Lake, Cumberland House and Pelican Narrows.
- March 21, 2023 – 20 participants from Lac La Ronge Indian Band, Air Ronge, Green Lake, Cumberland House, Pelican Narrows, Sandy Bay, La Ronge, Sucker River, Buffalo Narrows, Deschambault Lake, Timber Bay and Pinehouse.





## Northern Community & School Recreation Coordinator Program (NC&SRCP) (2021-22 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. The program is delivered in partnership with Northern municipalities, First Nations, community sport, culture and recreation organizations, education divisions/authorities and the Northern Sport, Culture & Recreation District.

### 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.

The NC&SRCP community site grant for the 2021-22 program year was \$56,200 for full time sites. The Northern Lights School Division #113 contributed an additional \$7,000 for full time sites and \$3,500 for a half time site to support increased programming and training expenses in all sites where they are the employer.

2021-22 NC&SRCP	GRANTED	SPENT	DIFF
Management and Administration	\$112,300	\$119,509.98	\$7,209.98
Training	\$68,100	\$74,798.43	\$6,698.43
Site Grants (\$56,200/full time site)	\$1,208,000	\$1,170,930.51	\$37,069.49

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

### Local Employment of a Community & School Recreation Coordinator

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 was \$40,884.06.

### 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 \$1,542.21.

### 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 \$13,933.29.

### Training

Training opportunities are facilitated by the NSCRD each year. These events are designed to meet the training needs of CSRCs and to build capacity of steering committees and community partners in participating communities. Adaptations had to be made this year due to the continued presence of COVID-19.

### Core Trainings

#### Fall Orientation

October, Virtual - Attended by 17 CSRCs, 18 Supervisors and 3 Community Partners.

Sessions Included:

Supervision and Program Management,

Day in the Life of CSRC,

Budgeting 101,

NC&SRCP Program Guidelines Changes and Updates,

Keynote: Kendall Netmaker, sharing his story and his path to success.







## HIGH FIVE® - PHCD & QUEST 2

December, La Ronge - 7 CSRCs, 2 NSCRD staff.

Principles of Healthy Child Development and Quality Experience Scanning Tools.

## Spring Training

June, Prince Albert - 19 CSRCs, 2 NSCRD staff.

Whole Person Training and Consulting, Bob and Catherine Hornsberger, facilitated: Finding Balance in an Unbalanced World.

## Virtual Conference Calls

Bi-Monthly - 22 CSRCs; 15 Facilitated Calls

Topics included:

CSRC Roundtables

SMART Goal overview

Getting out of your comfort zone

Volunteer recruitment

Christmas themed party

HIGH FIVE® refreshers

Claire Miller led Wildernook presentation

Facilitator Brenda Robson

Programming centered around books Facilitator Greg Hopf

Program planning processes



## 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 81,053 participation opportunities occurred through 4,392 program sessions (average 200 sessions per site).

- 4,419 unique participants in regular ongoing after-school programs.
- 44% of programs planned were recreation in scope.
- 23% of programs planned were sport in scope.
- 28% of programs planned were culture in scope.
- 5% of programs planned were leadership in scope.
- 8% of participants were pre-school (0-4yrs) age.
- 29% of participants were children (5-12yrs) age.
- 31% of participants were youth (13-18yrs) age.
- 27% of participants were adult (19-49yrs) age.
- 6% of participants were elder (50+yrs) age.
- 100% of programs reduced barriers in design by providing food; transportation; or no cost.
- 1191 programs planned; 756 programs facilitated.



## Program Adaptation

The Pandemic changed the parameters in which CSRCs were used to programming for part of the year.

Examples of program adaptations this year include:

Sandy Bay – virtual pizza making night.

Green Lake – Valentines Day packages delivered to community members.

Cumberland House – virtual baking night packages delivered.

Dillon – virtual Valentines Day muffin making.

Dillon – virtual Halloween party.

## Summer Activity Kits

Twenty-two kits were given to CSRCs to enhance summer programming outside when the gym or public venues were closed. Items included: hula hoops, bean bags, nets, parachutes, ropes for tug-of-war, and cones.



## Book Program

In partnership with McNally Robinson, the NSCRD provided 100 books to each program site and to 3 additional far north communities (Black Lake, Stony Rapids and Fond du Lac). A total number of 2,600 books dispersed. 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®

HIGH FIVE® is Canada's only quality standard for organizations providing recreation and sport programs to children aged 6 to 12. Through a quality assurance process, HIGH FIVE® supports the safety, well-being, and healthy development of children.

The QUEST 2 assessment is utilized to review, measure, and evaluate the extent to which children's programs support healthy development and quality of programs provided.



### Program Strengths Included:

- 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	EMPLOYER
Canoe Narrows	Canoe Lake Miskiw School	Canoe Narrows First Nation
Beauval	Valley View Community School	Northern Lights School Division #113
Buffalo Narrows	Twin Lakes Community School	Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows
Cumberland House Cree Nation	Nisto Awasisak Memorial School	Cumberland House Cree Nation
Deschambault Lake	Kimosom Pwatinahk & Kitapiskaw Elementary School	Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation – Deschambault Education
Dillon	Buffalo River Dene Nation School	Buffalo River Dene Nation
Weyakwin	Kiskahikan Community School	Northern Lights School Division #113
Green Lake	St. Pascal School	Northern Village of Green Lake
Île-à-la-Crosse	Rossignol Elementary School	Île-à-la-Crosse School Division #112
Jans Bay	Jans Bay Community School	Northern Lights School Division #113
LLRIB (Bell's Point)	Bell's Point Elementary School	Lac La Ronge Indian Band-Education
LLRIB (SMVS)	Senator Myles Venne School	Lac La Ronge Indian Band-Education
La Loche	La Loche Dene High School	Northern Lights School Division #113
Montreal Lake	Senator Allan Bird Memorial School	Montreal Lake Cree Nation
Patuanak	St. Louis School	English River First Nation
Pelican Narrows	Wapanacak School & Opawikoscikan School	Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation – Pelican Narrows Education
Pinehouse	Minahik Waskahigan School	Northern Lights School Division #113
Sandy Bay	Hector Thiboutot Community School	Northern Village of Sandy Bay
Southend	Reindeer Lake School	Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation-Southend Education
Stanley Mission	Keethanow Elementary School & Rhoda Hardlotte Memorial School	Stanley Mission Band
Timber Bay	Timber Bay School	Northern Lights School Division #113
Hatchet Lake	Father Megret Schools	Hatchet Lake First Nation



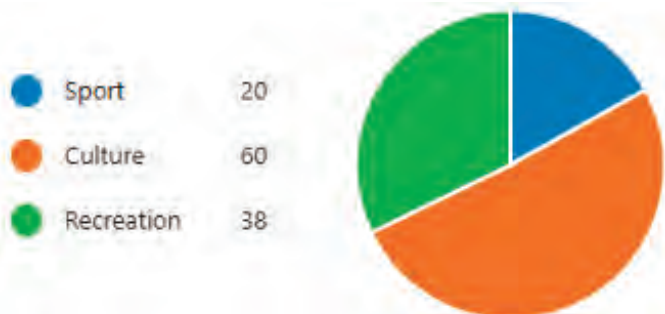


## Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund Community Grant Program

### Purpose

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.

This year 54 of 56 communities applied for 118 different projects, 76% of the projects targeted participation for all community members. Other program focus included 23 youth programs, 4 programs for seniors and 1 toddler and child program. Communities lead artifact hunting, land-based learning, hosted festivals, celebrations, and facilitated sport and recreation activities.



COMMUNITY	AMOUNT
Birch Narrows Dene Nation	\$4,535.00
Black Lake First Nation	\$15,700.00
Buffalo River Dene Nation	\$7,878.00
Canoe Lake Cree Nation	\$10,845.00
Churchill River at Stanley Mission	\$18,677.00
Clearwater River Dene Nation	\$9,756.00
Cumberland House Cree Nation	\$9,456.00
English River First Nation	\$7,709.00
Fond du Lac	\$10,949.00
Hatchet Lake First Nation	
Lac La Ronge Indian Band @ Hall Lake	\$6,611.00
Lac La Ronge Indian Band @ Kitsaki	\$29,719.00
Lac La Ronge Indian Band @ Nemeiben (Sucker) River	\$4,047.00
Lac La Ronge Indian Band @ Grandmothers Bay	\$4,423.00
Little Red River La Ronge	\$4,291.00
Little Red River Montreal Lake	\$7,165.00
Montreal Lake Cree Nation	\$16,038.00
Northern Hamlet of Black Point	\$588.00
Northern Hamlet of Cole Bay	\$2,128.00
Northern Hamlet of Dore Lake	\$500.00
Northern Hamlet of Jans Bay	\$1,903.00
Northern Hamlet of Michel Village	\$1,077.00
Northern Hamlet of Patuanak	\$914.00
Northern Hamlet of Stony Rapids	\$3,280.00
Northern Hamlet of Timber Bay	\$1,027.00
Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake	\$1,865.00
Northern Hamlet of Weyakwin	\$1,277.00
Northern Settlement of Bear Creek	\$588.00
Northern Settlement of Brabant	\$776.00
Northern Settlement of Camsell Portage	\$500.00
Northern Settlement of Deschambe Lake	\$526.00
Northern Settlement of Garson Lake	\$500.00
Northern Settlement of Missinipe	\$500.00
Northern Settlement of Sled Lake	\$500.00
Northern Settlement of Southend	\$500.00
Northern Settlement of St. Georges Hill	\$1,640.00
Northern Settlement of Uranium City	\$2,517.00
Northern Settlement of Wollaston Lake	\$1,615.00
Northern Settlement Stanley Mission	\$1,552.00
Northern Town of Creighton	\$13,418.00
Northern Town of La Ronge	\$25,240.00
Northern Village of Air Ronge	\$10,385.00
Northern Village of Beauval	\$6,010.00
Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows	\$10,423.00
Northern Village of Cumberland House	\$7,427.00
Northern Village of Denare Beach	\$7,634.00
Northern Village of Green Lake	\$4,028.00
Northern Village of Île-à-la-Crosse	\$12,169.00
Northern Village of La Loche	\$26,546.00
Northern Village of Pelican Narrows	
Northern Village of Pinehouse Lake	\$10,085.00
Northern Village of Sandy Bay	\$6,545.00
Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation @ Deschambault Lake	\$14,911.00
Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation @ Pelican Narrows	\$37,710.00
Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation @ Southend	\$14,526.00
Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation @Sturgeon Landing	\$1,211.00
<b>56 Communities</b>	<b>\$ 402,340.00</b>



## 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 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.



COMMUNITY	SPORT
Creighton Community School	Basketball
Montreal lake Cree Nation	Hockey
Northern Village of Cumberland House	Biathlon
Canoe Lake School	Hockey
Île-à-la-Crosse Friendship Center	Hockey
Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows	Cross Country Ski
La Loche Friendship Center	Volleyball
La Loche Minor Sports	Lacrosse
Flin Flon/Creighton Ski Club	Cross Country Ski
Cole Bay Recreation	Cross Country Ski
Reindeer Lake School	Athletics
Sandy Bay Recreation	Canoe
Hanson Lake Hockey Association	Hockey
Deschambault Lake School	Broomball
Father Gamache Memorial School	Cross Country Ski
Beauval Valley View School	Basketball
Northern Village of Denare Beach	Cross Country Ski
La Ronge Minor Hockey Association	Hockey
Churchill Community High School	Badminton
Nisto Awasisak Memorial School	Basketball
Birch Narrows Dene Nation	Hockey
Île-à-la-Crosse Ski Club	Cross Country Ski
Kimosom Pwatinahk High School	Lacrosse
Kimosom Pwatinahk High School	Athletics
La Ronge Skating Club	Figure Skating
English River First Nation	Volleyball
Île-à-la-Crosse Friendship Center	Volleyball
Northern Town of Creighton	Golf
Beaver River Athletic Association	Athletics
Creighton Community School	Volleyball
Pinehouse Lake Recreation	Soccer
Reindeer Lake School	Soccer
Clearwater River Dene Nation	Baseball
Northern Village of Cumberland House	Golf
Grandmothers Bay Recreation	Athletics
Grandmothers Bay Recreation	Baseball
Birch Narrows Dene Nation	Baseball
<b>TOTAL FUNDS ACCESSED THIS YEAR</b>	<b>\$152,000</b>





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 7 athlete development camps in the sports of basketball, football, and hockey. Over four hundred and fifty youth attended the 7 various camps. The largest was the far north camp tour in basketball serving over 200 youth and the northern football jamboree.

### Sport Pillar - Coaching Development

The NSCRD, in partnership with the Coaching Association of Saskatchewan, Indigenous Coaches and Officials Program and our Provincial Sport Governing Bodies, supported coaching sport clinics in the sports of football, hockey, volleyball, archery and golf. Additionally, 2 online coaching modules and workshops supported 10 member coaches.

### Sport Pillar - Officiating Development

The NSCRD, in partnership with the Coaching Association of Saskatchewan, Indigenous Coaches and Officials Program and our Provincial Sport Governing Bodies, supported 3 officials' clinics in the sports of hockey, basketball and football, training 28 new officials.

## Northern Hockey Development

NSCRD partnered with the La Ronge Ice Wolves and the Flin Flon Bombers to host hockey development camps for the communities of Stanley Mission, Pinehouse, Deschambault Lake, Sandy Bay, and Sucker River.







## Saskatchewan Winter Games

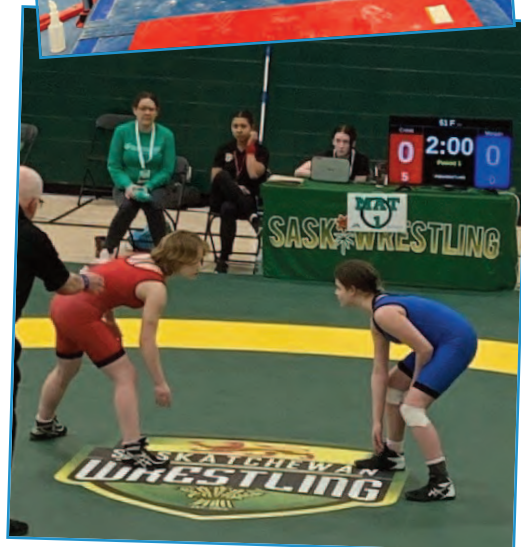
Team North was represented by six teams at the 2023 SK Winter Games in Regina. Twenty-five athletes attended with 12 coaches and managers, in the sports of:

- Gymnastics      ● Weightlifting      ● Cross-Country Skiing
- Female Curling      ● Wrestling      ● Judo

Team North took home 5 medals:

- 1 Gold, Leo Emond – Weightlifting 89KG Male.
- 2 Gold, Naomi Johns – Floor Exercise Artists Gymnastics Female, and Vault Artistic Gymnastics Female
- 1 Bronze, Cole Fisher – Judo Newaza Individual Competition 40KG Male, and
- 1 Bronze, Team North Gymnastics - Team Mix.

Team North brought home the Sask Milk District Spirit Award presented at the conclusion of Saskatchewan 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. Congratulations Team North!







## Culture Days Legacy Grant

Culture Days Legacy Fund was granted to 2 communities, Deschambault and Creighton/Denare Beach/Flin Flon which took part in land-based learning and several arts, cultural activities.

## National Indigenous History Month

In June, Canadians celebrate National Indigenous History Month to honour the history, heritage, and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada. The celebration is 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 Indigenous Arts and Cultural leaders as part of National Indigenous History Month.

**NORTHERN ARTS & CULTURE LEADER**  
**JUNE 2022**



Kelleen goes by the name of Granny Willow because Kelleen is a granny, and the first hoop was made from a Willow. The willow has healing properties as a medicine and the hoop dance is known as a healing dance.

The name Nemihitowok Hoop Troupe was given to us by an elder years ago, the name means dancer in Cree. Kelleen has been involved with the hoop troupe for 20+ years. The dancers learn about the circle of life which includes many teachings. The Hoop Troupe focusses on enhancing culture through a sense of belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity through the dance. The children come into the Troupe thinking they will learn to dance, and they will leave with so much more, physical ability, mental, spiritual, and emotional growth; every formation in the hoop dance has a meaning.



Kelleen encourages youth through the hoop dance by reminding youth that every day is a new day- there is always an opportunity to start over. The world formation represents our world, our future, and even if our world falls apart, we pick up the pieces and start over.



Kelleen teaches the Seven Sacred teachings with puppets, music, storytelling, drumming, and a hoop dance. The character of the dancers is strengthened with the virtues of honesty, courage, love, wisdom, truth, humility, and respect.

Granny Willow and her puppet Everest has travelled to the Yukon to teach families the hoop dance and share cultural teachings. Kelleen has taught adults in Care Home's, children in schools and Friendship Centers the hoop dance. Granny Willow has shared some stories on YouTube as Granny Willow.

**KELLEEN BLOUIN**

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**NORTHERN ARTS & CULTURE LEADER**  
**FEBRUARY 2022**



From Buffalo River Dene Nation, Manny dances men's Traditional & Fancy dance on the powwow circuit, does traditional crafts bead work and fine arts with Acrylic painting as his main medium.




**MANNY CAMPBELL**

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**NORTHERN ARTS & CULTURE LEADER**  
**JULY 2022**

**JOHN PACQUETTE**



**Caribou Teachings**

Many years ago, John learned from his grandparents and parents how to use all parts of the caribou. John continues to teach generations below him how to use the caribou for things such as Dene Drum and Leg Bone Scarfers. John is a traditional trapper and hunter in his home community of Stony Rapids; John travels to teach his skills to students. John carries caribou with him at all times as he uses it for medicine.



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**NORTHERN ARTS & CULTURE LEADER**  
**MAY 2022**

**ABIGAIL QUIBELL**  
Traditional Woodland Cree Artist



Abigail is a member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band in Treaty 6 territory. She was born in La Ronge, Saskatchewan and raised at her families trapline 5 hrs north of La Ronge. It was at the trapline where she was taught the traditional way of life of her Woodland Cree culture and heritage. Her late father Ben Clarke taught her and her siblings how to hunt, fish, trap and how to thrive off the land. It was also where she gained her knowledge, connection and love for her culture, the land and traditional way of life.

When Abigail was 15 she was signed with Manitobah Mukluks as one of their Storyboot Artist. The Storyboot program aims to promote and support artist who create traditional pieces of footwear such as mukluks and moccasins as well as other forms of artwork such as beadwork and caribou hair toting. Since creating her first pair of mukluks at age 14 she has had her work showcased and sold on the Shopping Channel, shown in Museums such as the Bata Shoe Museum in Toronto, Canada, and in many stores / tourism centres throughout Saskatchewan. Her work has been sold all over the world.

When Abigail was 15 she started her own business called Mokwa Iskwe's Artworks which means "Loon Girl" in Cree. Abigail's mission statement is to preserve, practice and showcase her Woodland Cree art forms and way of life, to teach her craft and show others the importance of being connected to your culture, the land and its resources. Although her artwork is deeply rooted in her ancestry, she aims to blend tradition with contemporary mediums and design.

Abigail currently lives in La Ronge, Saskatchewan with her husband and 8 month old daughter. She spends her days creating new designs, exploring and gathering resources, as well as fishing, hunting and trapping with her family.

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## Arts and Culture Leaders Registry

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.

May 2022 – Abigail Quibell – Traditional Beading, Hide Tanning and Knowledge Keeper.

June 2022 – Kelleen Blouin – Nemihitowok Hoop Troup Facebook & Instagram – Hoop Dancing.

January 2023 – Dolores Miller – Arts Work, Shows & Sales – [northernlights@sasktel.net](mailto:northernlights@sasktel.net).

NSCRD in partnership with Kelleen Blouin hosted a hoop dance tour to 3 schools (Gordon Denny Community School in Air Ronge, PreCam Community School in La Ronge and Sally Ross School in Hall Lake).



## 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.



### The following northern communities acquired the NYCF:

COMMUNITY	CULTURE PROGRAM
Keethanow School	Fish4Life
Birds Culture Camp Inc.	Indigenous Youth Fishing Camp
Creighton Recreation & Tourism	Hoope Troupe Dance Group
Northern Hamlet of Cole Bay	Heritage Week
Beauval Minor Sports & Recreation	Children's land Based Learning
Kineepik Metis Local	Music Program
Northern Hamlet of Jans Bay	Square Dance
Community Arts Mentorship Program Inc.	Hip Hop Workshop
Twin Lakes Community School	Indigenous Fashion Empowering Youth
Stony Rapids School	Cultural Family Conference
Ducharme Elementary School	Ribbon Skirt Making
Île-à-la-Crosse Friendship Center	Cultural Camp
Southend Recreation	Fishing Program
La Loche Friendship Center	Land Based Program
English River Dene Nation	Summer Land Based
PBCN, Pelican Narrows	Fishing Program
Miniahik Waskihigan School	Reclaiming Our Culture
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$82,500</b>





## Spirit North

NSCRD collaborated with Spirit North and Cross Country Saskatchewan to bring a traveling cross-country skiing program to Northern Saskatchewan. 8 communities were visited (Air Ronge, Stanley Mission, Cumberland House, La Ronge, Weyakwin, Deschambault Lake, Grandmothers Bay, and Southend). 11 schools participated with 118 participants over 24 programming days.

## School Ski Championships

NSCRD in partnership with the La Ronge Nordic Ski Club hosted the School Ski Championships. A total of 102 skiers participated, from Gordon Denny Community School, PreCam Community School, Rossignol Community School, Chief Mosses Ratt School, Bell's Point, Minahik Waskahigan Elementary School, Sally Ross School and Churchill Community High School, the communities of Flin Flin, Creighton, Prince Albert and Saskatoon.



## Fitness 2J2



Fitness 2J2 focuses on providing fitness programming and consulting services in the promotion of healthy, active lifestyles; to promote the benefits of physical activity and a healthy active lifestyle. Focusing on community youth and adults, sport and recreation groups, and fitness leaders. Programming and consulting services were delivered to three communities Pinehouse, Beauval, and Stanley Mission.



## Ball Diamond Maintenance Course

NSCRD partnered with SPRA to provide a Ball Diamond Maintenance Course hosted by Île-à-la-Crosse. Ten participants took part in the course and were certified from 5 different communities. (Stanley Mission, Sucker River, Jans Bay, La Ronge, and Île-à-la-Crosse) Communities were provided a baseball diamond kit and manual for their participation.



## Arena Operators Level I Course

NSCRD partnered with SPRA to provide an Arena Operators Level I Course hosted by the Lac La Ronge Indian Band and the Town of La Ronge. Five participants took part in the course and were certified from 3 different communities. (La Loche, La Ronge & Pelican Narrows).







## Building Maintenance Level I Course

NSCRD partnered with SPRA to provide a Building Maintenance Level I Course hosted by Buffalo Narrows. Four participants took part in the course and were certified from 3 different communities, Buffalo Narrows, Turnor Lake, and Birch Narrows.

## Communities in Bloom

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

## Managing Safe Play Spaces Course

The Village of Air Ronge hosted a course that focused on the basic inspection and maintenance to understand the basic playground standards in Canada. Four communities took part (Lac La Ronge Indian Band, Air Ronge, Buffalo Narrows and Île-à-la-Crosse) with seven participants.

## Community Planning Sessions

Two communities requested assistance in developing a community plan with their local agencies. Île-à-la-Crosse & Pinehouse took part in a community planning session, NSCRD met with community agencies, gathered information, compiled the information into a working document and shared it back to the communities.



## Northern Water Smart Program

The Lifesaving Society of Saskatchewan leads this program; NSCRD assists four communities to host in their communities. The program was hosted in Hall Lake, Sucker River, Stony Rapids and Sandy Bay.







## NSCRD Micro 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. Fifteen member communities received a micro-grant to support new sport, culture, or recreation programs.

- Stony Rapids
- Grandmothers Bay
- Hall Lake
- Fond du Lac
- Brabant Lake
- Michel Village
- Turnor Lake
- Cumberland House
- St. Georges Hill
- Black Lake
- Birch Narrows Dene Nation
- Sucker River
- Cole Bay
- Clear Water River Dene Nation
- Black Point







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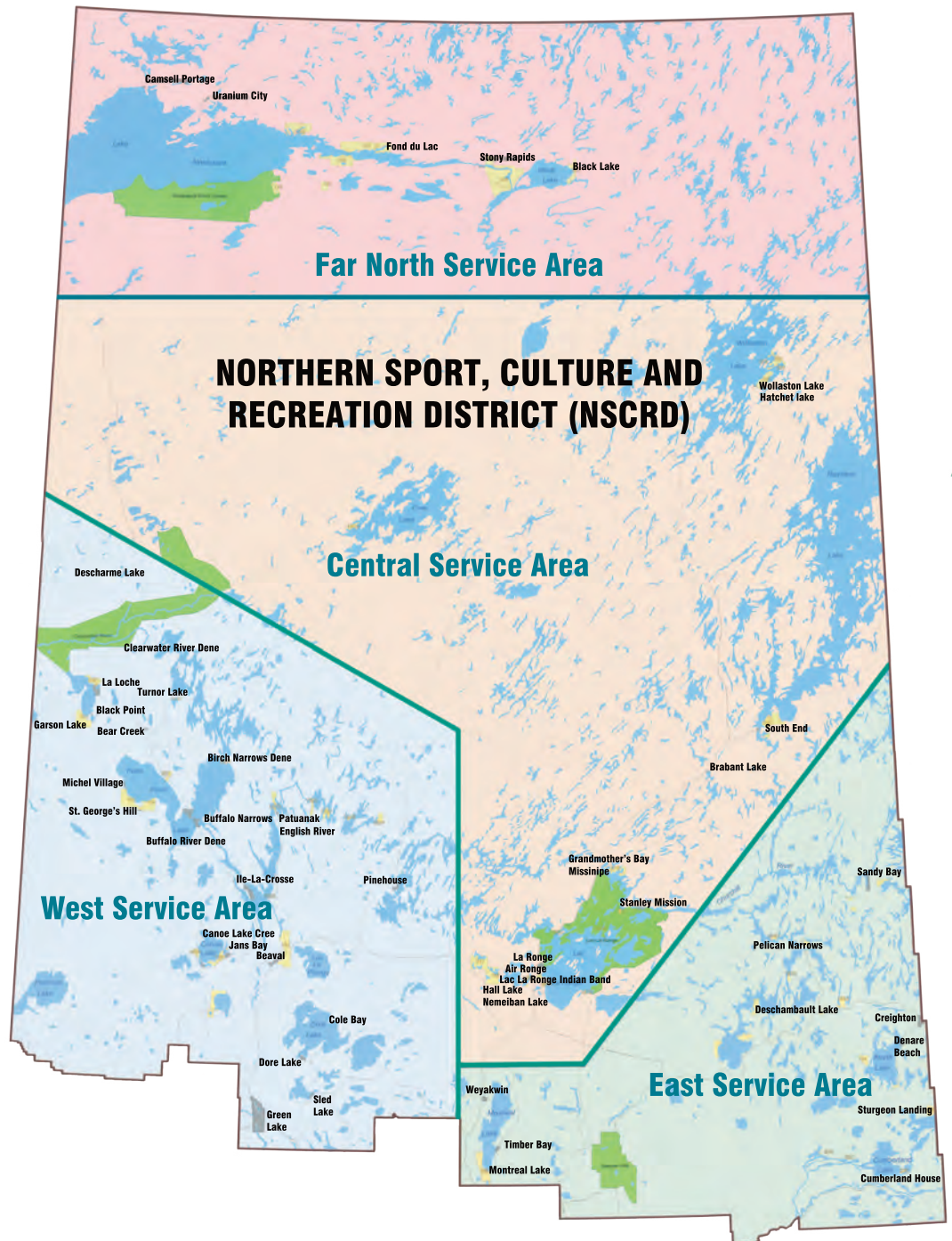
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The five (5) geographic areas within the NSCRD are divided into four (4) service areas for the purpose of staff operations.



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