

**Decision/Direction Note**  
**Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation**

**Title:** Grand Fairways Resort Inc. change of ownership.

**Decision / Direction Required:** Whether to approve the sale of Grand Fairways Resort Inc. to Back East Properties Ltd.

**Background and Current Status:**

- In March of 1998, Grand Fairways Inc. entered into a Private Sector Initiatives Program agreement with the then Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation to lease land and operate six two-bedroom, nightly rental properties within the boundary of Frenchman's Cove Provincial Park.
- The lease agreement was for a 50-year period beginning March 27, 1998, and ending March 27, 2048.
- Grand Fairways Inc. has successfully operated the facilities for 26 of the 50 years of the lease with 24 years remaining.
- In August 2024, Grand Fairways Resort Inc. contacted ParksNL enquiring about the potential sale of the property. At that time, a copy of the lease agreement was forwarded to Mr. Ira Cribb who is the sole director.
- On December 9, 2024, legal council for Grand Fairways Inc. provided ParksNL with a draft Assignment and Assumption of Lease Agreement and followed with a Landlord's Consent and Waiver form.
- Annex A - the Assignment and Assumption of Concession Lease and Annex B -Landlord's Consent and Waiver are included below. Section 30(1)(a)  
[REDACTED] The Assignment and Assumption document transfers the lease agreement to the purchaser while the Landlord's Consent and Waiver form is to allow the purchaser to secure funding from the Business Development Bank of Canada.
- Back East Properties Ltd., the purchaser, is incorporated in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, in good standing, currently with 2 directors, Kyler Baxter and Lacey Cribb.

**Analysis:**

- To date, Grand Fairways Resort inc. and ParksNL have shared an excellent working relationship under the terms of the Lease agreement specifically and the Private Sector Initiatives Program generally.
- Lease Agreement section 14.(1)(a) Assignment and Other Dealings, precludes the concessionaire from assigning the lease agreement or subletting the whole or part of the premises without the prior written consent of the Minister.
- Lease Agreement section 14.1 further states; Since the Minister has agreed to this lease based upon the Minister's confidence in the Concessionaire, any change in the authorized share capital, share classes, rights of the share classes, or shareholders of any class of shares, whether through purchase, transfer, merger, amalgamation, or otherwise, without the approval of the Minister, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, shall bring this agreement to an immediate end.

**Alternatives:**

1. Approve the Assumption and Assignment of Concession Lease of Grand Fairways Inc. to Back East Properties Ltd. for the remaining 24 years of the initial agreement; and approve the Landlord's Consent and Waiver form. **(Recommended)**

## Advantages:

- Adheres to the terms of the initial agreement.
- Provides opportunity for business continuity / succession planning for the proprietor.
- Maintains tourist accommodations in the Frenchman's Cove area, which are in short supply.

## Disadvantages:

- Back East Properties Ltd. and the ability of its directors to operate the facility are unknown to government which may change business continuity / risk.

2. Do not approve the sale of Grand Fairways Inc. to Back East properties Ltd. **(Not Recommended)**

## Advantages:

- Assuming Grand Fairways Inc. continues to operate, reduces risk associated with new operators with unknown experience.

## Disadvantages:

- Given the assignment request does not appear to be unreasonable, refusing to permit the assignment would not be in keeping with lease provisions.
- Does not allow for succession planning for our partners in this endeavor.
- May result in the closure of much needed roofed accommodations in the area.

**Prepared/Approved by:** G. Bailey/C. Gilliard/J. O'Dea  
**Ministerial Approval:** Received from Hon. Steve Crocker

January 3, 2025

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**ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF LEASE**

THIS AGREEMENT made as of the 16 day of January, 2025 (the "Effective Date") BETWEEN:

**GRAND FAIRWAYS RESORT INC.**

(the "Assignor")

- and -

**BACK EAST PROPERTIES LTD.**

(the "Assignee")

- and -

**HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, as represented herein by the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation**

(the "Minister")

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Minister and the Assignor are parties to a Concession Lease dated March 27, 1998 pursuant to which the Minister leased to the Assignor certain lands located at or about Frenchman's Cove Provincial Park for a term of fifty years (the "Lease");
- B. The Assignor wishes to assign all of its right, title, and interest in and to the Lease to the Assignee;
- C. The Minister wishes to consent to the assignment of the Lease on the terms and conditions set out herein;

**NOW THEREFORE IN CONSIDERATION** of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

- 1. **Assignment.** Effective from and after the Effective Date, the Assignor does hereby assign, transfer and set over unto the Assignee, for the sole use and benefit of the Assignee, all of the Assignor's right, title and interest in and to the Lease.
- 2. **Assumption.** The Assignee hereby accepts the assignment and transfer contained in Section 1 hereof and hereby agrees with the Assignor and the Minister that, from and after the Effective Date, the Assignee will assume, observe, perform, fulfill and be bound by each and every obligation and covenant of the Assignor contained in the Lease, and agree to be bound by every right of the Minister therein.
- 3. **Consent.** The Minister hereby consents to the assignment of the Lease from the Assignor to the Assignee.

4. **Confirmation.** The Minister hereby confirms that the Assignor is compliant with the terms of the Lease and the Lease is in good standing as of the Effective Date.
5. **Indemnities.**
  - (a) The Assignor covenants and agrees to indemnify and save the Assignee harmless from and against any and all claims, losses, costs, damages, disputes or actions arising pursuant to or in connection with the Lease with respect to any matter that has occurred prior to the Effective Date.
  - (b) The Assignee covenants and agrees to indemnify and save the Assignor harmless from and against any and all claims, losses, costs, damages, disputes or actions arising pursuant to or in connection with the Lease with respect to any matter that occurs from and after the Effective Date.
6. **Further Assurances.** The Assignor and the Assignee agree that it shall at all times hereafter perform all acts and execute and deliver, at the request of the other, all such further documents, deeds and instruments as are reasonably requested to give full effect to the intent and meaning of this Agreement.
7. **Severability.** If any provision contained in this Agreement or its application to any person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected, and each provision of this Agreement shall be separately valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
8. **Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and the laws of Canada applicable therein.
9. **Successors and Permitted Assigns.** This Agreement shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
10. **Counterparts/Facsimile.** This Agreement may be executed in separate counterparts, the said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement, and the signature of any party to any counterpart shall be deemed a signature to and may be appended to any other counterpart. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by facsimile transmission or by pdf, which shall be binding on the parties. Any party delivering this Agreement by facsimile transmission or by pdf shall provide to the other party or parties an originally executed copy of this Agreement or counterpart hereof as soon as reasonably possible.
11. **Entire Agreement.** This Concession Lease constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. There are no other written or verbal agreements, representations, warranties, or undertakings between the parties and this Concession Lease may not be amended except by written instrument signed by the parties.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have duly executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

**GRAND FAIRWAYS RESORT INC.**

Per: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Ira Cribb

Title: President

I/We have the authority to bind the corporation

**BACK EAST PROPERTIES LTD.**

Per: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

I/We have the authority to bind the corporation

**MINISTER OF TOURISM, CULTURE,  
ARTS AND RECREATION OR  
AUTHORIZED DESIGNATE**

Per: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:



## LANDLORD'S CONSENT AND WAIVER

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THIS AGREEMENT dated the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**BETWEEN: HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADO AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER OF TOURISM, CULTURE, ARTS AND RECREATION**

(the "Landlord")

**AND:**

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BANK OF CANADA**

("BDC")

**WHEREAS** the Landlord has, by an Assignment and Assumption Lease dated the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 leased the property located at 1 Main Street, Frenchman's Cove, Newfoundland and Labrador (the "Property") to Back East Properties Ltd. (the "Tenant");

**AND WHEREAS** the Tenant has applied to BDC for financing to be secured by a charge on all the Tenant's personal property including all chattels and fixtures of the Tenant located at the Property, and by a mortgage of the Tenant's leasehold interest in the Property;

**AND WHEREAS** a condition of BDC providing financing is the execution of this Agreement by the Landlord;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the financing by BDC to the Tenant and so long as there is financing outstanding, the Landlord represents, covenants and agrees with BDC as follows:

1. The lease is presently in good standing, all payments thereunder have been made to date, no modifications have been made to the lease to date, there are no existing defaults under the lease and the lease is in full force and effect.
2. The Landlord consents to the mortgage of the Tenant's leasehold interest in the Property in favour of BDC as security for the financing and the registration on title to the Property of BDC's mortgage of leasehold interest. The Landlord further agrees not to unreasonably withhold consent to any further subletting or assignment by BDC should BDC wish to realize upon its security subsequent to a default thereunder.
3. The Landlord specifically waives its right to distrain against the chattels and fixtures of the Tenant in favour of any rights which BDC may now or hereafter have with respect to the chattels and fixtures of the Tenant and agrees to release all such chattels and fixtures to BDC in the event of default by the Tenant pursuant to the terms of any lease of the Property by the Tenant.

4. The Landlord agrees that as between the Landlord and BDC fixtures installed by the Tenant remain Tenant's fixtures notwithstanding any contrary provision of any lease.
5. The Landlord agrees that in the event of a default under the lease in relation to which the Landlord intends to enforce remedies, the landlord will within 30 days of such default and before taking the steps to enforce remedies, notify BDC in writing of the default and permit BDC a period of 30 days following receipt of such notice to remedy the default.
6. The Landlord agrees that upon receiving notification from BDC of default by the Tenant under BDC's security the Landlord will permit BDC and its representatives, agents and employees to enter on the Property to remove any and all chattels and fixtures of the Tenant which have been given as security for BDC's financing.
7. The Landlord agrees not to accept a surrender of the lease without the written consent of BDC.
8. BDC agrees to pay to the Landlord rent at the rate provided for in the lease of the Property (excluding arrears or accelerated rent) for the period the Property is occupied by BDC for the purpose of either removing or conducting a sale of the chattels and fixtures of the Tenant from the Property.
9. BDC acknowledges that the Landlord's Consent and Waiver contained herein (the "Agreement") is subject to the rights of the Landlord under the Concession Lease between the Landlord and Grand Fairways Resort Inc. dated March 27, 1998 and an Assignment and Assumption of Lease between Grand Fairways Resort Inc., Back East Properties Inc. and the Landlord dated January \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 except as to the rights granted to BDC by the Landlord as set out in this Agreement.

Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation  
for the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador

Per: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Authorized signatory

of Authorized signatory

Printed name: Steve Crocker

**Decision Note**  
**Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation**

**Title:** Special Olympics Newfoundland and Labrador (SONL) Summer Games

**Decision/Direction Required:**

- Whether to approve funding in the amount of \$30,000 to SONL.

**Background and Current Status:**

- The 2025 SONL Summer Games are scheduled to take place in Gander from July 3-6. SONL hosts a provincial games every two years alternating winter and summer, the last SONL Games were the 2023 Winter Games which were held in Grand Falls-Windsor.
- Over 400 athletes and coaches from 14 community-based clubs will be participating in 7 sports during the event.
- The event also serves as a qualifying event to the 2026 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games which are scheduled for Medicine Hat, Alberta.

**Analysis:**

- In October, TCAR officials received a request from SONL for \$125,000 to support the games.
- For the 2019 and 2023 games, the Recreation and Sport Division provided SONL with one-time funding of \$30,000.
- Based on precedence as well as funding available in the Recreation and Sport division's grants and subsidies budget, providing SONL with \$30,000 for the 2025 games is recommended.

**Alternatives:**

1. Approve \$30,000 in funding to Special Olympics Newfoundland and Labrador in support of the 2025 Summer Games. **(Recommended)**

Advantages

- Provides funding for an event within their mandate, which supports athlete and community development.

Disadvantages

- None identified.

2. Do not approve \$30,000 in funding Special Olympics Newfoundland and Labrador in support of the 2025 Summer Games.

Advantages

- None identified.

Disadvantages

- May be criticized by the members, and leadership of SONL for not supporting an event that supports their mandate.

**Prepared/Approved by:** B. Taggart/A. Wright/B. Gardner/J. O'Dea  
**Ministerial Approval:** Received from Hon. Steve Crocker

January 16, 2024

**Information Note**  
**Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation**

**Title:** 2024-25 ParticipACTION Partnership – Creative Assets

**Issue:** To provide an update to the Minister on the co-branded creative assets as part of the 2024-25 ParticipACTION Partnership.

**Background and Current Status:**

- ParticipACTION is a national non-profit organization, whose mission is to inspire Canadians to move more. Established in 1971, ParticipACTION works with a variety of groups and organizations to promote the need for daily physical activity.
- Since 2014-15, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has had an annual partnership with ParticipACTION, to increase awareness of and physical activity levels in residents of all ages.
- In November 2024, the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation approved \$125,000 for a partnership with ParticipACTION that consisted of two components:
  - Public Education Program – “Let’s Make Room to Move”
  - 2025 ParticipACTION Community Challenge

**Analysis:**

- ParticipACTION’s 2025 National Public Education Campaign “Let’s Make Room To Move”, speaks about how the precious time we have in our day tends to get sucked into a black hole of sitting, scrolling and binge-watching keeping us inactively busy. This campaign will highlight those holes and show how we can put them to better use by adding physical activity into our day.
- National creative assets will air in January 2025 by ParticipACTION, while co-branded Newfoundland and Labrador creative assets will air on local mass media avenues on Monday, February 3, 2025. The assets will air for 7 weeks targeting 35 - 54 year olds in NL.
- Co-branded creative assets are included in Annex A (see related records) from ParticipACTION that align with their national public education campaign. The radio ad script will be shared for approval with executive as soon as it is provided by ParticipACTION.
- A variety of co-branded public education campaign assets (traditional TV, connected TV, radio ad, and social media content) have been sent to TCAR and are awaiting approval.
- TCAR Communications Division has been engaged with all co-branded communication asset development. Branding and Marketing have also approved the usage of the logo placement on the co-branded creative assets.
- ParticipACTION has noted that approval of the TV and social media assets should be confirmed by **Monday, January 20, 2025**, with the radio ad script to be approved by **Wednesday, January 15, 2025** in order to air on local media outlets.

**Action Being Taken:**

- This note is for information purposes only.

**Prepared/Approved by:** K. Deering/A. Button/A. Wright / B. Gardner/J. O’Dea  
**Ministerial Approval:** Received from Hon. Steve Crocker

January 14, 2025



**ANNEX A**

TV Ad (15 second and 30 second ad) – See related records DOC/00075/2025 and DOC/00076/2025

Connected TV Ad (15 second and 30 second ad) – see related records DOC/00073/2025 and DOC/00074/2025

Social Media Ads – see related records DOC/00077/2025 and DOC/00078/2025

Radio Ad Script (30 second ad) – see related record DOC/00378/2025

**Information Note**  
**Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation**

**Title:** 2024-25 Active NL Fund January Batch 1 Recommendations

**Issue:** Active NL Fund applications are evaluated, and it is requested funding recommendations for January Batch 1 2025 be reviewed and approved by the Minister.

**Background and Current Status:**

- The Active NL Fund is a program designed to support active, healthy living. Funding is available for initiatives, infrastructure, and equipment that increases participation in physical activity, sport, active recreation, and supports healthy eating for individuals of all ages.
- Not-for-profit organizations or community groups; Municipalities; Local Service Districts; Indigenous Governments; and Schools (Infrastructure and equipment only) are eligible to apply.
- Funding up to \$10,000 is available to develop, deliver, purchase or upgrade active, healthy living infrastructure, equipment, and initiatives targeted at increasing physical activity, sport, active recreation, and healthy eating for individuals of all ages.
- Funding requests in excess of \$10,000 may be considered if the request:
  - Available to a large number of individuals, across all ages, abilities and regions;
  - Funding sources beyond the requested amount and/or leveraged funding have been confirmed; and
  - Offers economic and community benefits.
- A total of \$2.59 million in funding is available in 2024-25; the application deadline is September 30, 2024, with funding recommendations forwarded for review and signature.

**Analysis:**

- Active NL Fund recommendations for January Batch 1 2025 are included in Annex A, with seven projects totaling \$48,754 recommended. The total approved to date, including both recommended and approval amounts, is \$1,601,857.

**Action Being Taken:**

- Minister Crocker review and approve recommendations provided in Annex A. Draft funding letters are enclosed for review and signature.

**Prepared/Approved by:** L. Roberts/A. Button /A. Wright/B. Gardner/J. O'Dea  
**Ministerial Approval:** Received from Hon. Steve Crocker

January 16, 2025

**Annex A: 2024-25  
January Batch 1 2025 Recommendations**

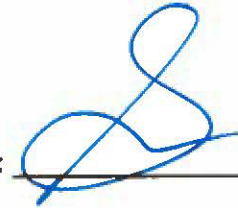
Draft funding letters for the following grants are enclosed for Minister's review and signature:

Applicant Name	Community	Project Description	Amount
Cartwright Recreation Committee-Cartwright Town Council	Cartwright	Physical Activity Equipment	\$9,895
Labrador Straits Academy	L'Anse Au Loup	Sport Equipment	\$9,518
Mary's Harbour Town Council	Mary's Harbour	Raymond C. Rumbolt Memorial Recreation Centre Upgrades	\$10,000
Mount Nascopei Ski Club	Forteau	Trail Upgrades	\$10,000
Southern Labrador Development Association	Forteau	Wellness Program	\$4,800
Two Rivers 50+ Club	Mary's Harbour	Wellness Program	\$1,000
William Gillett Academy	Charlottetown	Sport Equipment	\$3,541

**Total January Batch 1 Recommendations: \$48,754**

Date: Jan. 20, 2025.

Minister's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**Information Note**  
**Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation**

**Title:** 2025 Athletic Excellence Fund (AEF)

**Background and Current Status:**

- The AEF is a strategic initiative of the Government of Newfoundland Labrador and is administered, in conjunction with Sport Newfoundland and Labrador (SNL). The AEF is designed to recognize the athletic excellence of the province's athletes, by providing financial support to defray costs incurred through training and competition.
- The AEF encompasses the Premier's Athletic Awards (PAA), Elite Athlete Assistance (EAA), Team Gushue Awards (TGA), Michelle Healey Memorial Award (MHMA) and SNL Scholarships in one application. TCAR administers the PAA, EAA, TGA and MHMA, while SNL administers the scholarship program.
- For the PAA, TGA and MHMA, a committee comprised of representatives from Sport NL, School Sport NL and TCAR review all applications based on the eligibility criteria and PSO rankings to make funding recommendations to the Minister.
- PAA awards range from \$500-\$1,500 and are based on athletic accomplishments. The TGA are \$5,000 each and are awarded annually to one male and one female athlete who exhibit athletic and academic excellence. The MHMA is \$5,000 and is awarded to a female currently attending a post-secondary institution and has exhibited both community involvement and athletic success.
- EAA grants are awarded to athletes who have competed for Canada at international events. Athletes are recommended to receive awards ranging from \$2,000-\$5,000 based on established criteria.
- The PAA were created in 2005 and since that time, over \$1,000,000 has been awarded. Annually, the AEF program administers up to \$135,000 annually in awards.

**Analysis**

- Athletes applying under the AEF are required to submit applications to their respective Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) by March 3, 2025. PSOs rank athletes according to established criteria and forward all applications to SNL no later than March 18, 2025.
- The application and guidelines for the 2025 AEF program is available online via TCAR and Sport NL. A news release is scheduled to be issued the week of February 10, 2025.

**Action Being Taken:**

- Minister Crocker to approve the call for 2025 AEF applications.

**Prepared / Approved by:** B. Taggart/A. Wright/B. Gardner/J. O'Dea  
**Ministerial Approval:** Received from Hon. Steve Crocker

January 23, 2025



**Information Note**  
**Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation**

**Title:** 2024-25 Active NL Fund January Batch 2 Recommendations

**Issue:** Active NL Fund applications are evaluated, and it is requested funding recommendations for January Batch 2 2025 be reviewed and approved by the Minister.

**Background and Current Status:**

- The Active NL Fund is a program designed to support active, healthy living. Funding is available for initiatives, infrastructure, and equipment that increases participation in physical activity, sport, active recreation, and supports healthy eating for individuals of all ages.
- Not-for-profit organizations or community groups; Municipalities; Local Service Districts; Indigenous Governments; and Schools (Infrastructure and equipment only) are eligible to apply.
- Funding up to \$10,000 is available to develop, deliver, purchase or upgrade active, healthy living infrastructure, equipment, and initiatives targeted at increasing physical activity, sport, active recreation, and healthy eating for individuals of all ages.
- Funding requests in excess of \$10,000 may be considered if the request:
  - Available to a large number of individuals, across all ages, abilities and regions;
  - Funding sources beyond the requested amount and/or leveraged funding have been confirmed; and
  - Offers economic and community benefits.
- A total of \$2.59 million in funding is available in 2024-25; the application deadline was September 30, 2024, with funding recommendations forwarded for review and signature.

**Analysis:**

- Active NL Fund recommendations for January Batch 2 2025 are included in Annex A, with eighty-three projects totaling \$525,856 recommended. The total approved to date, including both recommended and approval amounts, is \$2,127,713.

**Action Being Taken:**

- Minister Crocker review and approve recommendations provided in Annex A. Draft funding letters are enclosed for review and signature.

**Prepared/Approved by:** L. Roberts/A. Button /A. Wright/B. Gardner/J. O'Dea  
**Ministerial Approval:** Received from Hon. Steve Crocker

January 27, 2025

**Annex A: 2024-25  
January Batch 2 2025 Recommendations**

Draft funding letters for the following grants are enclosed for Minister's review and signature:

Applicant Name	Community	Project Description	Amount
Admirals Academy School	Conception Bay South	Playground Upgrades	40,000
AMAL Youth and Family Centre	St. John's	Adapted Bike Program	10,000
Association Communautaire Francophone de Saint-Jean	St. John's	Afterschool Program	1,404
Avoca Collegiate	Badger	Facility Upgrades - Lighting	2,639
Baine Harbour Recreation Committee	Baine Harbour	Cory Kenway Memorial Park Upgrades	10,000
Baseball CBN	Upper Island Cove	Baseball Equipment	831
Bay Roberts 50 Plus Club Corp.	Bay Roberts	Bowling Program	2,880
Bay Roberts 50 Plus Club Corp.	Bay Roberts	Healthy Cooking Program	4,600
Bay Roberts Seventh Day Adventist Church (Homeschool Co-op)	Bay Roberts	Playground Development	6,110
Bay Roberts Seventh Day Adventist Church (Homeschool Co-op)	Bay Roberts	Cooking Classes	1,400
Bay St. George Disc Golf Association Inc	Kippens	Trail Upgrades	9,421
Bay St. George Disc Golf Association Inc	Kippens	Course Signage	1,007
Bay St. George Disc Golf Association Inc	Kippens	Equipment Storage	2,411
Bay St. George Special Olympics	Kippens	Ongoing Recreation	720

Beothuk 50+ Club	Buchans Junction	Ongoing Recreation	1,500
Bonavista Recreation Committee	Bonavista	Cabot Stadium Upgrades	9,590
Brigus Sports & Recreation	Brigus	Ongoing Recreation	1,441
Burnside 50+ Club	Burnside	Ongoing Recreation	1,500
Cormack Recreation Commission	Cormack	Seniors Physical Activity Program	6,808
Elwood Regional High School	Deer Lake	Field Upgrades	56,913
Exploits Valley Intermediate School	Grand Falls - Windsor	Sport Equipment	8,985
Fortune Bay Academy	St. Bernard's - Jacques Fontaine	Sport Equipment	1,611
Friendly Fifty Plus Club Inc.	Grand Falls - Windsor	Bowling Program	3,600
Friendly Fifty Plus Club Inc.	Grand Falls - Windsor	Yoga Program	690
Gateway Labrador Inc.	Labrador City	Physical Activity Program	10,000
Goodwill Seniors Club Spaniards Bay	Spaniard's Bay	Active Recreation Games	3,256
Harbour Main Chapels Cove Lakeview Recreation Committee	Harbour Main	Pickle Ball Equipment	420
Harbour Main Chapels Cove Lakeview Recreation Committee	Harbour Main	Snowshoe Program	762
Healthy Waters Labrador Inc.	Happy Valley-Goose Bay	Trail Upgrades	10,000
Hearts Content 50+ Club Inc.	Hearts Content	Ongoing Recreation	1,600

Hillview Academy	Norris Arm	Playground Upgrades	10,000
Holy Name of Mary Academy	Lawn	Sport Equipment	5,046
Holy Name of Mary Academy	Lawn	Soccer Equipment	3,168
Jakeman All Grade	Trout River	Sport Equipment	1,500
Laval High School	Placentia	Volleyball Equipment	5,773
Laval High School	Placentia	Cheer Equipment	1,489
Leo Burke Academy	Bishop's Falls	Outdoor Recreation Space	10,000
Lewisporte Intermediate	Lewisporte	Fitness Equipment	3,663
Main River Academy	Pollard's Point	Fitness Equipment	2,411
Marysvale Conception Bay 50+ Seniors Group	Georgetown	Ongoing Recreation	2,110
Menihok Nordic Ski Club	Labrador City	Jody's Trail Upgrades	16,174
Millertown Recreation Committee	Millertown	Community Centre Upgrades	10,000
Nature Newfoundland and Labrador Inc.	St. John's	Nature Walks	5,011
New Horizon 50+ Club Bishops Cove	Upper Island Cove	Ongoing recreation	1,000
North River Recreation Inc.	North River	Pickleball Equipment	5,979
North River Recreation Inc.	North River	Basketball Equipment	1,678
North River Recreation Inc.	North River	Soccer equipment	3,092
Northwest Garnish Pond Trail Association	Marystown	Trail Upgrades	10,000
Parkinson Society NL	St. John's	Physical Activity Program	10,000

Pitcher's Pond Golf Course	Whiteway	Golf Equipment	5,400
Pitcher's Pond Golf Course	Whiteway	Facility Upgrades	5,423
Pouch Cove Community Garden	Pouch Cove	Community Garden Upgrades	2,952
Prince of Wales Collegiate	St. John's	Sport Equipment	10,000
Recreation of Mainland Inc.	Mainland	Winter Recreation Program 2024	5,675
Reidville Recreation Committee Inc.	Reidville	Facility Upgrades	8,640
Smallwood Academy	Gambo	Sport Equipment	2,909
Smallwood Academy	Gambo	Facility Upgrades	7,483
Smallwood Academy	Gambo	Recreation Equipment	2,893
Spaniards Bay Recreation Commission	Spaniard's Bay	Field maintenance equipment	10,000
Sparkling Blades Skating Club	Grand Falls - Windsor	Training Sessions	2,000
St. Kevin's Junior High	Goulds	Sport Equipment	10,000
St. Michael's Elementary	Stephenville Crossing	Sport Equipment	9,219
St. Peter's Elementary	Upper Island Cove	Sport Equipment	3,000
St. Peter's Seniors Citizen Club	Upper Island Cove	Active Recreation Equipment	1,000
Stephenville Minor Soccer	Stephenville	Soccer Equipment	1,236
Torbay 50 Plus Active Group	Torbay	Recreation Program	4,950
Town of Botwood	Botwood	Infrastructure Upgrades	12,979
Town of Bryant's Cove	Bryant's Cove	Point Beach Trail Upgrades	4,600

Town of Clarenville	Clarenville	Rotary Trail Upgrades	10,000
Town of Conception Harbour	Conception Harbour	Sport Equipment	1,147
Town of Conception Harbour	Conception Harbour	2025 Summer Recreation Program	2,868
Town of Conception Harbour	Conception Harbour	Kitchen Equipment	1,025
Town of Eastport	Eastport	Trail Upgrades	9,963
Town of Glovertown	Glovertown	Community Bike Program 2025	4,000
Town of Heart's Desire	Heart's Desire	Gannet Pond Trail Upgrades	10,000
Town of Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove	Logy Bay	Killick Coast Games 2025	10,000
Town of Parsons Pond	Parsons Pond	Playground Upgrades	6,905
Town of Peterview	Peterview	Trail Development	10,000
Town of Rocky Harbour	Rocky Harbour	Trail Upgrades	10,000
Town of Terra Nova	Terra Nova	Playground Upgrades	10,000
Viking Trail Academy	Plum Point	Sport Equipment	1,864
Woodland Primary	Grand Falls - Windsor	Soccer Equipment	642
YMCA of Western NL	Stephenville	Gymnastics Equipment	6,890

**Total January Batch 2 Recommendations: \$525,856**

Date: January 31/25

Minister's Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_

**Information Note**  
**Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation**

**Title:** 2024-25 Active NL Fund January Batch 3 Recommendations

**Issue:** Active NL Fund applications are evaluated, and it is requested funding recommendations for January Batch 3 2025 be reviewed and approved by the Minister.

**Background and Current Status:**

- The Active NL Fund is a program designed to support active, healthy living. Funding is available for initiatives, infrastructure, and equipment that increases participation in physical activity, sport, active recreation, and supports healthy eating for individuals of all ages.
- Not-for-profit organizations or community groups; Municipalities; Local Service Districts; Indigenous Governments; and Schools (Infrastructure and equipment only) are eligible to apply.
- Funding up to \$10,000 is available to develop, deliver, purchase or upgrade active, healthy living infrastructure, equipment, and initiatives targeted at increasing physical activity, sport, active recreation, and healthy eating for individuals of all ages.
- Funding requests in excess of \$10,000 may be considered if the request:
  - Available to a large number of individuals, across all ages, abilities and regions;
  - Funding sources beyond the requested amount and/or leveraged funding have been confirmed; and
  - Offers economic and community benefits.
- A total of \$2.59 million in funding is available in 2024-25; the application deadline was September 30, 2024, with funding recommendations forwarded for review and signature.

**Analysis:**

- Active NL Fund recommendations for January Batch 3, 2025 are included in Annex A, with seventy-six totaling \$389,502 recommended. The total approved to date, including both recommended and approval amounts, is \$2,517,215.

**Action Being Taken:**

- Minister Crocker review and approve recommendations provided in Annex A. Draft funding letters are enclosed for review and signature.

**Prepared/Approved by:** L. Roberts/A. Button /A. Wright/B. Gardner/J. O'Dea  
**Ministerial Approval:** Received from Hon. Steve Crocker

January 29, 2025

**Annex A: 2024-25  
January Batch 3 2025 Recommendations**

Draft funding letters for the following grants are enclosed for Minister's review and signature:

Applicant Name	Community	Project Description	Amount
Active Living for Older Adults Inc.	Roberts Arm	Yoga Program	2,000
Association of Youth and Leisure-Time Activities	Lower Island Cove	Playground Development	14,007
Athletics Northeast Running Club Inc	St. John's	Yoga and Strength Training Sessions	750
Athletics Northeast Running Club Inc.	St. John's	Physical Activity Program	1,625
Athletics Northeast Running Club Inc.	St. John's	Road Race events	1,000
Banting Historical Trust Inc.	Musgrave Harbour	Snowshoes	4,019
Bay St. George South Area Development Association	Jeffreys	Community walking Trail Phase 2	5,000
Bayview Academy	St. George's	Gaga Ball Pits	3,075
Brown's Arm Recreation Committee Inc.	Brown's Arm	Facility Upgrades	7,414
Calvary Pentecostal Tabernacle c/o Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador Corporation	St. Lunaire - Griquet	Kitchen Equipment	4,199
Cormack Heritage Society Inc	Cormack	Walking Path	10,000
École Rocher-du-Nord	St. John's	Snowshoes	3,449
Elmastukwek Archery Club Inc	Benoit's Cove	Archery Equipment	9,090
Exploits Valley YMCA	Grand Falls-Windsor	Chair Yoga Equipment	3,636
Exploits Valley YMCA	Grand Falls-Windsor	Pickleball Equipment	387
Exploits Valley YMCA	Grand Falls-Windsor	Sport equipment	4,054
First Steps Family Resource Centre	Labrador City	Family Physical Activity Program	5,738
Flat Bay Band Inc.	Flat Bay	Walk and Talk Sessions	2,000
Flat Bay Band Inc.	Flat Bay	Mi'kmaw Children's Summer Health & Mentorship Service	3,000
Gander Disc Golf	Gander	Facility Development	10,350

Hearts Content 50+ Club Inc.	Hearts Content	Bowling Program	4,600
Humber Valley Senior Citizens Club	Pasadena	50+ Physical Active Program	3,059
Humber Valley Senior Citizens Club	Pasadena	Seniors Swimming and Bowling program	3,080
Humber Valley Senior Citizens Club	Pasadena	Seniors Line Dancing Classes	1,260
HVR Homeowners Association Inc.	Humber Valley Resort	Trail Upgrade	4,000
Killick Coast North Seniors Co-operative (KCN Seniors)	Pouch Cove	Activity Program	5,250
Lewisporte Area 50+ Club Inc.	Lewisporte	Ongoing Recreation	2,900
Pasadena Ski and Nature Park	Pasadena	Facility upgrades	2,803
Peterview Recreation Branch	Peterview	Summer Recreation Program 2025	2,000
Recreation Committee Town of Steady Brook	Steady Brook	Playground Upgrades	4,000
Royal Pandora 50+ Club Incorporated	Salvage	Ongoing Recreation	3,000
Salmonier 50+ Club	Mount Carmel	Line Dance Classes	500
South Branch Social Club	South Branch	Snowshoes	597
South Branch Social Club	South Branch	Mental Health & Wellness Sessions	500
St. George's Indian Band	St. Georges	After School Archery Program	3,000
St. George's Stadium Inc.	St. George's	Bowling Program	2,736
St. George's Stadium Inc.	St. George's	Broomball Program	2,000
St. George's Stadium Inc.	St. George's	Hockey Program	3,305
St. James All-Grade	Lark Harbour	Outdoor Recreation Space	9,900
Stephenville Crossing Running Group	Stephenville Crossing	Ama "Xing" Prairie Classic Annual Road Race	1,000
Stephenville Primary School	Stephenville	Stephenville	50,000
The Local Service District of Tizzards Harbour Inc.	Tizzards Harbour	Facility Upgrades - Heating	9,165
The Open Door Community Youth Network Inc.	Gander	Kitchen Equipment	1,090
The Open Door Community Youth Network Inc.	Gander	Basketball Program	1,000

The Open Door Community Youth Network Inc.	Gander	Hiking Program	600
Town of Anchor Point	Anchor Point	Playground Upgrades	9,812
Town of Appleton	Appleton	Facility Upgrades	10,000
Town of Bishop's Falls	Bishop's Falls	Healthy Eating Workshops	3,225
Town of Burnt Islands Recreation	Burnt Islands	Walking program	2,080
Town of Englee	Englee	Trail Upgrades	10,000
Town of Gambo	Gambo	Wellness Program	1,650
Town of Gambo	Gambo	Active Seniors Adventure Program	3,600
Town of Glenwood	Glenwood	Playground Equipment	9,777
Town of Glovertown	Glovertown	Summer Recreation Program 2025	6,244
Town of Lewisporte	Lewisporte	Trail Upgrades	9,400
Town of Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove	Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove	Softball Equipment	5,734
Town of Massey Drive	Massey Drive	Summer Recreation Program 2025	5,004
Town of New Perlican Recreation Committee	New Perlican	Outdoor Rink Upgrades	3,586
Town of Pasadena	Pasadena	Facility Development	3,500
Town of Pasadena	Pasadena	Elevate Youth Fitness	3,500
Town of Pasadena	Pasadena	Seniors Wellness Program	3,500
Town of Pasadena	Pasadena	Youth in Motion	3,500
Town of Port au Choix	Port au Choix	Skating Program	3,300
Town of Port au Choix	Port au Choix	Fitness Program	2,000
Town of Raleigh	Raleigh	Playground Upgrades	10,000
Town of Roddickton-Bide Arm	Roddickton	Facility Upgrades	10,000
Town of Roddickton-Bide Arm (Cloud River Recreation)	Roddickton	Multi-purpose Court Upgrades	10,000
Town of St. Anthony	St. Anthony	Hockey Equipment	4,750
Town of St. Georges	St. Georges	Trail Development	4,000

Town of Triton	Triton	Facility Upgrade	5,000
Trinity Placentia Minor Hockey	Whitbourne	Hockey Equipment	650
Walking to Wellness c/o Town of St. Lunaire - Griquet	St. Lunaire - Griquet	Walking Program	3,000
Wednesday Sew and Sews	Pasadena	Chair Yoga Program	900
Western Bay Lighthouse Trails Inc.	Western Bay	Trail Upgrades	10,000
Whitbourne Elementary School	Whitbourne	Outdoor Recreation Space	6,354
White Bay Central Development Association	Roddickton	Hockey Equipment	9,298

**Total January Batch 3 Recommendations: \$389,502**

Date: January 31/25

Minister's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**Information Note**  
**Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation**

**Title:** 2024-25 Active NL Fund January Batch 4 Recommendations

**Issue:** Active NL Fund applications are evaluated, and it is requested funding recommendations for January Batch 4 2025 be reviewed and approved by the Minister.

**Background and Current Status:**

- The Active NL Fund is a program designed to support active, healthy living. Funding is available for initiatives, infrastructure, and equipment that increases participation in physical activity, sport, active recreation, and supports healthy eating for individuals of all ages.
- Not-for-profit organizations or community groups; Municipalities; Local Service Districts; Indigenous Governments; and Schools (Infrastructure and equipment only) are eligible to apply.
- Funding up to \$10,000 is available to develop, deliver, purchase or upgrade active, healthy living infrastructure, equipment, and initiatives targeted at increasing physical activity, sport, active recreation, and healthy eating for individuals of all ages.
- Funding requests in excess of \$10,000 may be considered if the request:
  - Available to a large number of individuals, across all ages, abilities and regions;
  - Funding sources beyond the requested amount and/or leveraged funding have been confirmed; and
  - Offers economic and community benefits.
- A total of \$2.59 million in funding is available in 2024-25; the application deadline was September 30, 2024, with funding recommendations forwarded for review and signature.

**Analysis:**

- Active NL Fund recommendations for January Batch 4, 2025 are included in Annex A, with four totaling \$26,714 recommended. The total approved to date, including both recommended and approval amounts, is \$2,543,929.

**Action Being Taken:**

- Minister Crocker review and approve recommendations provided in Annex A. Draft funding letters are enclosed for review and signature.

**Prepared/Approved by:** L. Roberts/ A. Wright/B. Gardner/J. O'Dea  
**Ministerial Approval:** Received from Hon. Steve Crocker

January 31, 2025

**Annex A: 2024-25  
January Batch 3 2025 Recommendations**

Draft funding letters for the following grants are enclosed for Minister's review and signature:

Applicant Name	Community	Project Description	Amount
Petley Volunteer Improvement Corporation	Petley	Community Hall Upgrades	10,000
Special Olympics Mount Pearl	Mount Pearl	Rhythmic Gymnastics Equipment	831
Town Council of West St. Modeste	West St. Modeste	Trail Upgrades	7,212
Town of Burnt Islands Recreation	Burnt Islands	Infrastructure Upgrades	8,671

**Total January Batch 3 Recommendations: \$26,714**

Date: February 3, 2025

Minister's Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_

**Meeting Note**  
**Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation**  
**Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Circle Newfoundland and Labrador**  
**Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 1pm**  
**Executive Board Room, Confederation Building**

**Attendees:**

- Hon Steve Crocker, Minister, Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation (TCAR)
- Jamie O'Dea, DM, TCAR
- Ben Gardner, ADM, TCAR
- Nick Ellis, Executive Assistant
- Andrew Wright, Director, Recreation and Sport, TCAR
- George Russell Jr., Chair, Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Circle Newfoundland and Labrador (ASRCNL)
- Valentina Nolan, Executive Director, ASRCNL
- Dave Winters, Regional Manager, ASRCNL
- Janine Battcock, Executive Assistant, ASRCNL
- Mike Alexander, Team Indigenous NL Coordinator, ASRCNL
- Dana Morris, Indigenous Women and Sport Facilitator, ASRCNL

**Purpose of Meeting:**

- The meeting is the result of a request from ASRCNL to meet with the Minister of TCAR. ASRCNL submitted an agenda for the meeting, which is included in Annex A.

**Background:**

- Established in 2007, ASRCNL develops and promotes traditional and mainstream sport, recreation and physical activity opportunities in Indigenous communities throughout Newfoundland and Labrador to enhance well-being and cultural identity. ASRCNL membership includes representatives of Indigenous communities of NL, as well as Indigenous individuals living in non-Indigenous communities throughout the province.
- ASRCNL is governed by a Board of Directors, comprised of two representatives appointed by each of the four Indigenous governments in the province (Nunatsiavut, Innu, Mi'kmaq, and NunatuKavut). ASRCNL currently employs seven staff. A listing of ASRCNL current board members and staff is included in Annex B.
- ASRCNL receives a total of \$445,000 annually from TCAR which includes \$70,000 in operating funding, \$102,000 for Aboriginal Sport Participation (Bilateral Agreement on Sport Participation), and \$273,000 for Aboriginal Capacity and Leadership (Bilateral Agreement on Sport Participation).
- ASRCNL also receives funding from the Federal Government including the Sport for Social Development in Indigenous Communities (SSDIC) which has a number of streams for funding.
- SSDIC stream 3 funding has been used in the past to fund their "You Go Girl" program which brings awareness of sport and physical activity through activities, information and educational sessions targeting Indigenous female youth ages 5-13 and led by Indigenous women leaders.

- ASRCNL has recently gone through an extensive change with all new board members and a new chair as of May 2024.

### **Issue #1 – Update on ASRCNL Programs and Initiatives**

- It is anticipated that ASRCNL will provide an overview on the various programs and initiatives that have been ongoing. A fact sheet of some accomplishments which was provided by ASRCNL, is attached as ANNEX C.
- It is anticipated that they may speak about the current Provincial Physical Activity Recreation and Sport (PARS) Annual Funding Program to determine if there is any new funding that may be available to support ASRCNL.
- It is also anticipated that they may bring up issues related to SSDIC Stream 3 funding running out and the need to continue to fund the “You Go Girl” program.

### **Analysis**

- ASRCNL is doing a lot of work with Indigenous communities to bring new sports such as archery and lacrosse to Indigenous communities through an outreach program that has been working well over the past couple of years.
- Since 2022, ASRCNL has put a lot of effort and funding over the past couple of years to further develop sport and prepare athletes for the North American Indigenous Games (next games to be held in Calgary Alberta in 2027), as well as the NL Summer and Winter Games.
- Team Newfoundland and Labrador put together one of its largest contingents to participate in NAIG 2023 in Halifax. There were 129 athletes, coaches, managers and chaperones that participated in the games and 40 medals were awarded, which was the most ever at a NAIG competition.
- Officials in TCAR worked with ASRCNL to support a pilot initiative, involving Team Indigenous participating in select sports at the 2016 and 2018 NL Games. The initiative was successful and continued with 90 participants in the NL Winter Games and 60 participants at the NL Summer Games.
- In October 2024, TCAR received ASRCNL’s 2025-26 submission requesting some additional funding for operations, as well as the “You Go Girl Program”. The request for funding was due to decreased funding through the Federal Program, SSDIC stream 3. There may be an inquiry from ASRCNL to determine if there is any funding available through TCAR or Year of Sport funding to support this program in the near future.
- The SSDIC is a response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action (See Annex D), which identified four key social development needs of Indigenous communities (improved health, education, employability and the reduction of at-risk behavior). SSIDC is distinct from sport development, as it focuses on the achievement of these four specific social development outcomes.

### **Potential Speaking Points**

- It is so great to hear about the breadth and scope of work that ASRCNL is doing for Indigenous People and communities throughout our province. We look forward to collaborating with your organization to continue to support participation of Indigenous People

to actively participate in sport, physical activity and recreation programs that is offered through your organization.

- I encourage you to follow up with the Recreation and Sport Division to schedule more regular meetings with your organization so staff are apprised of the great work that your organization is doing.

Proposed Actions:

- TCAR staff to continue dialogue with ASRCNL and schedule quarterly meetings with the organization.

**Agenda item #2 – Bilateral Agreement on Sport Participation**

- It is anticipated that ASRCNL is interested in speaking with the Minister on the current and future Bilateral agreements as this is one of the main sources of funding between TCAR and ASRCNL.

Analysis

- The Canada – Newfoundland and Labrador Bilateral Agreement on Sport Participation 2022 – 26 (Bilateral Agreement) is a multi-year contribution agreement that includes a listing of high-level planned activities for all years that are agreed upon by both Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador.
- TCAR is currently finalizing the Bilateral Agreement which will be secured for an additional two years from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026. The same projects and funding amounts will be consistent as in previously approved agreements.
- ASRCNL receives \$102,000 annually for Aboriginal Sport Participation to support Indigenous athletes, coaches, and official participation in sport and physical activity. Since 2019, an additional \$273,000 has been provided annually, to support Indigenous leadership, capacity building and NAIG team travel and preparation.
- At this time, no further discussions have occurred between Sport Canada and Provincial/Territorial Governments on what the future goals and objectives of the Bilateral Agreement on Sport Participation will be after March 31, 2026.

Potential Speaking Points

- The Bilateral Agreement on Sport Participation with the Federal Government has helped us support ASRCNL to advance sport and physical activity priorities in our province. We know that the funding for 2024-26 will be consistent, however, we have had no further dialogue with Sport Canada at this time that would indicate what the priorities of the Federal Government will be after March 31, 2026.
- I encourage you to continue to have conversations with staff as we move closer to 2026.

Proposed Actions:

- N/a

**Agenda item #3 – Travel for Labrador Athletes**

- It is anticipated that ASRCNL will speak about the high cost of athlete travel within and outside of Labrador.

### Analysis

- The cost of athletes to travel to competitions and try out sessions within and outside of Labrador is significantly higher than on the island portion of the province.
- Currently, there is funding available through ASRCNL (totaling \$15,000) to support travel, which is a component of the Bilateral Agreement on Sport Participation. ASRCNL offers \$250 grants to support approximately 60 participants annually.
- Labrador Affairs Secretariat (LAS) also provides funding through the Labrador Travel Subsidy. This funding is only used to support out of province air travel for sanctioned sport teams, and subsidizes 75% of the team's air cost. The maximum subsidy amounts are as follows:
  - \$6,000 to \$7,500 for teams from the North Coast and the South Coast;
  - \$6,000 to \$6,500 for teams from Labrador West; and
  - \$5,500 to \$6,500 for teams from Central Labrador.
- In addition, the Labrador Travel Subsidy provides eligible athletes with up to four individual grants per fiscal year (either air or driving). Also, athletes that are successful in earning a position on a provincial team, are eligible for an additional two individual subsidies to support participation on the team.
- Indigenous Governments have also provided donations on an ad hoc basis to ASRCNL to assist with travel for athletes to compete and try out for provincial teams in the past to support their communities and Indigenous people.

### Potential Speaking Points

- I would like to thank ASRCNL and the Indigenous governments supporting our youth.
- During the consultation process for the Active Living Action Plan, we heard that cost for athlete travel within and outside of Labrador is significantly higher and that more funding supports are required to assist athletes in competing and participating in try-out events and tournaments. I will work with staff to explore opportunities that may be available to support Indigenous athletes and will speak with colleagues at the Federal – Provincial/Territorial (F-P/T) level to discuss these challenges within our province, and Canada.

### Proposed Actions:

- Staff to explore opportunities to increase access for athletes from Labrador.
- Staff to discuss these challenges at the F-P/T Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Council Meetings.

### **Agenda item #4 – Year of Sport**

- It is anticipated that ASRCNL is interested in learning more about the recently announced Year of Sport and how that may impact their organization and Indigenous communities and Governments.

### Analysis

- On December 10, 2025, Year of Sport was announced by the Government of NL.

- ASRCNL is one of the Recreation and Sport Divisions main partners to engage Indigenous Governments and communities to participate in sport, physical activity and recreation opportunities.

#### Potential Speaking Points

- I was pleased to announce late last year that 2025 would be recognized as Year of Sport to coincide with the 2025 Canada Summer Games. We hope that the investment will support not only sport community but the whole recreation and sport delivery system as a means to continue to offer programs and services to residents that will impact their overall health and well-being.
- We are finalizing the Year of Sport program and details will be announced this month.
- We look forward to continuing conversations with ASRCNL about opportunities that may be available to support Indigenous communities and people throughout 2025.

#### Proposed Actions:

- Staff to reach out to ASRCNL as needed to make them aware of upcoming Year of Sport initiatives.

**Prepared/approved by:** A. Button/ A. Wright/ B. Gardner/ J. O'Dea  
**Ministerial Approval:** Received from Honourable Steve Crocker

January 9, 2025

**Annex A**  
**ASRCNL Meeting Agenda**

Meeting With Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation  
Honourable Steve Crocker  
Confederation Building, St. John's, NL  
Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 8:30 am

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. ASRCNL Programs and Initiatives
3. Bilateral Agreement on Sport Participation
4. Travel for Labrador Athletes
5. Year of Sport

**Annex B**  
**Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Circle of Newfoundland and Labrador**  
**Board of Directors and Staff Listing**

**Board of Directors**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/ Indigenous Government</b>
George Russell Jr.	Chair, NunatuKavut Community Council
Arlene Blanchard-White	Vice-Chair, Qalipu First Nation
Colleen Lambert	Director, Miawpukek First Nation
Tommey Poker	Director, Mushuau Innu First Nation
Uniam Rich	Director, Sheshatshiu First Nation
Julie Dicker	Director, Nunatsiavut
Trent Pottle	Director, Nunatsiavut

**Staff**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Valentina Nolan	Executive Director
Janine Battcock	Executive Assistant
Mike Alexander	Team Indigenous NL Coordinator
Symone Hunt	Outreach Worker-Island*
Dave Winters	Regional Manager
Sheryl Martin	Outreach Work (Southern Labrador)*
Dana Morris	Indigenous Women and Sport Facilitator*
Grace Goudie	Office Administration

\* Funding for positions is provided through a federal Sport for Social Development in Indigenous Communities (SSDIC) funding program, however funding is not matched and does not flow through the provincial government.

**ANNEX C:  
Fact Sheet from ASRCNL**

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS  
IN 2024**

Nain, Hopedale,  
Makkovik, Rigolet,  
Happy Valley-Goose  
Bay, North West River,  
Sheshatshiu,  
Cartwright,  
Charlottetown,  
Pinsent's Arm, St.  
Lewis, Port Hope  
Simpson, Mary's  
Harbour, Port Saunders,  
Comer Brook, Cox's  
Cove, Meadows,  
Benoit's Cove, Burgeo,  
Grand Falls-Windsor,  
Conne River,  
Stephenville,  
Stephenville Crossing,  
St. George's, Flat Bay,  
Cape St. George,  
Lourdes, Port au Port  
East, Port au Port West,  
Fox Island River,  
Codroy Valley.  
(30+ Communities)

**Data base:**

**500 ATHLETES, 180 COACHES 20 OFFICIALS**

**Expressions of interest to date for the North  
American Indigenous Games 2027:**

**130 ATHLETES AND 13 LEADERS OF OUR  
COMMUNITIES WANT IN FOR THE NEXT GAMES!**

**Sport participation as Team Indigenous:**

**PROVINCIAL WINTER GAMES -73 ATHLETES/17  
LEADERS**

**PROVINCIAL SUMMER GAMES-48 ATHLETES/12  
LEADERS**

**GOVERNOR GENERAL'S AWARD FOR BOTH  
GAMES.**

**Awards and Recognition:**

**2 -TOM LONGBOAT WINNERS**

**2 -PREMIERS AWARDS WINNERS**

**1 -TEAM GUSHUE WINNER**

**ASRCNL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Try- Archery, Lacrosse and Pickleball:**

**1,000 + PARTICIPANTS AGES 5 - 70 +**

**Archery Training:**

**CERTIFYING 27 COMMUNITY COACHES**

**Aboriginal Coaching Modules:**

**CERTIFYING 8 COACHES**

**Leading the way for Indigenous women and  
girls and Sport:**

**HIRED AN INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND SPORT  
FACILITATOR**

**2- YOU GO GIRL! COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

**8-COMMUNITY GRANTS FOR WOMEN**

**100+ VOLUNTEERS IN OUR COMMUNITIES**

**Annex D:  
Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action**

The Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action identified the following calls to action that relate specifically to sport:

87. We call upon all levels of government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, sports halls of fame, and other relevant organizations, to provide public education that tells the national story of Aboriginal athletes in history.

88. We call upon all levels of government to take action to ensure long-term Aboriginal athlete development and growth, and continued support for the North American Indigenous Games, including funding to host the games and for provincial and territorial team preparation and travel.

89. We call upon the federal government to amend the Physical Activity and Sport Act to support reconciliation by ensuring that policies to promote physical activity as a fundamental element of health and well-being, reduce barriers to sports participation, increase the pursuit of excellence in sport, and build capacity in the Canadian sport system, are inclusive of Aboriginal peoples.

90. We call upon the federal government to ensure that national sports policies, programs, and initiatives are inclusive of Aboriginal peoples, including, but not limited to, establishing:

I. In collaboration with provincial and territorial governments, stable funding for, and access to, community sports programs that reflect the diverse cultures and Traditional sporting activities of Aboriginal peoples.

II. An elite athlete development program for Aboriginal athletes.

III. Programs for coaches, trainers, and sports officials that are culturally relevant for Aboriginal peoples.

IV. Anti-racism awareness and training programs.

91. We call upon the officials and host countries of international sporting events such as the Olympics, Pan Am, and Commonwealth games to ensure that Indigenous peoples' territorial protocols are respected, and local Indigenous communities are engaged in all aspects of planning and participating in such events.

Source: Truth and Reconciliation Canada. (2015). Honouring the truth, reconciling for the future: Summary of the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Winnipeg: Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

**Meeting Note**  
**Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation**  
**Battle Harbour Historic Trust**  
**9:30 am, Wednesday, January 15, 2025**  
**TCAR Executive Boardroom**

**Attendees:** Minister Steve Crocker, TCAR  
Jamie O’Dea, Deputy Minister, TCAR  
Carol-Ann Gilliard, ADM, TCAR  
Kevin Dumaresque, Battle Harbour Historic Trust  
Tom Paddon, Battle Harbour Historic Trust

**Purpose of Meeting:**

- To discuss an update on Battle Harbour and their key priorities for 2025.

**Background:**

- Battle Harbour was designated as one of the National Historic Sites of Canada in 1996 and in 2003 was recognized by National Geographic Traveller Magazine, Conservation International and the Smithsonian Institute as one of the most significant heritage sites in the world.
- In 1990, the Battle Harbour Historic Trust, a not-for-profit organization, was founded with a mandate to protect, restore, interpret and promote Battle Harbour’s significant heritage resources.
- Battle Harbour’s designation as a nationally important site was due to the settlement’s significance as the last intact example of a mercantile fishing area representing traditional Labrador.
- The chair of the BHHT is Kevin Dumaresque. Other members: Glenys Rumbolt, Roxanne Notley (Secretary), Geoff Goodyear, Fred Earle, Brian Groves, Tom Paddon, Diane Poole, Will Petty, Murray Pye and Sandra Pye (Treasurer). The executive director is Peter Bull.
- BHHT’s vision is to be the leading authentic and inspirational living heritage destination in Canada. This vision is achieved by a mission to protect the integrity of Battle Harbour as a classic outport community with its traditional mercantile fishing premises; while promoting a profound experience for global guests that is deeply moving, personally inspiring and unique in the world.
- Since 2015, the Department of Industry, Energy and Technology (IET) has provided funding for 12 projects totaling approximately \$292,816. The most recent support of \$32,868 was provided in 2024 for marketing and infrastructure.

Section 29(1)(a), 35(1)(d)

- [Redacted]

- [Redacted]

Section 29(1)(a), 35(1)(d)

Section 29(1)(a), 35(1)(d)

[Redacted]

- Battle Harbour is an important attraction in Labrador and is frequently highlighted in TCAR's advertising and communications. In addition, representatives from Battle Harbour attend Consumer Shows in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal as well as Atlantic Canada Showcase and Rendez-Vous Canada.
- The **Historic Resources Act** is designed to protect, preserve, and manage the province's historic sites, artifacts, and cultural heritage for public benefit and future generations.
- There are a number of Battle Harbour properties registered as historic sites on the provincial registry with Heritage NL.

**Agenda item #1 –Battle Harbour Historic Trust update and priorities for 2025**

- Discussion regarding an update from Battle Harbour and key priorities for 2025.

Section 29(1)(a), 35(1)(d)

Analysis

- [Redacted]

Section 29(1)(a), 35(1)(d)

- [Redacted]

Potential Speaking Points

- The Minister may wish to note that TCAR continues to appreciate the positive relationship that has been established with Battle Harbour and how important it is to the tourism industry in Labrador.

Proposed Actions

- GNL will continue to build on the relationship that has been established to further advance the priorities of Battle Harbour.

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**Ministerial Approval:** Received from Hon. Steve Crocker

January 14, 2025

**Meeting Note**  
**Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation**  
**Choral Sector Representatives**  
**January 16, 2025 11:30am**  
**Executive Board Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Confederation Building**

**Attendees:** Honourable Steve Crocker, Minister, TCAR  
Jamie O'Dea, Deputy Minister, TCAR  
Nicholas Ellis, Executive Assistant, TCAR  
Jennifer Neary, Executive Director, Shallaway Youth Choir  
Kellie Walsh, Artistic Director, Shallaway Youth Choir

**Purpose of Meeting:**

- To discuss funding challenges for the choral sector.

**Background:**

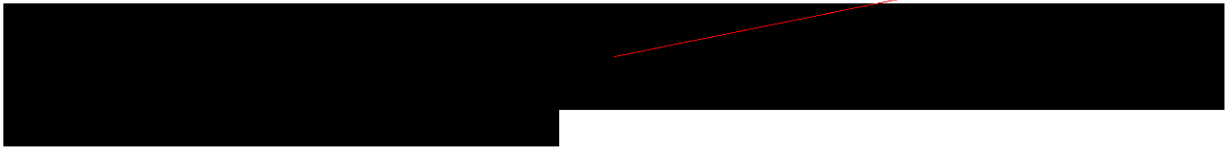
- Newfoundland and Labrador's choral sector is nationally and internationally renowned for the level of artistic merit in performance, as well as innovation and creativity in presentation.
- Newfoundland and Labrador choirs are typically funded using a model that includes membership fees, fundraising campaigns, and government grants.
- Through correspondence and direct communication choirs in the province over the last few years, TCAR has become aware that choirs are concerned that they are being left out of funding opportunities because of the nature of the choral sector.

**Issue #1 – Funding Challenges for Choirs**

- Most choirs in this province are considered to be community arts organizations and thus have limited access to public funding sources.

Analysis

- Since 2023, choirs have consistently raised concerns about the lack of available operational funding, which is critical for organizations to hire staff and to be able to demonstrate matching contributions when seeking grants from federal, provincial, and municipal programs.
  - Lady Cove Choir, in particular, was concerned their operating funding from Canada Council may be in jeopardy if they cannot demonstrate similar support from Newfoundland and Labrador agencies.
- In 2023, as a stop-gap measure, TCAR used surplus Come Home Year funds to provide project funding to the choirs excluded from the ArtsNL program, to allow time for them to identify other revenue sources to replace the loss.
- TCAR does not fund choirs through the CEDP program, for either operational or project funding, because they do not meet the criteria to be considered as professional arts organizations, primarily in that not all performers are paid artist fees for performances.
  - Additionally, members typically pay a fee to join choirs and frequently pay at least some of the expenses related to performing.

- It is possible choirs can use membership fees for this purpose instead of grants, but the ability to charge membership fees high enough to support operational costs is unknown.
  - TCAR has provided project funding to choirs through special celebrations (such as Come Home Year 2022 and Year of the Arts).
  - During Year of the Arts, CelebrateNL supported choirs indirectly through significant funding for the HarbourVOICES! festival, and directly through the Creative Projects Fund.
  - For a number of years, choirs were eligible for operational funding from ArtsNL. In 2023, ArtsNL advised choirs that on review by a peer committee, choirs did not meet the standard required of a professional arts organization, and are not eligible for operational funding.
  - Following that 2023 decision, choirs contacted TCAR seeking to have the ArtsNL decision revisited. TCAR held the position that ArtsNL operates independently from the department and TCAR would not intervene.
- Section 29(1)(a), 35(1)(d)
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  - At present, Lady Cove Choir is the only choir known to currently meet the national standards.
  - All other choirs are eligible to apply for project funding through the ArtNL Community Arts Program.
    - Shallaway Choir is something of an exception circumstance. As a youth choir, they do not qualify for any ArtsNL funding.
  - If the AIP funding program, introduced as a pilot in Year of the Arts, continues in future, choirs would also be eligible for project funding through that TCAR program.

#### Potential Speaking Points

- We are pleased to have been able to support choral projects during special celebrations.
- We were pleased to be able to provide one-time funding to choirs in 2023 to address the unexpected budget pressure at that time.
- We understand the difficulty of accessing operational funding for community arts organizations, and the importance for any not-for-profit in securing operational funds.
- Our current arts funding programs are designed for supporting professional arts organizations, but we were able to pilot a community arts programming fund in Year of the Arts. We will take this conversation into consideration as we evaluate the results of that program.

**Proposed Actions**

- Include content of meeting in any grant review processes and during early development of the new cultural action plan.

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**January 15, 2025**