



Arctic Inspiration Prize
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Re: Our appreciation for your support of the Tri-Territorial Recreation Training initiative

On behalf of our Tri-Territorial Recreation Training Team, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sima Sharifi and Arnold Witzig, the S. and A. Inspiration Foundation, members of the Arctic Inspiration Prize Selection and Steering Committee and staff of the ArcticNet Administration Centre. Thank you for your tremendous support and generous funding through the Arctic Inspiration Prize. And, thank you for the warm welcome we received in Ottawa; we thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the activities.

Our Tri-Territorial Recreation Training Initiative strengthens Northern capacity for recreation. The \$600,000 Arctic Inspiration Prize enables our collaborative of non-profits, governments and a social enterprise to develop and pilot a sustainable and relevant training program targeting core competencies of local recreation leaders. Ultimately, this initiative will enhance our potential to positively impact, through recreation leadership, individual and community wellbeing as well as the quality of life in remote communities across all three territories.

We are excited to let you know that the project is now underway, led by the Recreation and Parks Association of the Yukon (RPAY) in cooperation with NWT Recreation and Parks Association (NWTRPA) and Recreation and Parks Association of Nunavut (RPAN). We are spending some time to re-confirm roles and responsibilities to ensure success in all three territories. By the fall we will have test curriculum in place and insight from a representative steering committee as to piloting and delivery methods. We plan to continue working with Caroline Sparks and Brenda Herchmer who were instrumental in developing the project.

On behalf of our partners, thank you to the Arctic Inspiration Prize for recognizing the power and potential of recreation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne M. Fran".

Executive Director
Recreation and Parks Association of the Yukon (RPAY)

Project Partners: Recreation and Parks Association of the Yukon, NWT Recreation and Park Association, Recreation Parks and Association of Nunavut, Government of Yukon Sport and Recreation Branch, Government of the Northwest Territories, Sport and Recreation Division Government of Nunavut, Campus for Communities of the Future