



ANNUAL REPORT **2008-2009**



## MINISTER'S MESSAGE



As the Minister Responsible for Recreation and Sport, I would like to recognize Sport North and its member Territorial Sport Organizations for their work in helping northerners lead healthier lives. Sport North and its

partner's efforts to develop and support sport in the Northwest Territories (NWT) ensures that northerners have many opportunities to choose active lives.

In *Northerners Working Together*, Members of the 16th Legislative Assembly committed themselves to working to improve the health and well-being of NWT residents. Regularly taking part in some kind of physical activity is one of the most important ways people can lead healthier lives. The sport and recreation programs that Sport North and its partners support play an important role in reaching our goal.

I would like to thank all of the many volunteers who contribute their time, talent and energy to the recreation and sport system. The work volunteers do is important to the growth of the system and our efforts to build healthier communities.

Looking ahead, I would also like to wish the best to our athletes, coaches and officials who will represent the NWT at the 2009 Canada Summer Games in Prince Edward Island and the 2010 Arctic Winter Games in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

There has been much discussion over the past year about how we can continue to meet the recreation and sport needs of the NWT. During the coming year, we will be working hard to find ways to further develop an effective and integrated recreation and sport system. I would like to encourage Sport North, its member organizations, and other sport and recreation partners to join with us in shaping a better system for the future.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert C. McLeod".

Honourable Robert C. McLeod  
Minister, Municipal and Community Affairs



□ **POOJA CHUGH – YELLOWKNIFE**  
Youth Female Athlete of the Year

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It has been another interesting year in the sport and recreation sector as the Federation settles into its role of sport development and delivery of the next two major games on behalf of the Government of the Northwest

Territories and the Sport and Recreation Council. I would like to thank the Sport North staff and acknowledge their efforts in maintaining a high standard in delivering the Federation's programs.

During the past year, the Government completed a review of multi-sport games. Although the Federation did not agree with the methodology and a lot of the findings within the report, there are a few recommendations that we can build on:

- The NWT's involvement in multi-sport games is good for its residents.
- Confirmed the need for a clear definition of the roles and responsibilities of all organizations involved.
- Identified a need for individuals to be hired in each region, whose sole responsibility is for sport and athlete development and who were accountable back to the sport system.

The timing of the report has put the 2010 Arctic Winter Games selection process behind and will test the staff and volunteers' ability to select and prepare Team NWT for this event. I have the utmost confidence in our combined ability to meet this challenge.

I would like to wish good luck to all participants representing the Northwest Territories in the upcoming Canada Summer Games in August 2009. I am sure you will all be great northern ambassadors.

This is the first year of the TSO Support Program, which resulted in various Territorial Sport Organizations collaborating to hire full-time staff. We welcome Kalie Dobson and Melanie Kornacki to these positions and the Federation looks forward to working with them in the upcoming year.

We encountered some staff changes at the Federation over the past year and I would like to welcome Laurie Brydon and Kelly Noseworthy to the Federation and say goodbye to Rob Meckling and Paula Corbett; we wish you well in your new endeavours.

As I will not be seeking another term as the President of the Sport North Federation, I would like to thank my fellow Board Members, the staff and all the volunteers for their support over the years of my involvement. I have sincerely enjoyed working with you and wish everyone good luck in the future.

In concluding, I wish to acknowledge and recognize the countless number of sport volunteers in the NWT that continue to give their time unselfishly to ensure the residents have an opportunity to participate in the many events and activities in the NWT. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated.



Abe Theil  
President, Sport North Federation

## TYLER COMEAU – YELLOWKNIFE

Youth Male Athlete of the Year



## MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

**Mission:** Sport North represents the Territorial Sport Organizations of the Northwest Territories. We are dedicated to the development of sport at every level of participation in the Northwest Territories.

**Vision:** Sport North Federation will be the recognized leader in sport development and will ensure that opportunities in sport, based on fair play, are accessible to all residents of the NWT.

**Values:**

Excellence  
Respect  
Transparency and Accountability  
Inclusion  
Joy of Sport  
Innovation

In the future, we envisage an NWT where:

- Sport North Federation will continue to be recognized as the leader of sport development and the conduit for sport programs in pursuing their “sport” aspirations;
- Territorial Sport Organizations (TSOs) will be stronger and more self-sufficient, and the Sport North Federation will be a major force in that growth;
- Sport North Federation will contribute to the expansion of sport participation and further the development of an integrated sport system;
- The synergies between sport and the health system will be fully realized, and sport will be seen to be a major contributor to a healthy active Northwest Territories; and
- Community sport will be flourishing throughout the territory, and the link between community sport and the TSOs will be strong.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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▣ **SARAH CANNELL – YELLOWKNIFE**  
Junior Female Athlete of the Year

## PROMOTE

### RBC Sponsorship

RBC announced its three year partnership with Sport North for a total investment of \$165,000 through donations and sponsorship.

### Strategic Plan

Sport North periodically reviews its operating environment, including the strategic priorities of the Sport and Recreation Council (SRC); considers the needs of its member organizations and athletes; and responds to its evolving circumstances. The 2009 to 2014 strategic plan was developed and approved by the Board of Directors.

### Awards

The Sport North awards play a valuable role in supporting athletic success and recognizing the NWT's growing talent. This year's award recipients are profiled throughout this document. Sport North will be establishing a new award, to be presented in 2010, in memory of Delma Kisoun, who was a Board Member from 2001 to 2005 and died in a boating accident in July 2008.

### Funding Process

Sport North provides funding to its active members through an on-line application and accountability process. This year, the sports were designated into a winter or summer category in an effort to streamline the review process and allocate funding prior to their active season.

### Role Models

Celebrity athletes were in Yellowknife (September 2008) for the RBC Champions for Children Dinner: Beckie Scott (two-time cross-country ski Olympic medalist), Kevin Martin (Olympic curling silver medalist and current World Champion and Brier Champion), Mike Bossy (NHL Hall of Fame great), Megan Metcalfe (2008 Beijing Olympics – athletics) and David Bissett (2006 Turin Olympics and silver medalist at World Championships – bobsleigh). Some of the athletes attended local schools to speak about their Olympic experience and met with their designated sport group for athlete and coach development sessions.

### Scholarships

Sport North provides financial assistance to NWT students at a recognized post-secondary educational institution through our scholarship program. Academic excellence, dedication to sport and future education plans are taken into consideration in determining scholarship recipients. Ten scholarships were distributed this year.

### Sponsors

Sport North has developed partnerships with companies that share in our goal to promote and develop sport across the Northwest Territories. Our programs have benefited greatly from their continued support over the years.



## MICHAEL GILDAY – YELLOWKNIFE

Junior Male Athlete of the Year



## PARTICIPATE

### Sogo Active

Coca-Cola Canada announced a new physical activity program called Sogo Active, a national program to inspire youth to get active using the excitement of the Olympic flame. Teens 13 to 19 create a unique profile for themselves on-line where they can network and find a range of traditional and non-traditional activities that fit their needs, interests and lifestyles. Youth that register with sogoactive.com and commit to an active lifestyle are eligible to be selected as a torchbearer in the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay. Sogo Active is administered in the Northwest Territories by Sport North.

### Community Sport Opportunity

This program creates sport development opportunities and mentorship that will benefit smaller communities by increasing the number of participants, coaches and sport leaders in the community. Funding for this program is available through the Pan-territorial Sport Strategy, a multi-year funding agreement between the Government of Canada, Government of the Northwest Territories and Sport North. Twelve sports received funding and delivered sport development activities.

### KidSport™

KidSport™ is a charitable program that provides support to children in order to remove financial barriers that prevent them from playing organized sport. A total of 139 kids benefited from financial assistance in 2008 and \$31,700 was distributed. Sport North administers the KidSport™ program for the Northwest Territories.

### RBC Champions for Children Dinner

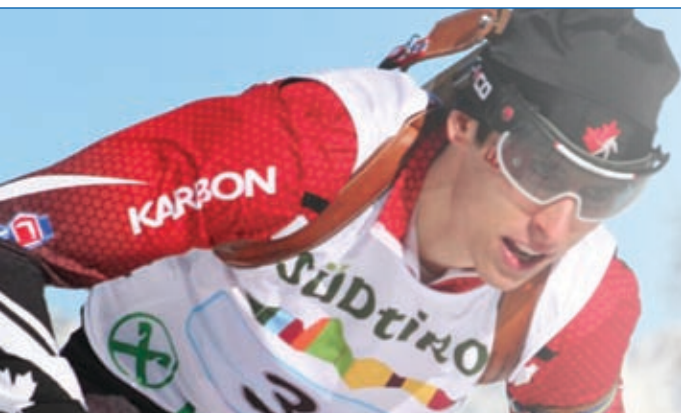
The RBC Champions for Children Dinner identified KidSport™ as their charity of choice for 2008 and raised \$70,000. This is the first year that RBC has been a major sponsor and we look forward to continued success over the next two years. RBC contributes to this event both financially and through the engagement of their employees.

### Membership

Sport North has 28 active members – Territorial Sport Organizations – and 18,130 members in 32 communities. We would like to welcome our newest member – NWT Judo.

### Rising Star

The Rising Star Program funds athletes (14 years and under) to attend sport specific camps outside the NWT. This program was developed to encourage younger athletes to stay involved in sport and be exposed to southern training opportunities, facilities and coaches. Nineteen athletes received funding in 2008.



■ **BRENDAN GREEN – HAY RIVER**  
Senior Male Athlete of the Year

## EXCEL

### TSO Support

Territorial Sport Organizations (TSOs) are non-profit organizations that provide sport development programs to their members across the Northwest Territories. In an effort to assist these organizations, which are administered entirely by volunteers, funding was allocated for administrative support. The TSO Support Program assists with retaining the services of qualified sport leaders to offer sport specific training, technical assistance and coaching services for the public and their membership. This program is a joint initiative between the Government of Canada, the Government of the Northwest Territories and Sport North. In 2008, five sports/groups were approved for funding.

### Multi-sport Games Review

The Government of the Northwest Territories conducted a review of all multi-sport games to determine a basis for assessing the appropriate level of investment and quantify what results can be achieved as a result of the investment level. This review focused on the Arctic Winter Games, Canada Games, Western Canada Games and the North American Indigenous Games. Sport North received the final report along with a list of recommendations in April 2009, and the Sport and Recreation Council has confirmed that Sport North will administer the 2010 Arctic Winter Games for Team NWT.

### Alternate Dispute Resolution

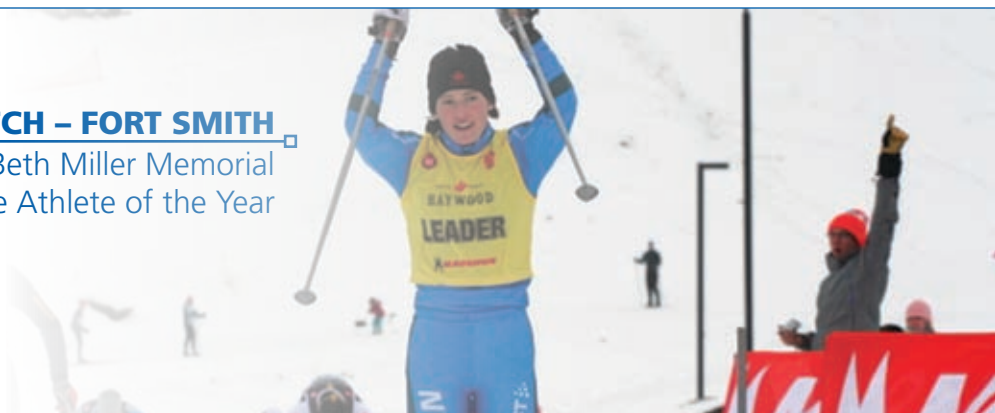
Sport North recognizes the right of its members to appeal its decisions and has established an Alternate Dispute Resolution Policy as a process for resolving disputes that may arise from time to time. In addition to this, four individuals were trained in mediation, a process of dispute resolution where a mediator or trained negotiator assists parties to a dispute in negotiating a settlement.

### High Performance Athlete Grant

The High Performance Athlete Grant is funded and administered, in a joint effort, by Sport North and the Government of the Northwest Territories. This funding program has been a key factor in the success of our northern athletes when they represent the Northwest Territories on the national and international scene. This is the fourth year that this funding has been available.

## SARAH DAITCH – FORT SMITH

Mary Beth Miller Memorial  
Senior Female Athlete of the Year





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## AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Sport North Federation

We have audited the Balance Sheet of the Sport North Federation as at March 31, 2009, and the Statements of Operations, Members' Equity and Cash Flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at March 31, 2009, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

The President of Sport North Federation is an employee of the audit firm.

*Avery, Cooper & Co.*

AVERY, COOPER & CO  
Certified General Accountants  
Yellowknife, NT

April 27, 2009



## BALANCE SHEET

March 31, 2009

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash (Note 3)	1,005,240	496,725
Accrued interest receivable	26	1,106
Accounts receivable	9,437	124,077
Due from related parties (Note 17)	102,269	693,078
GST receivable	-	37,438
Inventory (Note 2a)	24,945	3,551
	<b>1,141,917</b>	1,355,975
<b>Capital Assets, net</b> (Notes 2b and 4)	<b>6,721</b>	7,333
<b>Investment in Lex Borealis Ltd.</b> (Note 5)	<b>966,388</b>	950,693
	<b>2,115,026</b>	2,314,001
<b>LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	170,509	890,140
GST payable	747	-
Contributions repayable (Note 7)	100,000	100,000
Deferred revenue (Note 8)	802,082	668,226
Due to related parties (Note 17)	217,327	14,769
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 18)	77,848	73,904
	<b>1,368,513</b>	1,747,039
<b>Non-current</b>		
Long-term debt (Note 18)	535,931	613,779
Accrued termination benefits (Note 20)	146,107	165,736
	<b>2,050,551</b>	2,526,554
<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY</b> (Page 2)		
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>41,768</b>	(222,553)
<b>Reserves</b>	<b>22,707</b>	10,000
	<b>64,475</b>	(212,553)
	<b>2,115,026</b>	2,314,001

On behalf of the Board

  
Director

On behalf of the Board

  
Director

See accompanying notes and schedules

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended March 31, 2009

	Budget 2009 (unaudited)	Actual 2009	Restated Actual 2008
	\$	\$	\$
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Contribution from SRC	1,644,000	1,701,158	2,389,000
Lottery Revenue ( <i>Schedule 2</i> )	3,200	2,772	123,586
Net Lottery Income	1,647,200	1,703,930	2,512,586
<b>OTHER REVENUE</b>			
Administration fee	100,000	131,388	102,091
Donations	100,500	10,073	206,704
Grants	-	47,665	23,349
Interest	23,000	8,507	21,928
Membership fees	3,000	3,238	3,208
Projects ( <i>Note 14</i> )	420,000	307,838	186,909
Miscellaneous revenue	3,500	50,009	76,020
Registration fees	3,000	192	167,121
Special projects ( <i>Note 9</i> )	-	30	-
Ticket sales – awards dinner	1,000	520	78
Total Other Revenue	654,000	559,460	787,408
	2,301,200	2,263,390	3,299,994
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Advertising and promotion	20,000	22,244	41,693
Affiliation fees	500	1,262	1,164
Amortization	5,000	4,982	4,575
Audit and accounting	15,000	30,076	11,280
Awards and scholarships	57,500	31,744	65,575
Bank charges	4,100	4,461	3,412
Clothing and supplies – games	-	(7,055)	315,469
Communications	22,000	21,289	20,811
Computer equipment and services	5,000	2,014	5,126
Consulting and other professional fees	3,500	11,244	600
Facilities and equipment rental	23,500	16,523	15,872
Grants	725,000	733,824	722,541
Insurance	5,000	5,125	4,035
Interest on long-term debt	40,000	33,843	38,181
Lease of equipment ( <i>Note 15</i> )	10,000	10,037	10,061
Legal	5,000	7,701	7,211
Miscellaneous	16,500	43,684	32,906
Office supplies	29,000	16,810	36,145
Periodicals, printing and newsletter	5,800	3,590	10,252
Postage and freight	5,000	3,418	13,760
Professional development and training	9,200	50,490	16,805
Projects ( <i>Note 14</i> )	420,000	307,838	187,189
Repairs and maintenance	1,500	1,677	1,304
Salaries, wages and benefits	631,200	566,396	677,875
Special projects ( <i>Note 9</i> )	-	30	-
Travel, including meetings and annual banquet	124,100	91,517	775,916
	2,183,400	2,014,764	3,019,758
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures	117,800	248,626	280,236
Investment gain (loss) from Lex Borealis Ltd. ( <i>Note 5</i> )	45,000	15,695	(44,137)
	72,800	264,321	236,099

**REBECCA ALTY – YELLOWKNIFE**  
Coach of the Year

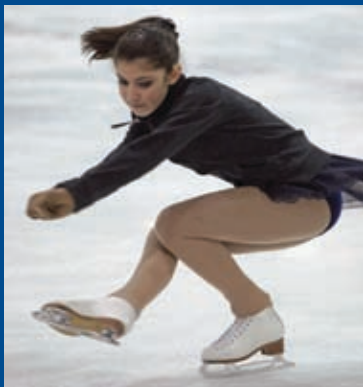


**VIVIAN HANSEN – YELLOWKNIFE**  
Ruth Inch Memorial  
Contributor to Sport



**RAVENS BROOMBALL TEAM –  
YELLOWKNIFE**  
Team of the Year





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