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- 1. All Canadian provinces and territories have agreed to increase participation in sport by 10% by 2020. What is the most effective way for this territory to make that happen?** *In March 2018, the new Western Canada Lotteries Act established the Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation Fund which will come into force on April 1, 2019. It gives control of the Western Canada Lotteries Program to the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA). Those revenues need to be passed onto territorial and regional sports and recreation organizations.*
- 2. Access, affordability and availability of sport and recreation programs and facilities are vital to our communities. Where does the improvement of this fit into your priorities for the next 4 years?** *Accessible and affordable sport and recreation programs and facilities are a high priority on my list of initiatives because of the important social, health and economic benefits it affords Northern residents.*
- 3. Will you work with your fellow members of the Legislative Assembly to create awareness of the issues facing sport in the NWT and address the needs of our organizations? A lot is expected of sport without it ever being a priority issue for Territorial government. How do you propose to change this?**

The mere fact that the GNWT changed the legislation in March 2018 to establish the Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation Fund indicates it has been on a priority list and I am thankful for that focus. I would work to ensure it remains a focus.

- 4. Research has shown that the rates of obesity and illness, particularly in children, continue to rise at alarming rates. The cost of delivering healthcare in this Territory has become almost all consuming to the Territorial budget. How would you incorporate sport and physical activity into a preventative approach and policy on wellness?** *From my perspective you effectively laid out the foundation for a policy statement in the formulation of the question. I would consult with the sports and recreation sector on the development of a policy that links their work with the health sector.*
- 5. While our Sport Volunteers are the pillar of all sport matters in the NWT; their efforts go unappreciated and undervalued. Do you have any plans to change the way that volunteers are overlooked in their roles and in what ways do you plan to recognize them if selected?** *I find volunteerism in the sports and recreation sector is highly valued by Northerners and I admire that greatly. While my volunteer efforts have been dedicated differently, I certainly notice the skill, dedication and absolute commitment volunteers in sports and recreation have contributed to communities across the North and I am proud of their achievements.*