

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?** *One key barrier to increased sport participation that constituents have talked about over the past month is cost. To reduce or eliminate this barrier, I would like to: look for means to expand support to more families to help them access facilities and programs at no or reduced cost.*
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?** *My platform supports 1) education renewal that includes a focus on healthy, active students engaged in their community; and 2) encouraging a health care system that prioritizes prevention and a whole-person approach to care. I believe increasing access to sport by making it more affordable and available will complement healthy students who are better able to participate in their education as well as support a preventive health care system.*
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?** *Yes. My family is involved in a variety of sports both as part of an active family lifestyle (various paddling activities, hiking, cross country skiing) as well as organized through community organizations (skating, hockey, soccer and racquet sports). If elected, I commit to meeting with your representatives to learn more about sport across the NWT and to identify ways we can work together to support its growth.*
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?** *I am a believer in collaboration. I would like to see increased connections between sport organizations, health and education. This fits with my priority to encourage a health care system that prioritizes prevention and my belief that better linkages between education and health will produce healthier people – incorporating opportunities for sport and physical activity furthers these goals. In addition, I support increasing financial resources for NGO core funding operations beyond the NGO Stabilization Fund which is short term and still largely project-oriented. I believe we should identify funding options that will allow NGOs, particularly those delivering community programs such as sports, to save time and effort on administration, including lengthy grant or funding applications, and focus instead on their activities within our communities.*
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 have been a community volunteer for many organizations in the NWT and am very aware of the number of hours and high level of commitment that goes into making our community organizations strong. In sports specifically, I am aware*



that my children are not only often coached by volunteers but that volunteers keep the organizations and teams on which we all participate functioning. While I am grateful to them, I do not necessarily have the ideal answer to this question. Again, my first outreach would be back to your organization and to some of the sport or team-specific boards for their ideas on how to best and most appropriately recognize volunteers.