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## **Yukon to host 2016 Arctic X Games**

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government, together with Sport Yukon and the City of Whitehorse, will host the 2016 Arctic X Games, which will coincide with the 2016 Arctic Winter Games in Greenland.

The Yukon government has committed \$100,000 – subject to legislative approval – to host this multi-sport event. Yukon made the offer to host the Arctic X Games when it was announced last year that six sports would be excluded from the 2016 Arctic Winter Games in Nuuk, Greenland due to infrastructure challenges and a law that prohibits foreign dogs.

"The Yukon government is working with local and international partners to ensure all Arctic athletes have the opportunity to compete," Minister of Community Services Currie Dixon said. "We're happy to help complement the games in Greenland with the Arctic X Games here in Whitehorse."

The Arctic X Games will be hosted in Whitehorse from March 6 to 12, 2016, concurrent with the Arctic Winter Games in Nuuk. Events taking place here will include speed skating, figure skating, dog mushing, gymnastics, curling and hockey.

"We are pleased that the Government of Yukon and the City of Whitehorse have made it possible for the athletes left out of the 2016 Arctic Winter Games in Greenland to participate in a games experience through the Arctic X Games in Whitehorse," Sport Yukon president George Arcand said. "Sport Yukon is pleased to be able work with our partners to make these events a success."

Whitehorse Mayor Dan Curtis added: "With our experience hosting national and international sporting events, we are aware of the benefits they bring for our athletes, sport community, local businesses and the broader Yukon public. Whitehorse has existing infrastructure that can accommodate these events and we know the value of hosting games like these can last for generations."

Learn more: 2016 Arctic Winter Games

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