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Guide launched to help local recreation leaders

WHITEHORSE—The Department of Community Services launched a key training resource at the annual Recreation Gathering, held October 22 to 23 in Marsh Lake. The Community Recreation Leaders' Guide is designed to empower leaders to provide better recreation opportunities in Yukon communities.

"We are committed to keeping Yukoners active," Minister of Community Services Currie Dixon said. "The annual Recreation Gathering is an opportunity for Yukoners to work with the Yukon government's Sport and Recreation branch and the Recreation and Parks Association of the Yukon on territorial and national initiatives, while strengthening relationships and establishing new connections."

The Community Recreation Leaders Guide is a training tool based on core competencies that will build leadership capacity in community recreation. The guide provides local leaders with a better understanding of how to effectively and successfully deliver recreation in their communities in an effort to improve the quality of Yukoners' lives.

The department is also developing a Community Recreation Planning Toolkit. This planning resource will complement the Leaders' Guide by helping residents identify local priorities and create a community recreation plan. With the included templates, the toolkit will enable communities to create a relevant plan that meet valuable tools for increasing the capacity for recreation in communities, enabling all Yukoners to experience the many benefits of recreation, such as improved quality of life and healthy communities," said Recreation and Parks Association of the Yukon (RPAY) executive director Anne Morgan.

The Leaders Guide and Planning Toolkit were developed in partnership with RPAY with additional funding from the Yukon Northern Wellness Project.

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