



FOR RELEASE

July 16, 2014

Lotteries Yukon marks its 40th anniversary with a contribution to Sport Yukon

WHITEHORSE—As part of the Yukon Lottery Commission's 40th anniversary celebrations the commission is pleased to announce a one-time contribution of \$100,000 to Sport Yukon for the Kids Recreation Fund (KRF).

The KRF provides children (aged 0 to 19 years) from lower-income families with the opportunity to participate in sport, cultural and recreational programs and activities.

"Part of the commission's mandate is to reinvest lottery revenue in art, sport and recreation in Yukon communities. This one-time contribution to the Kids Recreation Fund is an important investment in our children and youth," Minister responsible for Yukon Lottery Commission Brad Cathers said.

Yukon Lottery Commission chair Heather Campbell said: "Today we are celebrating 40 years of investing in Yukon people. This contribution to the Kids Recreation Fund is intended to increase access and participation of Yukon children and youth in art, sport, and recreation."

Sport Yukon executive director Tracey Bilsky added: "Sport Yukon appreciates immensely this significant contribution from the Yukon Lottery Commission to the Kids Recreation Fund. This fund gives Yukon children easier access to programs that increase their activity levels and promote active lifestyles. Big thanks to the Yukon Lottery Commission for recognizing the importance of this fund for Yukon families."

Over the past 40 years the Yukon Lottery Commission has reinvested more than \$42 million into our communities. July 16 marks a Yukon-wide celebration of lotteries in Yukon, with community events hosted by local organizations in Dawson City, Faro, Carcross, Watson Lake and Whitehorse.

-30-

Contact:

Colleen Parker, General Manager
Lotteries Yukon
(867) 633-7899
colleen.parker@gov.yk.ca

Tracey Bilsky, Executive Director
Sport Yukon
(867) 393-8330
tracey.bilsky@gov.yk.ca

Elaine Schiman
Cabinet Communications

(867)633-7961
Elaine.schiman@gov.yk.ca

News Release #14-168



Stay up to date with the latest Yukon government news by subscribing to our RSS feed here:
<http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/rss.html>. Or follow us on Twitter @yukongov.