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## 2020 Arctic Winter Games contract signed

Minister of Community Services John Streicker, Whitehorse Mayor Dan Curtis and Arctic Winter Games International Committee vice-president John Rodda signed the 2020 Arctic Winter Games contract yesterday. The contract signing was held at the first Business After-Hours event of the fall, co-hosted by the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce.

The contract solidifies the Government of Yukon's agreement with the City of Whitehorse to host the 2020 games. The games are expected to have numerous economic and social benefits for the territory, and will also promote sport development amongst Yukon youth.

The Arctic Winter Games is an international, multi-sport event for young northern athletes to compete against their peers from across the circumpolar region. The event is a place for athletes to grow and develop, and to learn from northern, Arctic and Indigenous cultures.

### Quotes

"Signing this contract signifies our partnership with the City of Whitehorse and is a sure step towards giving northern youth the opportunity to compete, grow and participate in these amazing games. The games might be a couple of years away, but I'm already cheering for Team Yukon!"

*–Minister of Community Services John Streicker*

"The City of Whitehorse has the hosting experience, volunteers, and the sport and cultural infrastructure to make the 2020 Arctic Winter Games a success for our community."

*–City of Whitehorse Mayor Dan Curtis*

"We are very pleased that Whitehorse and Yukon have come together to host the Arctic Winter Games in 2020 as we celebrate 50 years since the beginning of the games in Yellowknife in 1970!"

*–Arctic Winter Games International Committee president Jens Brinch*

### Quick facts

- This will be the seventh time Whitehorse has hosted the Arctic Winter Games. Whitehorse most recently hosted in 2012.
- Over 2,000 athletes will compete in a number of sports, including biathlon, cross country skiing, Dene games and snowshoeing. Each team will also send a cultural contingent.
- Participants come from across the circumpolar region and represent nine different contingents, including Alaska, Nunavut, Greenland and Yamal.

### Learn more: Arctic Winter Games

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