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## **Communities continue to score with CDF support**

WHITEHORSE—Over \$900,000 in Community Development Fund (CDF) support is being provided to six community organizations to further improve recreation and education in the territory.

"Recreation plays an important role in keeping Yukoners active throughout the year," Economic Development Minister Currie Dixon said. "In funding these projects, the Community Development Fund is contributing to community well-being by enhancing opportunities for recreational activities and community engagement."

The Whitehorse Minor Hockey Association (WHMA) is receiving \$78,400 for a head coach pilot program.

"We're excited and grateful for this opportunity. WMHA has essentially been fuelled by 100 per cent volunteer and sponsor enthusiasm for the past 65 years and we're experiencing year-over-year growth in registration numbers," WHMA president Carl Burgess said. "This funding will position us for sustainable full-time head coach and summer hockey programs to support over 450 players and 75 coaches of all ages and levels of competition and will be a resource for the entire Whitehorse and Yukon minor hockey community."

The Town of Watson Lake is also receiving \$95,850 to help purchase a new Zamboni® ice resurfacing machine for the community rink. "We're really happy to be able to purchase a new Zamboni®," Watson Lake recreation manager Alyssa Magun said. "Our current machine is 21 years old and is really on its last legs. Without this funding, it is a real possibility that hockey would have come to an end in Watson Lake."

The Community Development Fund offers three funding levels. Tier 1 funding is available for requests up to \$20,000. Tier 2 funding is available for applicants requesting \$20,001 to \$75,000, and Tier 3 funding is available for requests over \$75,000. The next intake deadline is May 15 for Tier 1 and Tier 2 applications.

Organizations are encouraged to contact community development advisers well before the deadlines for assistance with their applications and developing project ideas.

To learn more about the fund, visit [www.cdf.gov.yk.ca](http://www.cdf.gov.yk.ca) or contact the CDF office at 867-667-8125 or 1-800-661-0408, ext. 8125.

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## January Community Development Fund Tier III Approved Projects

### **Dawson Golf Association** – \$90,923 – Dawson City Golf Course Equipment and Infrastructure Improvements

To purchase and replace aged and marginally functional turf maintenance equipment for the Dawson City Golf Course. Contact Patrick Habiluk at 867-993-3177.

### **Recreation and Parks Association of Yukon** – \$97,683 – Safe Outdoor Active Play spaces for Yukoners

To provide outdoor fitness and play equipment along the Millennium Trail and access to safe playgrounds for Yukon children by training playground safety inspectors. The project will create 780 hours of employment for nine people. Contact Anne Morgan at 867-668-2389.

### **Town of Watson Lake** – \$95,850 – Ice Resurfacing Machine Replacement

To purchase a new Zamboni® 525 ice resurfacing machine. Contact Alyssa Magun at 867-536-8020.

### **Village of Teslin** – \$353,862 – Teslin Recreation Centre Improvements

To retrofit the interior of the Teslin Recreation Centre as a result of energy upgrades. The project will create 5,760 hours of employment for 12 people. Contact Frank Thomas at 867-390-2530.

### **Whitehorse Minor Hockey Association** – \$78,400 – Head Coach Pilot Program

To hire as a pilot project a professional level head coach who will be responsible for year-round programming and development for all leagues and summer hockey schools under the Whitehorse Minor Hockey Association's administration. The project will create approximately 1,820 to 2,080 hours of employment for one person. Contact Carl Burgess at 867-334-2864.

### **Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society** – \$188,010 – Education Centre

To build an education centre in the heart of the wildlife preserve to provide an attractive, engaging, effective and efficient learning space for school groups, nature camps and the delivery of the ecological encounter program. Contact Greg Meredith at 867-456-7313.

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