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Yukon government tables legislation on movable soccer goals

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is tabling legislation to help ensure the safe use of movable soccer goals at public recreational facilities, Education Minister Scott Kent announced today.

"Yukon Education has worked with user groups, stakeholders and interested parties to ensure concerns about movable soccer goals are being addressed," Kent said. "Yukon Education will continue working collaboratively with all affected groups to ensure Yukoners can continue enjoying safe soccer facilities at all times."

In response to the death of five-year-old Jaedyn Amann in the summer of 2012, the members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly unanimously agreed to Motion #238, which called for action to increase safety of movable sports nets. In addition, the chief coroner held an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the child's death.

The legislation and ensuing regulations will address recommendations arising from the Coroner's Report and Motion #238, ensuring that appropriate safe use standards and requirements are followed by both the users of movable soccer goals and the public bodies responsible for operating public recreational facilities.

"Soccer is very popular in Yukon and we are working to ensure people of all ages have access to safe soccer fields and movable goals," Kent added. "This legislation will facilitate the safe deployment and return of movable goals to fields across the territory."

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