

## **REGIONAL RECREATION – STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT**

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

21/10/2022

**October 21, 2022** – The Town's of Labrador City and Wabush are mutually committed to the growth and development of recreation in the Labrador West region. The Regional Recreation Committee was formed earlier this year to work together for the development of both short-term and long-term resolutions that will provide a sustainable recreation plan for the benefit of all Labrador West residents.

In keeping with that spirit, on October 20<sup>th</sup> we were overjoyed to come together and sign a Statement of Commitment for Regional Recreation. This Statement of Commitment will see combined recreation budgets, a new operation and management structure under the Town of Labrador City, capital expenditures to grow and advance recreation within the region, and more importantly, the reopening of the Mike Adam Recreation Complex.

We are happy to report that starting Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> the Recreation Department will begin reaching out to user groups for booking and scheduling of the gymnasium and other rooms. Then, once the pool is full and chlorinated, and necessary required inspections completed, bookings can begin for that portion of the facility; we are hopeful this can begin by Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, sooner if available.

While we recognize there is still a lot of work to be done to complete the full regionalization of recreation services, we are confident this is a positive, symbolic step forward for Labrador West to improve recreation services and special events.

We thank you for your patience and look forward to the continued work of building a better, stronger region.

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## LABRADOR WEST REGIONAL RECREATION SERVICES STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Between:

THE TOWN OF LABRADOR CITY

and

## THE TOWN OF WABUSH

THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

The Town's of Labrador City and Wabush are mutually committed to the growth and development of recreation in the Labrador West region. The Regional Recreation Committee agrees to work together to develop both short-term and long-term resolutions that will provide a sustainable recreation plan for the benefit of all residents.

The following conditions have been agreed upon by the Town Council's of both communities:

- 1) The Directors of Finance & Administration will continue to work together to prepare a combined recreation budget for the Labrador West Region;
- 2) The Committee will review and analyse the proposed budget to determine an appropriate and acceptable percentage split for both Municipalities;
- 3) The Town of Labrador City and the Town of Wabush agree that the Regional Recreation Department will be operated and managed by the Town of Labrador City;
- 4) The Town of Labrador City and the Town of Wabush agree that capital expenditures to grow and advance recreation in the region will fall under the regionalized department, with the understanding that discussions on funding opportunities will need to be held with the province;





- 5) The Committee commits to having a signed regional recreation agreement in place no later than June 1, 2023;
- 6) In the interim, the Town of Labrador City agrees to pay a pro-rated portion of pool operations in the amount of \$18,908 monthly upon the signing of this Statement of Commitment.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022

Mayor Belinda Adams Town of Labrador City

Witnessed by:

Mayor Ron Barron Town of Wabush

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