

Recreation Communications

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF ACTIVE,
HEALTHY LIVING THROUGH RECREATION
AND PARKS

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DID YOU KNOW THAT?

In the 2020-2021 year, Rural Healthy Eating Active Living Leader funding reached 11 communities through 25 different RHEAL Leaders. There were more than 650 counts of participation in these RHEAL Leader programs.

Welcome to the digital RPAY Newsletter. This quarterly newsletter gives us the chance to provide updates on our programs and to give you recreation news from across the Yukon and Canada! Do you have an idea for our next newsletter? Have a program or update from your community you'd like to see featured? Please contact Kelsey at kelsey@rpay.ca



RECREATION NORTH

Training Continues this Winter!

REGISTER NOW! The Recreation North Training Program is for anyone who works or volunteers in recreation. The training is delivered remotely which allows you to learn from home or work.

Our upcoming learning events (micro-courses) include:

January 31: BF101 Basic Recreation Finances develops a basic understanding of how to responsibly handle recreation finances. Learn how to plan, track, and report on money coming in and money being spent on projects, programs, and events.

February 21: RM101 Manage Risk in Rural and Remote Communities explores how risk influences recreation opportunities and experiences. Learn basic ways to manage risk and reduce the chance of something bad happening to a participant, a leader, or a facility.

February 21: BF103 Reporting in Recreation introduces common practices for telling the "story" of projects, programs, or services. Reporting begins with good planning, targets different audiences, and serves different purposes. Reports share facts, demonstrate accountability, and make recommendations for the future.

March 14: RP101 Plan for Success introduces the importance of planning in recreation settings. Although the purpose of each plan may vary, planning is about making a difference. Outcomes-based and strategic approaches make it easier to identify priorities and develop plans for recreation that benefit individuals and the community.

March 14: RP102 Evaluation in Recreation introduces an important part of the programming cycle. Evaluation is about gathering, interpreting, and using information in the delivery of recreation programs, services, and projects. A good evaluation can assess progress, identify opportunities and successes, guide decisions, and/or foster a better understanding of the benefits of recreation.

WINTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Monthly Webinars

In addition to the Learning Events offered through Recreation North, RPAY works hard to support training year-round for those working and volunteering in recreation across the territory! Over the winter, we will be continuing our monthly webinar series. We will be covering topics like how to best work with your Board/ Mayor and Council and the results of the Healthy Living Study. We're also looking forward to the summer and starting to plan our Spring Aquatics Workshop. Every year with support from the Sport and Recreation Branch, RPAY gathers aquatics staff from across the territory to provide relevant training such as pool operation, WHMIS, and an introduction to living and working in rural and remote communities. While it's hard to imagine temperatures warm enough to swim in right now, we're already looking forward to helping our rural pools have the best-trained staff possible!

YUKON PICKLEBALL DAY

February 27, 2022

The City of Whitehorse is holding a Yukon Pickleball Day on February 27, 2022 from 12 pm to 5 pm. There is an educators clinic for people who wish to introduce Pickleball to their schools or recreation centers in the communities. It is a free introduction to Pickleball. There is also a see it, try it course. This is where everyone is invited to come to get an introduction to Pickleball and learn the rules and some fun games they can play. Both sessions are free and you can [register here](#). The course id for the Educators Clinic is ID-29617. The course id for the See It, Try It Course is ID-2917.

NEW SOCIETIES ACT

Do you have questions?

Date & Time: January 27, 2022, 10-11 am
Volunteer Facilitator: Deb Bartlette
Cost: \$35 (free for Volunteer Bénévoles Yukon members)

This session will run through some of sample bylaws, how they relate (or not) to the new Societies Act and regulations, and highlight a few things your society may need to think about as you look at your own bylaws. Please come with some questions: the session will mainly be driven by your questions. For more information, contact Bruno at Volunteer Bénévoles Yukon at 456-4304 or at info@volunteeryukon.ca. [Register here](#).

ACTIVE LIVING ALLIANCE FOR CANADIANS WITH DISABILITIES

Celebrates International Day of Persons with a Disability and the Language of Disability

The Active Living Alliance for Canadians is a not-for-profit national network that is dedicated to the wellness of those with a disability through sport, recreation and active living. ALACD assists organizations and communities to be welcoming and inclusive for those with a disability while also supporting those with all abilities to get active.

Language and the words we use change our perceptions and how we interact with each other. While many of us are familiar with the Golden Rule, that encourages treating someone the way you wish to be treated, perhaps we should, instead, consider treating people as THEY wish to be treated. This means having conversations about the language we use and being thoughtful about why it matters.

To learn more go [here](#).



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RECREATION AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE

Community Project

The Recreation and Parks Association of the Yukon (RPAY) and the World Leisure Centre of Excellence (WLCE) at Vancouver Island University (VIU) have been invited to submit a proposal to help us better understand how the COVID-19 pandemic impacted recreation in our rural Yukon communities.

We are inviting Local Authorities for Recreation to engage in the project and can accept up to four participating communities.

We hope to be able to develop a stronger, evidence based argument that “Recreation is an Essential Service”.

ACTION REQUIRED:

- If you have any questions about how much time and effort this will take on your part please e-mail Aggie (Aggie.Weighill@viu.ca) or give her a call (250-756-8580)
- Attached please find a letter with additional information about the project, attached below.
- If your community is interested, please contact Anne at: anne@rpay.ca

RPAY RECOGNITION AWARD

Congrats to winners

We at RPAY feel it's important to recognize the hard work of those in our field. These hardworking individuals do this work because they believe in and see the benefits of recreation first-hand for their communities.

Each year, RPAY recognizes a select few individuals who have made outstanding contributions to recreation in their communities. This year RPAY recognized Joshua Wilcox in Faro and Colin Lanthier-Dubois in Mayo.

Both were recognized for the strong impact they have in their communities and the amazing work and time they have put in.

Thank you Josh and Colin for promoting recreation in such a wonderful way!

RPAY was honored to present Sue Meikle the Canadian Parks and Recreation Award of Merit at the Recreation Gathering. It is a well-earned award after many years of hard work in the field of recreation!



WELCOME ALCYIA

New APE Coordinator

Alycia is excited to be joining the RPAY team as the APE Facilitator. She has worked in recreation for over 15 years all over the world in various settings as a guide, facilitator, and program designer. Alycia first moved to Whitehorse in 2011 to work for the City of Whitehorse as their Adventure Camp Leader, and returned in 2017 to call the Yukon home for the winters; enjoying substitute teaching in between traveling stints each season. In the summer months Alycia can be found in Ontario running a summer day camp she started in 2014. Alycia's loves investing in life experiences and learning through those experiences. She is happiest when outside. She's excited to share her knowledge of leadership and recreation with the youth of the Yukon.



KIDS REC FUND

Accepting applications until March 31, 2022

The Kids Recreation Fund provides lower-income Yukon families an opportunity to apply for funding for their children to participate in sport and recreation activities within the Yukon.

Children aged 0 to 18, who are residents of the Yukon, and whose combined household net income is under are eligible to apply:

\$45,000 with 1 child

\$52,000 with 2 children

\$58,000 with 3 children

\$64,000 with 4 or more children

A maximum of up to \$500 per child can be accessed but is not guaranteed.

The funding can be used for things such as Canada Games Passes or memberships, for sports or recreation programs, or for equipment.

To find out more or to apply go [here](#).



COMMUNITY BETTER CHALLENGE 2022

Funding available

Organizations can apply for grants between Jan 17 and Feb 21 to help put on great physical activity events during the challenge. Grant guidelines and specifications will be coming soon.

[Register](#) for the webinar on Jan 13 at 1 pm Eastern to learn more about the grant process and how to make a great application.

CANADA SUMMER JOBS

January 25, 2022

Looking to hire a youth (aged 15-30) this summer? Apply now for Canada Summer Jobs funding! Eligible employers include:

- Not-for-profits
- Small businesses (50 or fewer employees)
- Public sector employers

Positions must be full-time, start between April 25 and July 24, and end by September 3, 2022. Not-for-profit employers can receive funding for up to 100% of the provincial or territorial adult minimum hourly wage and all associated Mandatory Employment Related Costs (MERCs). Public and private sector employers are eligible to receive funding for up to 50% of the provincial or territorial minimum hourly wage.

New this year, the program will be holding Info Sessions tailored specifically for employers in the territories. The Presentations will be delivered in English (with Q&A available in French, English, and Inuktitut). [Register here.](#)

- January 12, 2022, 1-2 pm
- January 24, 2022, 11-12 am

NGO TRAINING FUND

January 23, 2022

Volunteer Bénévoles Yukon (VBY), through the NGO Training Fund (NGOtf), provides training to NGOs that helps build their organizational capacity.

Proposals for group training projects can include, but are not limited to, the following subjects:

- HR Management & Succession Planning
- Volunteer Management
- Financial Management
- Communications / Marketing / Social Media
- Risk Management
- Strategic Planning
- Volunteer Management

Funds for this intake will be allocated to the successful applicant by February 2, 2022. The final report has to be provided by March 18, 2022. [Learn more](#)



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CPRA YOUTH EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Applications re-opening January 2022

The Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) has secured Government of Canada funding via the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy Program to support job placements for youth, particularly those facing barriers to employment.

This program provides direct financial support via 100% wage subsidies to local governments, allowing them to offer placements that will focus on youth gaining a broad range of skills, knowledge, and experience in the community parks and recreation sector.

To find out more or to apply go [here](#).



RHEAL LEADER PROGRAM

Winter Deadline is January 15!

The RHEAL Leader Program is now accepting funding applications.

RHEAL Leaders can apply for up to \$3,000 to run programs that promote healthy and active lifestyles.

For more information go to rpay.ca.



NATIONAL TRAIL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Deadline ongoing

The subsidy, funded by Parks Canada as part of the Youth Employment in the Conservation and Enjoyment of Nature and Culture program, is intended to support jobs that contribute to the development and improvement of the Trans Canada Trail. The employment term should last between 2 and 20 weeks, and the 50% subsidy will be granted to a maximum of \$3,500.

To find out more [click here](#).

REIMAGINE RREC WORKSHOPS

Canadian Parks and Recreation Association

January's workshop is Supportive Outdoor Spaces and Places for Physical Activity, Recreation, and Community Sport.

It will take place on January 27 at 12:00pm ET.

Topics include Adaptive Planning and Leadership and Supportive Outdoor Spaces and Places.

To register, go [here](#).

FEMINIST RESPONSE AND RECOVERY FUND

Canadian Parks and Recreation Association

CPRA announced as one of the recipients of the Feminist Response and Recovery Fund. The Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) is pleased to partner with the Government of Canada to address gender inequities and advance gender equality for women and girls in recreation. As Canada moves towards an inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, CPRA will address specific systemic barriers that make it more difficult for women and girls to experience the benefits of physical activity, recreation, and sport participation. More information is available [here](#).

CPRA AWARDS

Canadian Parks and Recreation Association Awards Program

CPRA is accepting nominations for the CPRA Awards Program. The Awards are presented to individuals, organizations, corporations (including municipalities or government agencies/departments) who have demonstrated a high level of commitment, passion, and leadership on a national level to the parks and recreation sector. CPRA has 4 awards that they celebrate each year.

- CPRA Award of Merit - applications accepted all year
- CPRA President's Award of Distinction - deadline March 31, 2022
- CPRA Partnership Award - deadline March 31, 2022
- CPRA Emerging Leader Award - deadline March 31, 2022

To learn more about these awards [click here](#).



Our Team!



Alycia - APE Coordinator



Fran - WAFL Coordinator



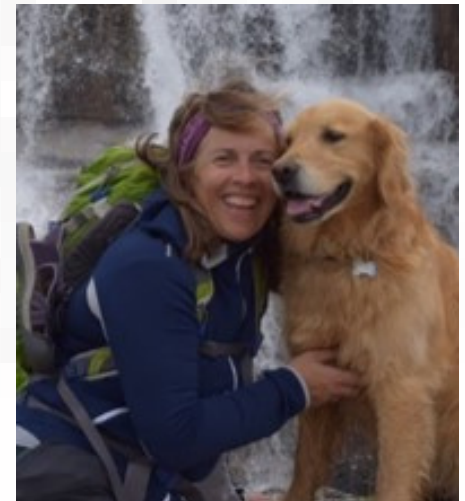
Roger - Recreation Training Coordinator



Kelsey - Active Living Coordinator



Anne - Executive Director



Caroline - Planning and Evaluation

Thank you to our staff and contractors for continuing to make RPAY run smoothly!

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RPAY respectfully acknowledges that we work within the traditional territories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council