

RPAY'S FALL RECREATION RECAP

SUPPORTING ACTIVE YUKON SCHOOLS COMMUNITIES

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DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Since opening the fall RHEAL Leader funding, we have accepted and will be funding programming in 8 communities! Please see page 3 for more information on RHEAL Leaders Funding



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! Have an idea for our next newsletter? Have a program or update from your community you'd like to see featured? Please contact Roger at roger@rpay.ca

ACTIVE PLAYGROUND EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Mia Lee

**Active Living for School-Aged Kids
and Youth Programmer**

Greetings! With children returning to school this fall with Covid measures in place, educational staff have definitely been challenged to make the learning environment safe for everyone. In the various schools I have visited, they have done a fantastic job. No doubt, this has been stressful for all involved. Hats off to you!

The plight of RPAY's Active Playground Experience (APE) program was unknown prior to school beginning. I began by sharing Covid friendly games with students on the playground during recess at Elijah Smith Elementary School. Once children settled in to the various routines both indoors and out, I saw the possibility of delivering the APE program outdoors. And that's exactly what happened.

Armed with hand sanitizer, wipes, a mask and many fun games, I have been able to meet several classes outside; the Grade 6 students at Whitehorse Elementary School have met me at Shipyards Park to run, play, and learn about leadership, primarily about communication and conflict resolution.



"The focus of course, is to have fun!"

I recently returned from a wonderful visit to Faro and Ross River, both communities enveloped in swaths of golden fall colours. The drive was absolutely brilliant. And what a fantastic group of students! I was welcomed by every class and had so much fun playing with them. We definitely had a laugh or two and they learned several fun, physically distanced games along the way. I also managed to spend more time with the Grade 6/7's at Del Van Gorder School, focusing on leadership skills...hopefully, a few amazing playground leaders will emerge to assist the staff on duty.

Thanks to the teachers and principals who have invited me to 'come play' with their intermediate students this fall. I look forward to working with more potential leaders over the school year.

For more information, please contact Mia at mia@rpay.ca

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MONTHLY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Starting October 20th 2020

Every month starting October 20th 2020, RPAY will be hosting a professional development Zoom call to help support our rural and remote recreation leaders. These calls will be free for those interested in attending. These calls will cover a variety of topics that are relevant to all those who work in the field of recreation. There may even be a prize or two for those who participate!

Calls will be every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11am. Please note that due to scheduling availabilities, there maybe guest-speakers, and other professional development opportunities that will fall outside of this schedule. We will notify participants of any additional opportunities as soon as we have confirmed the dates/times.

If you are interested in participating in these calls or want to receive more information on the topics to be covered, please contact Roger (roger@rpay.ca).

RPAY would like to thank the Sport and Recreation Branch of the Yukon Government for supporting this exciting opportunity for all of our recreation leaders.



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CANADIAN PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSTITUTE

Moving training online this fall

Canadian Playground Safety Institute (CPSI) is offering a series of on-line certification and re-certification courses for playground inspectors. Regular inspection of playgrounds by qualified inspectors is important in ensuring that playgrounds meet baseline safety standards for use by children. If you're already certified, re-certification needs to occur every three years. The last training offered in the Yukon was held in October 2017.

If you are a rural local government, First Nation, or rural community organization that manages a playground, subsidies may be available to support your course fees. For more information and to request financial support, contact jenyfer@rpay.ca. Subsidies will be considered on a first-come first-serve basis subject to available funds.

To be eligible for discounted course fees, you must be a member of RPAY. For more information or to purchase an RPAY membership, [click here](#).

Check out [CPSI](#) for more information on playground inspection training and to register.

RHEAL LEADER APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

**Have an idea to keep your community active?
Now's the time to get funding!**

Fall applications are now open! Information can be found [here](#). Or contact Penny at penny@rpay.ca. Applications are open until October 31st.



RECREATION NORTH

Back this fall, with a new Certificate Program!

Rec North is back at it again. Since its inception, Rec North has operated as an at-a-distance online learning program.

This program brings together like-minded folks from across the three territories and provides them with the framework needed to support their work in the field of recreation.

This fall, Rec North is launching their latest certificate. This Certificate in Northern Recreation Management is the perfect next step for those working in recreation. building on the competencies taught in the Certificate in Northern Recreation, this certificate is aimed to those in supervisory roles, or looking to advance their careers in recreation. For more information or to register, please visit the [Rec North website](#).



DID SOMEONE SAY KICKSLEDS???

Winter Active For Life's equipment library is open for the season!

The ever popular kicksleds are getting dusted off and are just waiting for the first snow to hit! Kicksleds will be available throughout the winter. RPAY has 22 kicksleds and in 2019-2020 winter season each kicksled was requested an average of 5.4 times!

Kicksleds are a popular item, so please be sure to get [your request](#) in early.

Questions? Contact our WAFL coordinator Jan at jan@rpay.ca

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RPAY RECOGNITION AWARD

Nominations due by October 30th 2020

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.

We at RPAY know that without these dedicated community members, recreation would not run in our communities. Be they staff or volunteer, we know and want to thank ALL of our recreation family across the Yukon for their dedication to our field.

Each year, RPAY recognizes a select few individuals who have made outstanding contributions to recreation in their communities in the last year. In order to be recognized, these award winners must be nominated.

Do you have someone in your community who has made an excellent contribution to recreation in your community? Please contact Anne (anne@rpay.ca) and she'll send you the nomination form.



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**CANADIAN
WOMEN & SPORT**

CANADIAN WOMEN AND SPORT FUND

**Funding applications open
October 13th**

A lack of funding dedicated to creating equitable opportunities for women and girls to participate and lead in the sport system is a barrier to achieving gender equity in Canada.

Since 2004, Canadian Women and Sport has awarded \$250,000 in grants through our WISE Fund to leaders and organizations across Canada to help address this gap.

With the support of Sport Canada, the 2021 WISE Fund will grant 30 organizations \$2500 to advance gender equity in Canadian sport. More information and application can be found [here](#)



CANADIAN PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION

**The Bench, a new way to connect
with recreation professionals
across the country**

CPRA has launched [the Bench](#). On this platform you'll be able to get the latest info and connect with recreation professionals across the country. In addition to the Bench, CPRA is sharing their [webinars](#) which cover everything from facilities, to inclusion work in recreation.



PARTICIPATION

Great Big Move is now on!

Participation has launched its [Great Big Move Challenge](#) for the month of October. Create a team of 2-8 people, download the app and start tracking your activity for a chance at some great prizes.

CONTACT US!

Questions? Comments? General observations? Feel free to give us a call or email.

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