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SPORT AND RECREATION OPERATING GRANTS ANNOUNCED

WHITEHORSE – Minister of Community Services Glenn Hart announced today the approved operating grants for 33 Yukon Sport and Recreation groups totaling \$916,150 for 2007-08. This funding is made available through the Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee (YRAC) application process.

“This funding supports the efforts of those volunteers who are vital to the delivery of sport, recreation and active living programs throughout Yukon,” Hart said. “Funding of initiatives such as the recent 2007 Canada Winter Games Best Ever Program is an investment in the long term health and growth of Yukon people and communities, and makes Yukon a better place to live.”

Twenty-five Yukon Sport Governing Bodies will receive \$520,150, and eight Yukon Special Recreation groups will receive \$194,000. Another \$72,000 is allocated to the High Performance Athlete, Coach and Official Program, and Sport Yukon will receive \$130,000.

Funding for the annual grants is made possible by a revenue sharing agreement between Yukon Lottery Commission and Government of Yukon. The grants are adjudicated by YRAC and administered by Community Services.

“All groups receiving funding provide programs and services that enhance the quality of life for Yukoners,” Chair of the Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee Geoff Scherer said. “We are pleased to make these resources available to support the excellent work being done by the dedicated volunteers in the sport and recreation system in the Yukon.”

Additional sport and recreation funding will also be granted over the next few months through the Yukon Sport for Life funding initiative.

Launched in May of this year, Yukon Sport for Life is designed to enhance athlete and coaching development in Yukon from grassroots to elite levels, with an emphasis on including more rural, aboriginal and female participation in physical activity and competitive sports.

“Our overarching goal is to promote a better quality of life for all Yukoners through increased participation in sport and physical activity, as well as to assist our best athletes to compete at the highest level,” Hart said.

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A complete list of grants is attached.

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2007-08 YRAC FUNDING

YUKON SPORT GOVERNING BODIES

Alpine Skiing	20,800
Athletics Yukon	3,950
Yukon Badminton Association	4,300
Basketball Yukon	30,400
Biathlon Yukon	7,100
Cross Country Yukon	88,300
Yukon Curling Association	14,000
Yukon Cycling Association	7,100
Figure Skating	6,500
Freestyle Skiing	5,200
Yukon Golf Association	4,000
Yukon Gymnastics Association	27,000
Yukon Amateur Hockey Association	67,500
Judo Yukon	9,200
Yukon Orienteering Association	4,200
Yukon Shooting Federation	3,200
Snowboard Yukon Association	3,400
Yukon Soccer Association	88,000
Softball Yukon	18,500
Yukon Amateur Speed Skating Association	12,400
Squash Yukon	16,000
Swim Yukon	39,000
Synchro Yukon Association	4,500
Table Tennis	5,200
Volleyball Yukon	<u>30,400</u>
Total Sport Bodies	\$ 520,150

YUKON SPECIAL RECREATION GROUPS

Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle	\$ 19,000
ElderActive Recreation Association	10,000
Girl Guides – Yukon Council	14,000
Yukon Scout Council	9,000
Recreation & Parks Association of the Yukon	60,000
Skookum Jim Friendship Centre	60,000
Yukon Special Olympics	18,000
Yukon STARS	<u>4,000</u>
Total Recreation Groups	\$ 194,000