



Government of Nunavut

Sport and Recreation Division Action Plan

Our commitment to
*Nunaliit Aulajut: Nunavut's Sport, Physical Activity,
and Recreation Framework 2020–2030*



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MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Nunaliit Aulajut: Nunavut's Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation Framework 2020–2030 shares the Government of Nunavut's vision for sport, physical activity, and recreation and its goals for our communities, territorial and community organizations, staff, leaders, coaches, volunteers, and Nunavummiut. After its release, the Department of Community and Government Services consulted with stakeholders on next steps and developed the *Sport and Recreation Division Action Plan* as part of the implementation process.

Our department values the work of our stakeholders to support and provide sport, physical activity, and recreation opportunities across the territory, and their perspectives informed the actions outlined in the Action Plan.

Achieving the vision of *Nunaliit Aulajut* requires a team effort and alignment between stakeholders with support and guidance from the Sport and Recreation Division.

Everyone has a role they can play in advancing *Nunaliit Aulajut*. I encourage stakeholders to recognize their contributions to strengthening individual and community health, well-being, and quality of life through sport, physical activity, and recreation.

Thank you,

Honourable David Joanasie
Minister of Community and Government Services



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Nunaliit Aulajut: Nunavut's Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation Framework 2020–2030

In Nunavut, physical activity is a way of life. People know that being active is good for their bodies and minds, for their families and communities, and for their culture and land. The Government of Nunavut (GN) encourages and supports a physically active lifestyle through sport and recreation.

In 2020, the GN published *Nunaliit Aulajut: Nunavut's Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation Framework 2020–2030*. The Framework is deeply rooted in Inuit Societal Values. Its goals reflect the perspectives of many people, organizations, and communities who share a passion for, and support opportunities to engage in, sport, physical activity, and recreation.

The Sport and Recreation Division is committed to advancing the goals of Nunavut's Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation Framework. Achieving positive impacts through sport and recreation requires effective communication, coordination, and collaboration. GN departments, municipalities, non-profit organizations, Inuit associations, coaches, leaders, officials, athletes, youth ambassadors, and others all play a role in fostering health, well-being, and quality of life through sport, physical activity, and recreation. The efforts of many are what will make the vision of *Nunaliit Aulajut* become a reality.



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Active
Lifestyles



Spaces &
Places



Programs
& Services

**Sport,
Physical Activity,
and Recreation
in Nunavut**

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Connect &
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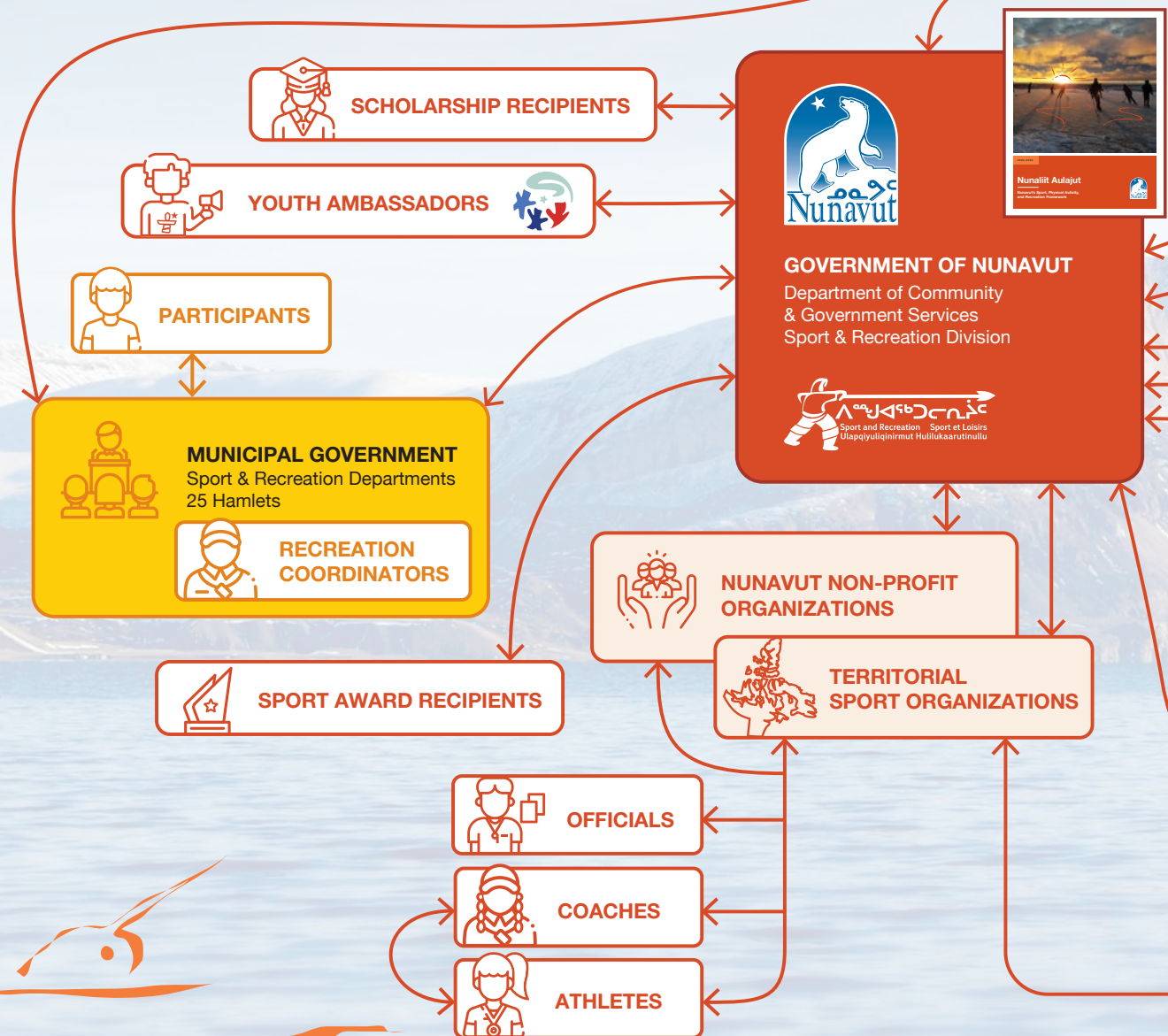
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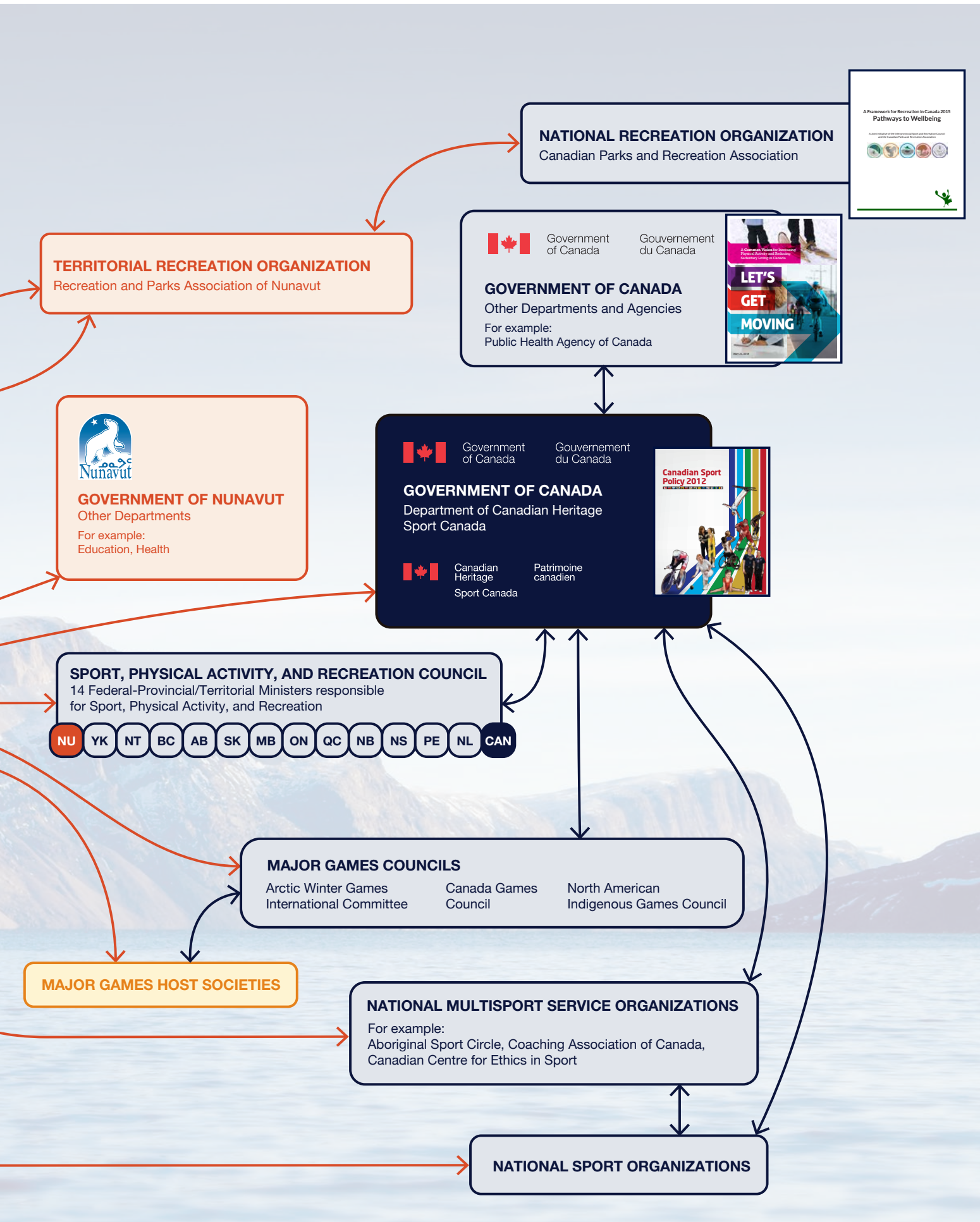
Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation Stakeholders

The Sport and Recreation Division acknowledges the significant contribution of many different stakeholders to sport, physical activity, and recreation in Nunavut. As with Nunavut's Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation Framework, their priorities and perspectives helped to shape the Division's Action Plan.

Sport, physical activity, and recreation stakeholders include individuals and groups operating in public, private, and non-profit settings. In Nunavut, sport and recreation is primarily delivered through governments and by territorial and community-based organizations, as shown in the diagram below.

The Call to Action template included at the end of this Action Plan can be used by stakeholders to share how they make a difference through sport, physical activity, and recreation.





Sport and Recreation Division Action Plan

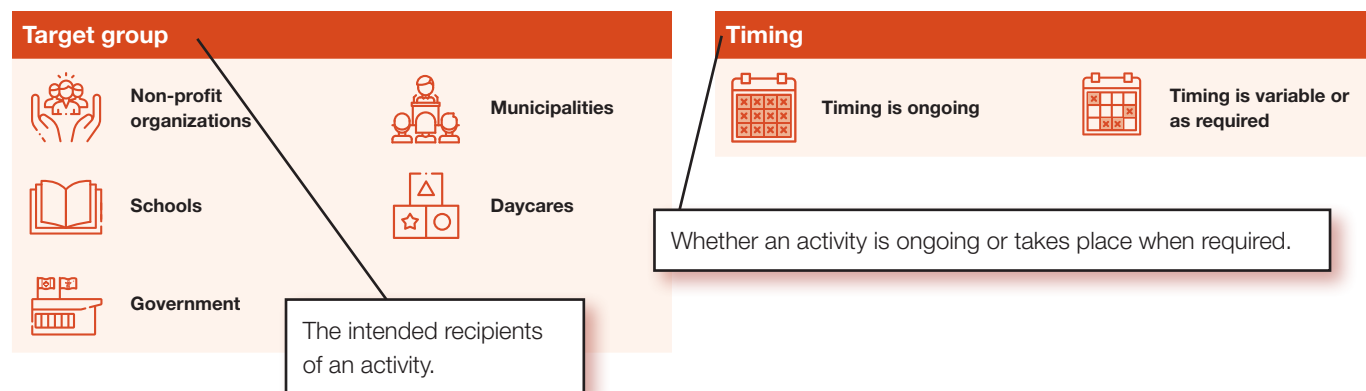
The commitment of the Sport and Recreation Division to the vision and goals of *Nunaliit Aulajut: Nunavut's Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation Framework* is the basis for this Action Plan. The Division is responsible for the promotion, development, and delivery of sport, physical activity, and recreation opportunities for all Nunavummiut. Building on the Division's mandate, the Action Plan identifies achievable, meaningful, and realistic activities that the Division will undertake to implement the Framework.

Developing a comprehensive Action Plan that represents public and non-profit interests across the territory required:

- Identifying** how the Division's current mandate serves to advance the Framework.
- Consulting** with stakeholders in order to prioritize actions to implement the Framework.
- Assessing** the Division's current capacity to carry out ongoing and new activities.
- Preparing** an Action Plan that is achievable within the Division's current mandate and resource levels.

The Sport and Recreation Division takes full responsibility for implementing this Action Plan. In some cases, activities are underway and have been for some time. In other cases, activities will be initiated by the Division.

Each activity in the Action Plan uses icons to represent:



For example:















GOAL #1

Active Lifestyles



















Promote an active lifestyle and encourage everyone to be active in some way, every day.

To advance this goal, the Sport and Recreation Division will:	Target group	Timing
1.1 Promote national physical activity events and challenges.		
1.2 Provide resources and tools to support the development of physical literacy among children and youth.		
1.3 Promote Sport and Recreation Grants and Contributions for physical literacy and physical activity programming to eligible child care and early childhood development stakeholders.		
1.4 Coordinate efforts with other government departments when the event or activity serves a common purpose (e.g., Nunavut Safety Month and concussion awareness).		
1.5 Collect and share stories from local role models about the influence of sport, physical activity, and/or recreation on their long-term development and well-being.		

GOAL #2

Programs and Services

Ensure there are a variety of opportunities for everyone to participate in safe, inclusive, accessible, and culturally-relevant sport, physical activity, and recreation.

To advance this goal, the Sport and Recreation Division will:	Target group	Timing
2.1 Administer a comprehensive Sport and Recreation Grants and Contributions Policy.		
2.2 Create a Grants and Contributions Guide for applicants.		
2.3 Report the impact of annual sport and recreation funding.		
2.4 Renew the Sport and Recreation Grants and Contributions Policy according to its timelines.		
2.5 Share information about other sources of funding for sport and recreation.		
2.6 Coordinate Team Nunavut's participation in major games that are a priority for the GN.		
2.7 Provide funds to help territorial sport organizations prepare athletes and coaches to participate in major games.		
2.8 Support stakeholders to host Inuit Games programs and intercommunity events.		
2.9 Provide resources and tools that will help to increase participation in Inuit Games and Arctic Sports.		

GOAL #3

Leadership and Capacity



Recruit, train, and retain sport and recreation staff, volunteers, and youth leaders. Promote career opportunities and work to professionalize the sector.

To advance this goal, the Sport and Recreation Division will:	Target group	Timing
3.1 Provide timely updates about government regulations that affect sport, physical activity, and recreation.		
3.2 Encourage networking and information sharing through regular meetings with municipal recreation departments.		
3.3 Lead, adapt, and guide best practices for safe sport and recreation throughout Nunavut.		
3.4 Support territorial sport and recreation organizations to adopt Nunavut Safe Sport Framework resources.		
3.5 Promote safe sport training for athletes, coaches, officials, mission staff, and other volunteers.		
3.6 Provide territorial sport organizations with access to funds to help train and develop coaches and officials.		
3.7 Train volunteer mission staff to support Team Nunavut's participation in major games.		
3.8 Coordinate the Nunavut Youth Ambassador Program to provide leadership training and experiences for youth through sport and recreation.		
3.9 Recognize outstanding accomplishments and contributions through the annual Sport Awards.		
3.10 Update Nunavut's Municipal Recreation Coordinators Handbook.		
3.11 Offer simple resources and tools to help with municipal recreation planning.		



GOAL #4

Connect and Collaborate







Strengthen connections within communities, across government departments, and throughout the sector to make it easier to work together.

To advance this goal, the Sport and Recreation Division will:	Target group	Timing
4.1 Introduce all stakeholders to <i>Nunaliit Aulajut: Nunavut's Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation Framework</i> .		
4.2 Encourage networking among sport and recreation leaders across the territory. Respond to inquiries, provide resources, and facilitate connections.		
4.3 Represent Nunavut's sport, physical activity, and recreation sector on working groups and special committees.		
4.4 Participate on major games committees on behalf of the territory.		
4.5 Clearly communicate the mandate of the Sport and Recreation Division, its programs and services, and opportunities for collaboration.		
4.6 Communicate key information through Team Nunavut's social media.		
4.7 Raise awareness of, and encourage participation in, the Nunavut Youth Ambassador Program.		

GOAL #5









Spaces and Places

Dedicate more indoor and outdoor facilities and areas for sport, physical activity, and recreation. Keep these spaces and places safe, well-served, accessible, and welcoming to all.

To advance this goal, the Sport and Recreation Division will:	Target group	Timing
5.1 Help municipalities access sport and recreation funding for improvements to local facilities.		
5.2 Help municipalities conduct facility inventories.		
5.3 Promote courses related to facility operations offered through Nunavut Municipal Training Organization.		

Operationalizing the Framework

Implementing *Nunaliit Aulajut* requires the Sport and Recreation Division to take on a leadership role that empowers all Nunavummiut to work together.

To operationalize the Framework, the Sport and Recreation Division will:	Target group	Timing
6.1 Align Sport and Recreation Division program documents with Nunavut's Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation Framework.		
6.2 Encourage stakeholders to align their activities with the goals of Nunavut's Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation Framework.		
6.3 Monitor progress on this Action Plan. Update priorities in conjunction with the GN's 3-Year Business Plan cycle.		
6.4 Evaluate <i>Nunaliit Aulajut: Nunavut's Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation Framework</i> .		
6.5 Renew <i>Nunaliit Aulajut: Nunavut's Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation Framework</i> by 2030.		

A Call to Action

The Sport and Recreation Division invites you to join the team!

Share your commitment to implementing the goals of *Nunaliit Aulajut: Nunavut's Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation Framework*.

Use the template on this page to show how you or your school, organization, or community make a difference through sport, physical activity, and/or recreation. Write your responses below or in the diagram on the next page.

<p>(I am or School/Organization/Community is)</p>	<p>going to</p>	<p>to</p>
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Goal #1: Active Lifestyles

Promote an active lifestyle and encourage everyone to be active in some way, every day.

My family goes berry picking in the summer.

Goal #2: Programs & Services

Ensure there are a variety of opportunities for everyone to participate in safe, inclusive, accessible, and culturally-relevant sport, physical activity, and recreation.

Netsilik School hosts an after-school badminton program.

Goal #3: Leadership & Capacity

Recruit, train, and retain sport and recreation staff, volunteers, and youth leaders. Promote career opportunities and work to professionalize the sector.

The Recreation and Parks Association of Nunavut trains youth leaders to deliver Summer Day Camps in communities across Nunavut.

Goal #4: Connect & Collaborate

Strengthen connections within communities, across government departments, and throughout the sector to make it easier to work together.

Baker Lake Youth Athletic Association collaborates with schools, sport groups, and local associations to provide healthy programming for youth.

Goal #5: Spaces & Places

Dedicate more indoor and outdoor facilities and areas for sport, physical activity, and recreation. Keep these spaces and places safe, well-serviced, accessible, and welcoming to all.

Municipality of Rankin Inlet will be installing volleyball courts and then turf in their rink to use for programming during the arena's off season.

