

**MACKENZIE RECREATION ASSOCIATION**



# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**2019- 2020**

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Enhancing the quality of life of the Mackenzie region residents through physical literacy and active for life opportunities while fostering and supporting the development of recreation, volunteers, and leadership.

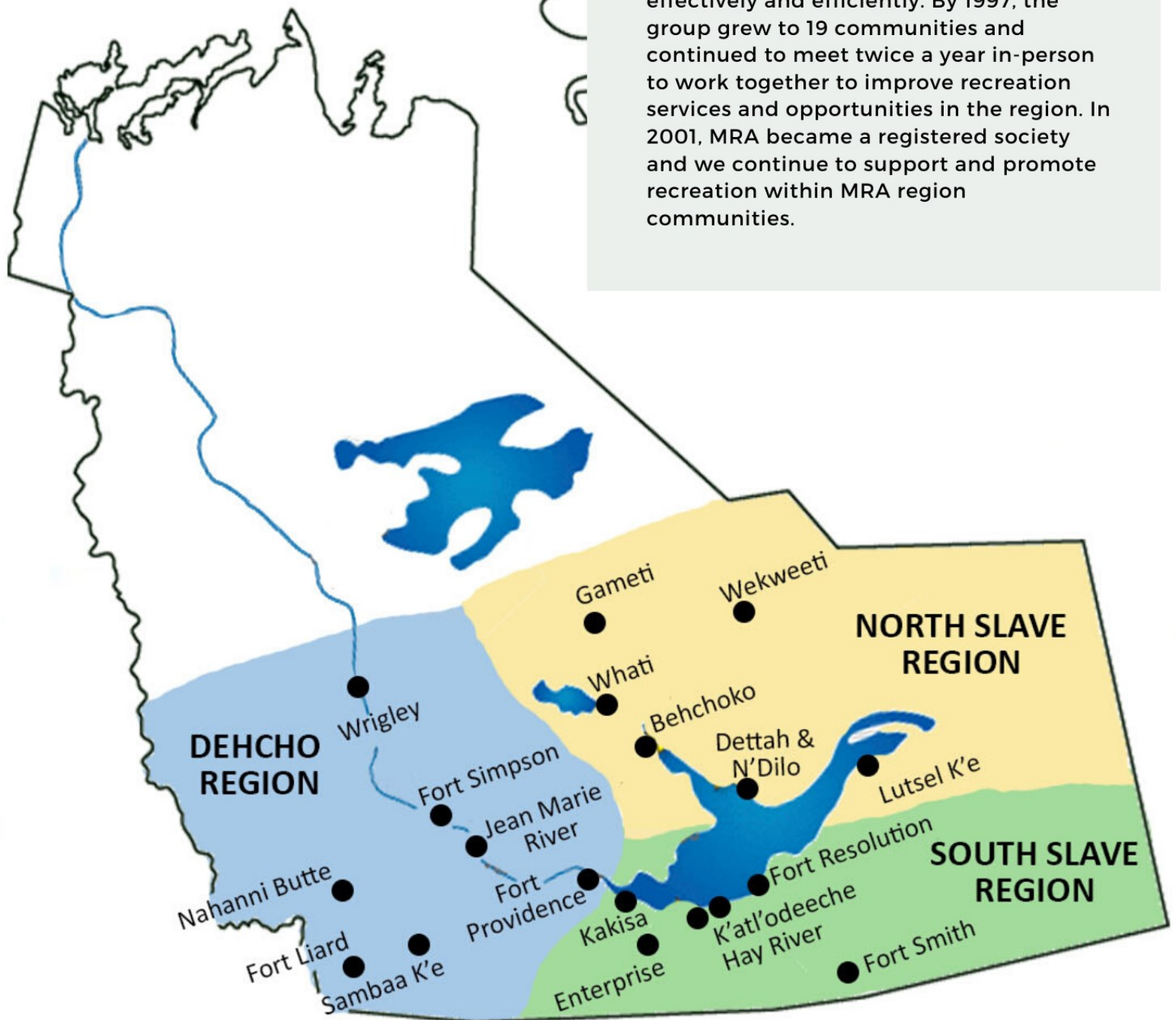
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# MRA region

In 1993, a passionate group of recreation representatives from 17 communities in three regions gathered and collectively developed a plan for regional recreation. The joint efforts of this group allowed them to secure and utilize funding more effectively and efficiently. By 1997, the group grew to 19 communities and continued to meet twice a year in-person to work together to improve recreation services and opportunities in the region. In 2001, MRA became a registered society and we continue to support and promote recreation within MRA region communities.



# from the president

## COME OUT & PLAY

My earliest memories growing up in Hay River consisted of playing in the backwoods behind 553, playing in the local parks, playing in organized sports, and playing every chance I could. Now, I have the pleasure of being part of this fantastic organization that helps enable others in our region to support, create, and develop opportunities to PLAY—supporting community programs and services that enhance everyday physical literacy and active for life pursuits holistically.

Over the past year, we have supported many organizations and individuals across the MRA region to increase participation in recreation and professional development opportunities. All of the accomplishments you can read about in the Annual Report is a direct result of the hard work and dedication from community recreation leaders, partners, volunteers, the MRA board & staff, and MRA members. Thank you for your continuous effort and support.

After extensive strategic planning since 2018, we look forward to entering a new decade, opening our membership to the Northwest Territories, and enhancing the vision that was initially created by a small group of recreation leaders in the early nineties. However, one thing that hasn't and will not change is our continuous support and dedication to the residents of the Mackenzie Region. To help ensure everyone can participate in play, wherever they choose: in the water, on the land, or in their backyard.



**Dale Loutit | President**



# executive board



**PRESIDENT**  
Dale Loutit  
Hay River



**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Doreen Nitsiza  
Whati



**PAST PRESIDENT**  
Janie Hobart  
Fort Smith



**SOUTH SLAVE DIRECTOR**  
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Johnny Weyallon  
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# MRA events

Top: Paul Stipdonk Soccer Tournament | Fort Simpson  
Middle (L-R): Wolfpack Basketball Tournament | Fort Simpson; Multi-Sport Camp | Whati  
Bottom (L-R): Mackenzie Youth Dene Games | Dettah; Lawrie Hobart Volleyball Tournament | Fort Smith



# signature events

1. Wolfpack Basketball Tournament
2. Making Waves Swim Event
3. Paul Stipdonk Soccer Tournament
4. SMASH IT! Volleyball Tournament
5. Connie Loutit Soccer Tournament
6. Mackenzie Youth Dene Games (MYDG)
7. Mackenzie Youth Summer Games (MYSG)
8. Lawrie Hobart Volleyball Tournament
9. Scott McAdam Badminton Tournament

# values

We recognize that **culture and language** are part of active living, health, and wellness.

We work **transparently** with all organizational partners, volunteers, recreation professionals, and stakeholders to find **creative** opportunities to support active living, health, and wellness.

We are **open-minded** in our pursuit of, and support for, active living, health, and wellness in the Mackenzie region - there is no one right way to pursue wellness.

We strive for **accessible** events and activities and a culture of inclusion: active living, health, and wellness is for everyone.

We **encourage** the passion and dedication of our volunteers and recreation professionals to pass on physical literacy and fundamental sports skills to our communities, and above all, we encourage sportsmanship and hardwork in our participants.

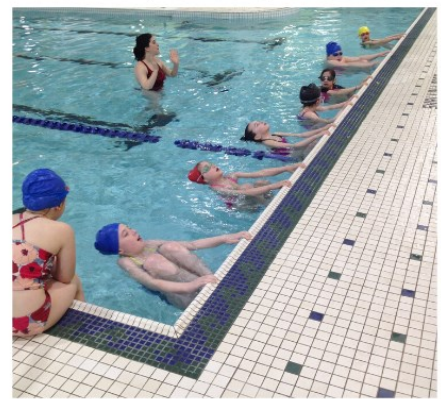


#### WHAT IS IT?

- a FREE active commute challenge to motivate you to choose healthier (physically/environmentally) options for your daily travels.
- held during the month of November
- a friendly competition for MRA region communities

#### HOW IT WORKS

- walk, cycle, snowshoe, run, or ski to school or work during the event.
- make at least one active commute during L.A.C.E. UP! challenge month; for each week that you participate, your name will be entered in the draw for grand prize.



Top to Bottom: L.A.C.E. UP! Active Commute Challenge: Water Safety Week | Hay River: #stayactiveathome2020 challenge (online)

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### Build capacity & leadership

With the help of MRA funding

**22** separate professional development training grants

**71** individuals attended training events



### Promote water safety



**83** youth practiced

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**2** PL

Increase participation in both recreational and competitive physical activities



Allow for greater opportunities to network to expand community and regional



# Finance in Members

Enhance our programs and services by developing partnerships with other organizations and sectors



**FIVE**  
communities  
**FIFTEEN**  
individuals  
**SIX**  
partnerships



**SPONSORED**

Individuals

summits



Active member on  
PLAY NWT  
committee.

Promote physical literacy



9.5%



INCREASE FROM 18/19

**SERVED**

**16**  
communities  
**3249**  
individuals  
**91**  
grants

Work, provide professional development, and sport and recreation opportunities.

# NWT SPAR SECTOR PARTNERS

*sport, physical activity, recreation*

**PROGRAMS & SERVICES:**  
 traditional games programming and training, archery championships, awards dinner, national aboriginal hockey championships, traditional games championships, North American Indigenous Games

**FUNDING:** Competition style canoe races & dog mushing, etc.

[www.ascnwt.ca](http://www.ascnwt.ca)



**PROGRAMS & SERVICES:** professional support, funding, training & professional development, multi-sport camps, signature events, physical literacy development, aquatic & water safety development.

**FUNDING:** recreation initiatives & professional development

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**PROGRAMS & SERVICES:**  
 annual conference and awards program, Elders in Motion, fitness leadership, High Five, on-the-land programs, community leaders retreat, June is Recreation & Parks month, Recreation North training program, Walk-To-Tuk, Generations on the Move

**FUNDING:** Get Active grants

[www.nwtrpa.org](http://www.nwtrpa.org)

**PROGRAMS & SERVICES:** NWT Sport Hall of Fame, annual awards, coaching, physical literacy, Team NT, TSO assistance

**FUNDING:** KIDS SPORT, National Sport Trust, high performance grants, Rising Star grants, scholarships

[www.sportnorth.com](http://www.sportnorth.com)

**Other potential partners & stakeholders:**  
 GNWT: Municipal & Community Affairs; PLAY NWT; Territorial Sport Organizations (TSOs); schools; community groups; friendship centres; community health representatives (CHRS); RCMP; etc.

## MRA partners





# sponsors



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**Lotteries**



*Thank You*

Sponsors and partners are an important part of MRA programs and services, they play a crucial role in our financial and/or logistical support. We wanted to highlight the organizations that have contributed to MRA's success throughout 2019-2020.

Your support is not something we take lightly and is very much appreciated by everyone connected with the Mackenzie Recreation Association.

# finances

## MACKENZIE RECREATION ASSOCIATION

### Statement of Revenues and Expenses

Year Ended March 31, 2020

	Budget (Unaudited) 2020	2020	2019
<b>Revenues</b>			
NwT Sport and Recreation Council (SRC)			
Regional Sport Development	\$ 360,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 360,000
GNWT			
MACA: Regional Youth Sporting Events (RYSE)	80,000	86,000	90,780
MACA: Local Sport Leaders	25,000	25,000	15,000
MACA: Volunteer Development	-	2,000	-
MACA: NGO Stabilization Fund	-	13,314	5,206
HSS: Aquatics - Drowning Prevention	13,800	16,065	12,416
Other			
Fundraising	15,000	5,000	16,129
Registration fees	-	2,315	2,500
Other	7,000	7,063	8,368
Contributions repaid	-	-	(1,627)
Deferred contributions, opening	-	39,479	22,376
Deferred contributions, closing	-	(44,375)	(39,479)
	500,800	511,861	491,669
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration			
Core ( <i>Schedule 1</i> )	165,000	167,212	132,443
Recreation Programs			
Association Meetings ( <i>Schedule 2</i> )	25,000	34,779	42,170
Recreation Initiatives ( <i>Schedule 3</i> )	100,000	113,028	121,682
Multi-Sport Camps ( <i>Schedule 4</i> )	22,000	26,089	25,161
PD and Capacity Building ( <i>Schedule 5</i> )	80,800	63,270	76,108
Physical Literacy Development ( <i>Schedule 6</i> )	2,500	7,868	4,059
Signature Events ( <i>Schedule 7</i> )	95,000	89,742	93,177
Aquatics ( <i>Schedule 8</i> )	10,500	9,873	13,910
	500,800	511,861	508,710
<b>Deficiency of revenues over expenses</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (17,041)

**MACKENZIE RECREATION ASSOCIATION**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**March 31, 2020**

	2020	2019
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 215,695	\$ 332,288
Investments	10,000	10,000
Accounts receivable	65,550	-
Prepaid expenses	1,402	723
	<b>\$ 292,647</b>	<b>\$ 343,011</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 45,430	\$ 100,690
Deferred contributions (Note 4)	44,375	39,479
Repayable contributions (Note 5)	1,627	1,627
	<b>91,432</b>	<b>141,796</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted net assets	<b>201,215</b>	<b>201,215</b>
	<b>\$ 292,647</b>	<b>\$ 343,011</b>





4.4   
average rating





Paul Stipdonk Soccer Tournament | Fort Simpson



Recreation Leader Training Camp | K'atl'odeeche

# membership benefits

- **Timely, relevant, and accessible information and support.** MRA is committed to being reachable and consistent in communications and support.
- **Access to funding, professional development, and programming opportunities.** MRA draws upon expertise and knowledge from MRA staff, MRA partners, and its network to circulate information regarding access to funding opportunities, professional development, programs, and services.
- **Capacity building of community recreation leaders and volunteers to be their own best version.** MRA fosters and supports the capacity of community recreation leaders to be confident and competent leaders by providing them with workshops, training, and other resources.
- **Input in MRA development and strategic direction.** Represent your MRA community at board meetings and provide feedback with regards to MRA program development and strategic direction. MRA represents the Mackenzie region and if the needs of the region change so will MRA direction.

# come out & play

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