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**Question: 818-17(5): Track and Field Facility for Fort Simpson**

Thank you for your questions asked on May 27, 2015 during the 17th Legislative Assembly on the subject of a track and field facility and sport clinics for youth in Fort Simpson.

Since the implementation of the New Deal for Community Governments by the Department of Municipal Affairs (MACA), responsibility and authority for community infrastructure projects has rested with community governments. The Department will continue to work with community governments by providing technical and financial advice should they decide to undertake infrastructure projects such as a track and field facility.

In response to your question regarding clinics supporting track and field activities in NWT communities, the Department offers the following options:

- Community governments can apply for funding via a Regional Youth Sporting Event contribution. The funds can be used to support sport and recreation organizations, community governments and school authorities to organize and host regional youth sport events.
- Community governments can communicate with a specific Territorial Sport Organization (TSO) about hosting clinics; this would be supported via the TSO Support Program.
- Community governments can request the Sport, Recreation and Youth division at MACA on what type of clinics or summer sport camps they would like to see organized over a two to three day period for youth in the community.

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- Local groups may be able to access funding from the community, as each community government is able to receive Recreation and Sport Contribution funding. The community decides how that funding is spent.
- Community governments (in partnership with a TSO) can access funding through the Local Sport Leaders funding via the Sport Canada/GNWT Bi-Lateral Agreement if they are trying to build capacity in the coaching area.

Thank you for raising this important topic. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require additional information.



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