

## Rankin Inlet Fitness Society (RIFS)

"Cutting Out a Fitter Future"

Kivalliq Trade Show

September 30, 2015

Gavin Gee – President
Evan Morrison – Vice President
Ford Widrig – Secretary/Treasurer
Jacqueline Curley – Executive Member

- Non-profit society registered with the Government of Nunavut
  - Established February, 2012
- Operate a 2,000sqft fitness centre as of March, 2014
  - Offer cardiovascular and resistance training equipment
    - Open 12:00 21:00, 7 days/week
  - Paid staff of 4 5 local Inuit youth



#### Goal as RIFS:

Provide Kangiq&inirmiut a venue to improve their physical and mental wellbeing through exercise

#### Goals as trade show attendees:

Increase awareness of RIFS

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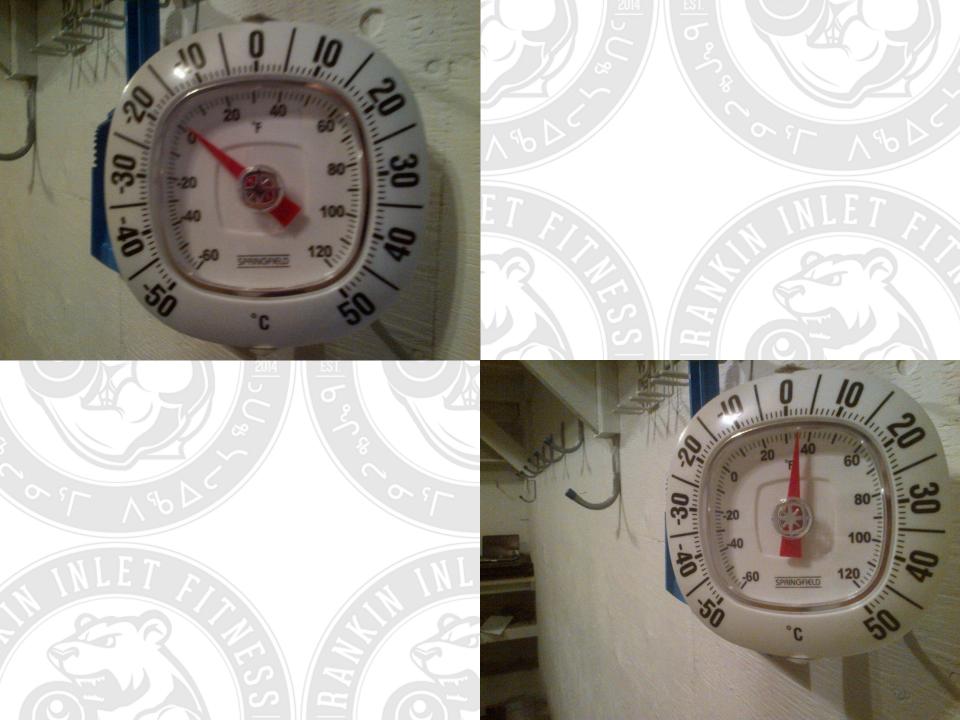
Generate support for the RIFS

#### **ORIGINS**

- Start/stop operation in various forms
  - Small space in the Kivalliq Hall
- Loss of facility; equipment in to storage
- Failed partnerships; schools, RCMP, etc.

Makeshift solutions...

...e.g. living room gym, unheated garage gym, etc.







#### NEW FITNESS CENTRE

- Lease signed as RIFS
- Retrieving old gear and moving new gear

...February in Nunavut...

- Opening to the public and:
  - Hiring staff
  - Business administration
  - Policies and procedures
    - Non-profit reporting

...eating meals in the gym, random phone calls, absent staff, etc.













Please dispose of garbage



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Please clean equipment after use



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Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance





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#### PRESENT DAY

- Stabilizing operations (e.g. Gym Manager)
  - 467 members and growing
    - Community support
  - Giving back to the community
    - Donations, sponsorships, etc. -
    - Shift to strategic planning



### So...

...How does a non-profit fitness centre survive in Nunavut?

# Rankin Inlet Fitness Statement of Operations January 16, 2014 - January 15, 2015

Revenue User fees Community fundraising Government funding	\$ 50,649 49,367 27,426	\$127,441	As % of subtotal 39.7% 38.7% 21.5%
Expenses			
Staff wages	44,745		44.4%
Facility rental	32,048		31.8%
Fundraising	13,256		13.2%
Promotional material	5,862		
Insurance	1,623		
Sponsorships	1,350		
Bank fees	1,008		
Freight	863	100,754	
Surplus (deficit)		\$ 26,688	

#### **USER FEES**

 Drop-in
 \$10

 Drop-in x 5
 40

 1 month
 75

 3 months
 210

 6 months
 390

 12 months
 720

Payable by cash, cheque, credit or debit card

#### **CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS**

- Calm Air International
- Hamlet of Rankin Inlet
- Rankin Inlet Firefighters
- Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.
- Kivalliq Inuit Association
  - Agnico Eagle Mines

#### **CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS**

- The Hamlet of Rankin Inlet
  - Payroll services -
  - Calm Air International
    - Air cargo -
- Kissarvik Co-Operative, Eskimo Point Lumber & Supply,
   Sarliaq Holdings, Housing Association, etc.
  - Merchandise & services -

#### **FUNDING PROGRAMS**

- Sport & Recreation Nunavut
  - Physical Activity Initiatives -
- Kivalliq Partners in Development
  - AANDC Summer Work Experience Program -
    - Health and Social Services
      - Community Cluster Plan -
- Economical Development and Transportation
  - Small Business Support Program -
    - Federal Government
      - NHSP (Elders Support) -

#### **COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING**

Radio bingos

- and -

Licensed events

#### RISKS & CHALLENGES

#### Funding

...the hunt continues...

- Facility space
  - Lack of security -
  - Lack of options -
- Staff turnover / Executive burnout
- Executives are 100% volunteer; zero financial compensation -

#### NEXT STEPS

- Secure space in the short-term
- Enhance fitness centre offerings
  - Improve the space & equipment -
  - Stabilize operations further
    - More staff autonomy -

#### LONG TERM

...the Big Dream...?

SECURE FACILITY SPACE &

#### **SECURE FUNDING**

- Privately owned structure -
  - GN facility -
  - Hamlet facility -

### **QUESTIONS & COMMENTS?**

## THANK YOU!

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