Director's Report Date: May 9, 2025

## **Staffing Updates**

- On-Call Attendants: Three new on-call attendants have been onboarded and are performing well, helping maintain consistent operations during full-time staff absences.
- Marathon Planning Support: A request is being made to hire a local consultant at the Attendant pay rate to organize and manage all aspects of the proposed Arctic Circle Marathon.

## **Special Events**

- July 4th Celebration: Planning is underway for the 2025 Independence Day festivities. The first planning meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM at the Youth Center. Lunch will be provided.
- RERC Program Application: Parks and Recreation applied for the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities
   (RERC) program last fall. We have been selected as one of 25 semi-finalist communities out of over 200
   applicants. Our steering committee completed the first interview on May 8, 2025. Final results are expected in
   June.

# **Boat Harbor Improvements**

Ramp Extensions: Work on extending the harbor ramps is in progress. Each of the five ramps is estimated to
require approximately two weeks for completion. Ten new ramp railings have been installed. Modifications to
the ramp decking are currently underway.

#### **Youth Center**

- Facility Rentals: The Youth Center remains in high demand, especially on weekends. Some days have seen up to three separate rentals.
- Boiler Room Floor: The boiler room floor requires replacement. A public notice was issued requesting contractor estimates. So far, four responses of interest have been received.
- Ongoing Programs:
  - Swing Dance Class: Every other Wednesday, 7:00 PM 8:30 PM
  - Dance Fit Class: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00 PM 8:30 PM
  - Toddler Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 AM 11:30 AM. Attendance averages 25 children per session, including participants from Nikaitchuat School and individual families. Special sessions are also available to home-schooled students by arrangement.

### **Armory**

• Hours of Operation:

- o Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 5:30 PM 9:30 PM
- o Saturday: 11:00 AM 4:00 PM
- Upcoming Programs: A public fitness challenge with prizes is being developed to encourage community health and fitness.
- Equipment Purchase: A purchase order has been completed for four new treadmills.

# School Gym - Open Gym Access

- Basketball Hours:
  - o Sunday: 6:00 PM 9:00 PM
  - Monday to Wednesday: 6:00 PM 8:00 PM
- Summer Use: A request for summer gym use has been submitted to the school district maintenance department.

## **Veterans Commemorative Park**

• Fundraising and Procurement: Letters requesting donations have been sent to local organizations. Funds will support procurement of key materials, including flagpoles, a statue base, benches, and picnic tables.