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Government of Nunavut contributes \$1.1 million to support Arctic Winter Games 2002

IQALUIT, Nunavut (November 28, 1999) – Minister Responsible for Sport Nunavut Jack Anawak and Culture, Language, Elders and Youth Minister Donald Havioyak announced the Government of Nunavut will contribute \$1.1 million to the Iqaluit Host Society for the Arctic Winter Games 2002.

Ministers Anawak and Havioyak presented a cheque to Iqaluit Mayor Jimmy Kilabuk and Host Society President Jerry Ell immediately preceding the final game of the regional soccer trials in Iqaluit Sunday.

"One of our government's mandates is to promote the building of healthy communities," Minister Anawak said. "The Arctic Winter Games and these trials play a big part in this and we're pleased to give our support."

The Games also have a strong cultural influence, especially in 2002 when Iqaluit will co-host with Nuuk, Greenland.

"Together with athletic competitions, we also showcase our culture to the participants and to the public," Minister Havioyak said. "It is very important to me as a minister that the cultural aspects of the Arctic Winter Games never be forgotten."

The contribution will be made during the next three years to support Arctic Winter Games 2002.

"This commitment from the Nunavut Government sends a clear message to the Iqaluit Host Society," Jerry Ell said. "They are behind us 100 per cent in our goal to leave a legacy of pride, participation and volunteerism in Nunavut and the city of Iqaluit."

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