



## News Release

### Government of Nunavut supports volunteer participation in AWG programs

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (January 16, 2002)** – Human Resources Minister Peter Kilabuk announces the continued support of the 2002 Arctic Winter Games by the Government of Nunavut, through Cabinet approval of a policy to allow employees to participate as volunteers.

“Encouraging and supporting our employees to participate as volunteers during the 2002 Arctic Winter Games is consistent with our objectives in the *Bathurst Mandate* to develop healthy communities through volunteerism,” Minister Kilabuk said.

Numerous employees will participate in the Games in various capacities including as athletes, officials, cultural performers and volunteers. The Government in recognition of the importance of the AWG to Nunavummiut has initiated a policy to allow employees to participate as volunteers, events participants and officials during normal working hours, subject to certain requirements.

“This is a significant, international sporting and cultural event which will have a lasting legacy that will resonate throughout the circumpolar community,” Minister Kilabuk added.

The success of the Games will depend on support from many partners in many forms of participation. Minister Kilabuk encourages both public and private sectors to join the Government in helping to make these Games the best ever.

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