

News Release

Government of Nunavut amends staff volunteer policy for upcoming Arctic Winter Games

IQALUIT, Nunavut (January 22, 2002) – Premier Paul Okalik announces today that the Government of Nunavut has amended its policy allowing its employees to participate in the Arctic Winter Games March 17-23, 2002.

"Our Government has always supported the Games, which is the reason we have amended our policy to address concerns raised by the Iqaluit Host Society about volunteer participation by our employees," Premier Okalik said. "I met with the chairs of the volunteer committee and spoke with the Minister of Human Resources Peter Kilabuk, who agreed to bring forward an amendment to Cabinet today."

Premier Okalik added the amended policy should encourage further volunteer participation during the critical week of the Games.

The amendment to the policy will allow Government of Nunavut employees to participate during Arctic Winter Games week as cultural participants, mission staff, chairs of official organizing committees and volunteers without the requirement to match each day with one day of annual leave.

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