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Prelude to the 1992 Arctic Winter Games

By Scott Rusnak

Promotions/Frond Raising Co-ordinator

Whitehorse, Yukon is the host of the 1992 Arctic Winter Games! Whitehorse is blessed with a golden past and has used its historic legacy and strong community spirit to create one of the most dynamic cities in Canada. Not only is Whitehorse Canada's most westerly city, but it offers a unique environment and a wide range of facilities and services which are generally found in large centres.

These facilities and services range from the Mt. McIntyre Recreation Centre which offers 70 kilometres of groomed ski trails and eight sheets of artificial curling ice, to the Grey Mountain Biathlon Range, two artificial ice surfaces, numerous indoor gymnasiums, as well as state of the art facilities offered at Yukon College.

Although the words Whitehorse and Arctic generally bring thoughts of cold dark winters and short mild summers, we like to think differently. Whitehorse experiences one of its most remarkable winters on record. Relatively mild temperatures, often near zero degrees Celsius, coupled with record breaking snowfall make it a winter haven for those who thrive on winter sports, such as the participants of the Arctic Winter Games.

The concept of the Arctic Winter Games was introduced in 1967 when Stuart Hodgson and James Smith, then the Commissioners of the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory, respectively, unhappily looked on while their northern athletes were heavily defeated in competition at the Canada Games in Quebec City.

Both men realized that the relatively small base of athletes and inadequate training facilities would prove that their athletes would not be able to compete at an even level with their southern counterparts for many years to come.

The men introduced the concept to the Governor of Alaska, the Honourable Walter Hickel, and shortly thereafter the concept became a reality.

The first set of Games were staged in Yellowknife, N.W.T. in 1970, with contingents representing the Northwest Territories, Yukon and Alaska, while observers from Greenland and the Soviet Union attended to better understand this unique concept. Approximately 500 athletes, coaches and officials participated in the inaugural event, marking the first official Arctic Winter Games a huge success.

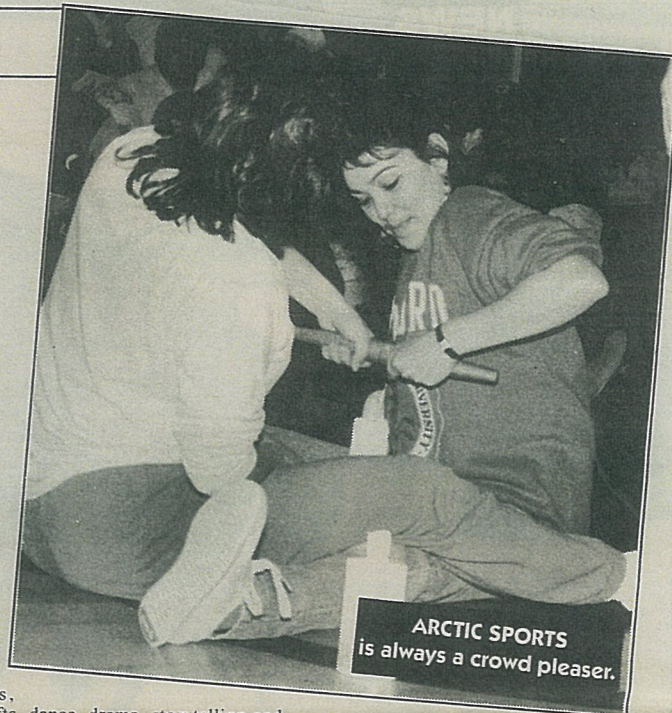
This year's Games have grown to include 16 different sports, including traditional and contemporary sporting events. Traditional sports range from the crowd favourite "Arctic Sports", which feature Dene Games, snowsnake, knuckle hop and one-leg high kick, to name a few.

Contemporary sports include ice hockey, badminton, basketball, curling, cross-country skiing, dog mushing, figure skating, gymnastics, indoor soccer, silhouette shooting, snowshoeing, ski biathlon, snowshoe biathlon, volleyball and wrestling. This year's Games will see almost 1,400 cultural and sport participants from Greenland, Russia, Northern Alberta, Northwest Territories, Alaska and Yukon.

The 1992 Games are unique in many ways but for the most part can be recognized as an event in which cultural exhibition becomes a focal point. The cultural theme is "Northern People - Past and Present."

This theme follows both the visual and performing arts as represented by people in the Arctic. The Visual Arts Component will represent collections from a historical, and a contemporary point of view. The visual pieces used will be representative of each region attending the Games. Each contingent will provide ten participants to demonstrate a particular craft unique to their region; snow sculpture demonstrations, a multi-night film festival, as well as stage performances representing traditional and contemporary lifestyles will be displayed during the cultural exhibition.

Finally, a youth component will be encouraged during the Games Week. Exhibitions of



arts, crafts, dance, drama, storytelling and music by young people for young people will highlight the schedule of events.

Although the city does expect many visitors during the week of the Games, we are more than equipped for the onslaught. Tourist facilities include 24 hotels and motels, numerous restaurants and assorted visitor facilities.

The athletes, coaches and the majority of participants will be accommodated at the Athlete's Village, so there should not be a problem finding a room in town if you book ahead. If you are concerned about travelling to Whitehorse, air travel is offered between Whitehorse and southern cities on the transcontinental system. Canadian Airlines International is the main southern carrier, although flights to local communities are available as well as a ferry system from Vancouver to Alaskan ports of call may be arranged.

Besides transportation and accommodation, your next concern may be tickets. Most of the events are free of charge, although the cultural galas during the week, as well as the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, will require the purchase of a ticket.

To reserve a ticket contact Geraldine at the Arctic Winter Games Host Society at (403) 668-8926. If you have any other concerns or questions, please feel free to write the Arctic Winter Games Host Society at: 4061(c) - 4th Avenue Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 1H1

The President's Perspective

As Host Society President, I am looking forward to Opening Ceremonies on Sunday, March 15th as this will be the kick off of a week of cultural and athletic activity of a calibre never seen before in the Yukon.

Planning for this great international event started almost two years ago and has involved literally hundreds of volunteers throughout the Yukon. From a planning point of view, our greatest asset is our human resources. Therefore the community should be proud of the dedication and commitment of our volunteers.

Collectively, we are involved to encourage and promote three underlying philosophical characteristics of the Games; Participation, Development and Social Interchange.



George Arcand
President

Participation: to encourage maximum participation of all ages and cultures, particularly our youth.

Development: aim to serve and stimulate those below the highly competitive elite level.

Social Interchange: to promote education, understanding and friendship between cultures of northern regions

I and many others are committed to represent this philosophy to the best of our ability. I know we can do it together.

George Arcand
President
Arctic Winter Games Host Society

The Mail Room

MISSION STAFF: What is the Mission Staff? For anyone who has ever held such a position, this is an often asked question. So here's the explanation. Along with the Chef de Mission, the Mission Staff makes certain that everything from transportation to accommodation to dissemination of information runs smoothly. Each person is assigned a variety of sports which they are responsible for at both the Trials and the Arctic Winter Games. If a coach or athlete runs into any difficulty, it is the Mission Staff that comes to their rescue. This year's Team Yukon Mission Staff includes the following:

Vern Haggard - Chef de Mission
Suzanne McFadyen - Assistant Chef de Mission
Bernie Adilman - Hockey (Bantam/Women), Curling
Jean Bastien - Cross Country Skiing, Dog Mushing
Leah Greenway - Gymnastics, Silhouette Shooting

Joanne Hunston - Snowshoe Biathlon, Volleyball
Renee Laventure - Figure Skating, Snowshoeing
Sandra Roach - Arctic Sports (Inuit/Dene)
Nancy Sinnott - Biathlon/Indoor Soccer
Bruce Thomson - Badminton, Wrestling
Jon Trefry - Basketball, Hockey (Men/Midget)

FAMILY FUN RAFFLE: Two dollars could see you wrapped in a Yukon Parka or playing squash at the Whitehorse Racquet Club or even basking in sunny California. These are just some of the great prizes available in the Team Yukon Family Fun Raffle. "Support Team Yukon" that is the message behind the raffle. Members of Team Yukon will be selling raffle tickets beginning January 27th. Part of the proceeds from ticket sales goes to offsetting the cost of participation. Tickets are available from all Team Yukon members, Mission Staff and the ticket booth situated in Qwanlin Mall.

Mission Staff to the Rescue!

By Suzanne McFadyen
Assistant Chef de Mission

There are eight fabulous prizes up for grabs this year.

- 1st: Trip for Four to Disneyland (Atlas Travel)
- 2nd: Two Six Month Memberships (Peak Fitness)
- 3rd: Gift Certificate towards a Yukon Park (Yukon Indian Arts and Crafts Co-Op)
- 4th: Gift Certificate towards Sierra Design Clothing (Northern Outdoors and Sierra Design)
- 5th: Gift Certificate toward Gold Jewelry, Food or Accommodation (Gold Rush Inn)
- 6th: Sony Sport Walkman (Erik's Home Entertainment)
- 7th: One Year Membership (Whitehorse Racquet Club)
- 8th: Gift Certificate towards AWG Clothing or Souvenirs (AWG Host Society)

The winners will be picked on March 9, 1992 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sport Yukon Office.

One-man super team in Alaska!

By Wendell Sniffler
Chef de Mission

Our one person Chef-de-Mission's office is becoming more active as the phone is starting to ring more often requesting information about Arctic Winter Games and Team Alaska, specifically. As schools, coaches, and athletes start to realize that the Games are just around the corner ... inquiries are taking place as to try-out times, team selection procedures, coach appointments, etc.

TEAM UNIFORMS: "Walkout dress uniforms" have been designed, produced and are all in house, awaiting to be distributed once team selection has taken place. Our "walkout dress" uniforms will be Royal Blue and Gold, following the State colors of the State of Alaska. They will be bright, colorful and distinctive.

PINS: Team Alaska is aware of the tremendous amount of "pin trading" that will go on during the Games. We have designed a pin that we are sure will be in demand as a collectors item. As a matter of fact, Team Alaska Board of Directors has designed and set aside 50 "four pin sets" for sale at \$20.00 U.S. These are not limited edition but are limited quantity. There will be a Member pin, Coach pin, Mission Staff pin, and Chef de Mission pin.

TRANSPORTATION: Our official air carrier will be Alaska Airlines. We have tentatively chartered two planes to carry Team Alaska to the Yukon, with the use of creative

scheduling allowing us to arrive in the middle of the night. This in no way implies that we are trying to sneak into town, but cost determined that we schedule this way.

COACH SELECTION: Most coaches will be selected and appointed by January. Sport Coordinators and Coaches will selection teams by that time allowing for adequate preparation by all to attend the games. At this time, over half of the coaches have been determined and appointed. They will be actively involved in Team selection, and some time tryouts, races and competitions are already taking place.

PARTICIPATION FEE: The Board of Directors of Team Alaska has set the participation fee for Team Alaska athletes, coaches and mission staff at \$250.00 based on available revenues. This means that Team Alaska participants will contribute nearly \$80,000 towards getting them to Whitehorse. It is not only an honor to be a team member and to represent Alaska, but each team member contributes "out of pocket money" to represent the State.

MISSION STAFF: Over half of the mission staff appointments have been made with a few selections to be completed. Due to the fact that many of the school districts' Spring Break do not coincide with the Arctic Winter Games, students and staff will have to plan accordingly to make adjustments to miss their classes and activities. We are working to put together a Mission Staff that will support the

coaches and the athletes in the Spirit of the Games.

FUND RAISING: I am starting to speak to many civic organizations about Arctic Winter Games/Team Alaska and some are coming forward with contributions to help finance the effort. As our legislators return to the State Capitol in Juneau, we will continue to actively pursue governmental support to lead the way for support from the private sector. "Individual Team" membership support via biennial membership continues to grow as more people become aware of, and participate in the games.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Team Alaska Board of Directors, consisting of members from Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Juneau continue to meet monthly via telephone conferencing. Nearly all Board members are planning to travel to Whitehorse for the Games in support of the Team.

The Chef-de-Mission's job continues to be a challenge for me, as I learn daily the ins and outs of the Arctic Winter Games. I am finding that the combined efforts are enhanced by each and every individual effort of the volunteer coordinator, athlete, board member and mission staff. I am finding that the people of the Host Society in Whitehorse are great to work with, and are diligently striving to put together the best Games yet. I am starting to see the "spirit" is catching in Alaska as we continue the developmental stages enroute to the Games. And I'm really looking forward to this International event. I guess I can just simply say ... "Team Alaska is looking forward to being there in all the excitement."

Yukon invaded by Albertan athletes

By Jan Patterson
Media Liaison, Team Alberta North

Five years ago, a small contingent of 57 Team Alberta North athletes made their debut at the 1988 Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse, Yukon. In 1992, Team Alberta North will return to Whitehorse 192 strong!

Steve Pritchard, Chef de Mission for Team Alberta North commented, "The Arctic Winter Games has stirred an interest in northern Albertans and as a result sport in northern Alberta has undergone a tremendous growth."

The ability to compete in new sports is just one of the many benefits the Arctic Winter Games has brought to northern Alberta athletes. The growing interest in the Games has resulted in more people getting involved in sport, thus providing for a larger athlete base from which to draw from for competitions. "As an example," Pritchard said, "take the case of indoor soccer. At first the association had a tough time trying to get a team together, now, northern Alberta soccer athletes are being chosen for the provincial teams, a far cry from six years ago!"

Northern Alberta athletes relish the idea of competing in

an Arctic Winter Games. Not only do they have the chance to participate in challenging competition, but they have the chance to meet and share common goals with international athletes.

Gordon Glen, coach of Team Alberta North's junior men's curling team, says, "This will be the biggest event these boys have attended. They're looking forward to seeing the different sports and to the international flavour of the Games. The competition should be very good and I hope the boys are up for it!"

The '92 Games will open up more doors for Team Alberta North as the athletes will participate in 14 sports including for the first time arctic sports, badminton, bantam hockey, biathlon, cross country skiing, dog mushing and silhouette

shooting.

Training and selection for all the sports began in the fall and to date, six teams have completed their selections. Particular emphasis in training has occurred in arctic sports and dog mushing, two of the sports in which Team Alberta North will be making their debut. Veteran arctic sports athletes from the Northwest Territories will be brought down to Grande Prairie and Slave Lake at the end of January to hold a series of training clinic to help Alberta athletes better prepare for the tough competition that awaits them in March.

Team Alberta North has proven its position as a strong contender at the Arctic Winter Games. Time will tell how northern Alberta's sports system will develop, but one can be sure Alberta is taking up the challenge.

A celebration of northern people, past and present

News from the Cultural Contingent

The Arctic Winter Games have been held every second year since 1970. While there have always been athletic competitions which are unique to the North, such as the Dene and Inuit Games, there has been a major emphasis in recent years to include a cultural component. Hence, the Cultural Committee.

We have been meeting together as a committee since March of 1991. We like to consider ourselves the Cultural Contingent. We act as a team and could be compared with any number of other contingents, like the ski team or the snowshoeing team. We are the cultural team.

The Cultural Festival is a week long celebration of northern peoples: past and present. Activities being planned for the event are many and delightful: music, dance, storytelling, stone and snow sculpture, paintings, traditional crafts, film and video. The events will take place in a variety of locations throughout the city, in and out of doors. Our cultural headquarters is the Council for Yukon Indians building located in Riverdale.

We assure you that putting this together is no simple task. It has and will continue to require incredible human spirit of the best, cooperative and invigorating sort. So far, so good.

Our work to date has been relatively academic. We have contacted whole varieties of people to perform or send their artistic material to the festival. Our focus has been in budgeting, planning, arranging and organizing for the events to come.

Some of the performers you may be familiar with are: from the N.W.T.: the Cape Dorset Throat Singers
The Shi Dene
Dolphus Cadieux
from Greenland: The Pakkutat Theatre Group and Rasmus Lyberth
from Alaska: The Potlatch Dancers.

During the Christmas holidays, the gymnasium at Council for Yukon Indians was repainted and the basketball hoops removed. Art work from the visual arts exhibition will hang on the walls, thus decorating the space in the spirit of the event.

The initial parts were easy. Now we are moving headlong into the logistics of the event. With regards to the performers

questions like: who will be playing where? What venue is best suited for which performers? Who will pick up the performers from the airport? Where will they stay? How will they get to the events? What will they eat and where? Are there special needs? How do we meet them? How long will they perform? Who will introduce them? Who will come on after? Where will they rehearse? Who will deliver their cultural equipment to the event? Does anyone speak Greenlandic or Russian?



In terms of the location of the events, considerations such as: snow fences, temperature, garbage/recycling cans; concession booths; stage design and construction; power sources (for the event itself and the media); public access; parking; security; decorations; can the audience see the stage (site line)?... all must be addressed.

And you know what? We're doing' it!

So much that needs to be done! But the important thing is that we know the questions to ask and we know how to make it work. We are a blazing team of volunteers. Plus, we have recently brought on board Mike Figursky, an expert in the field from Victoria, as our Production Co-ordinator. We pay him! Gerry Gardiner and Joanne Seamen will be our cultural mission staff during the event who will tend to the needs of

the cultural contingents.

What we still need

Billets: We need places to house our cultural guests during their stay.

If you have an extra room in your home and are interested in billeting, please come to the Games Office and fill out a form or telephone Geraldine at 668-8926. To date we have only 25% of our billeting needs confirmed, though we receive more everyday. We are still open to any invitations of businesses who would like to house a guest for a performance in their space at some time during the week.

Volunteers: at each of the venues, especially backstage; to shovel snow; put up snow fences; help to snow sculpture; take tickets, put out chairs; put away chairs, attend to the hospitality suite at the Cultural Centre, help move performers' equipment, entertain children, translate... and much more. Anyone wishing to join in the workings of the Cultural Contingent is encouraged to contact either the Volunteer Coordinator of the Cultural Festival or the committee director for whatever aspect of the event they are interested in. Our volunteer coordinator is Mary Carlson.

Coordinator: We need a coordinator for our Kids' Festival. Any takers? It is planned for Friday the 20th from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Christ the King. We have the performers for the space. The task is programming and supervising the event structure. Anybody interested? The Arctic Winter Games Board of Directors is organized so that each of the directors is responsible for an area such as accommodation, catering, transportation, communications, facilities, outfits, etc. Sheila Doss is our trusty and dedicated Director of Culture. Under that title she is responsible for ensuring that the cultural contingent is taken care of in all of the above ways, and ensuring that the festival of events takes off. Thus, within culture we have a variety of committee heads each responsible for a different area.

Yes, these are hectic times, but productive. Things are clipping along with the assistance of socially acceptable stimulants: caffeine, vitamin C.

We're anticipating a brilliant and stimulating series of events, and you can too!

**You'll be hearing from us.
The Gang**

SCHEDULE OF CULTURAL EVENTS (Tentative)

Sunday, March 15, 1992

All day

Arrival of cultural contingents

6:00 p.m.

Attend AWG Opening Ceremonies

Takhini Arena

Monday, March 16, 1992

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Entertainment

Yukon Territorial Government

Building Foyer

7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Film Festival

Yukon Cinema

Tuesday, March 17, 1992

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Entertainment

Yukon Territorial Government

Building Foyer

7:00 p.m.

Evening Performance

Mount McIntyre Recreation Centre

Three contingents

Tickets prices Adult \$5, Senior \$3,

Youth (-16) \$3

7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Film Festival

Yukon Cinema

Wednesday, March 18, 1992

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Entertainment

Yukon Territorial Government

Building Foyer

6:00 p.m.

Banquet

Council for Yukon Indians

Presentation at Banquet

7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Film Festival

Yukon Cinema

Thursday, March 19, 1992

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Entertainment

Yukon Territorial Government

Building Foyer

7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Major Film Presentation

"The Big Guy"

Christ the King Junior Secondary

Tickets prices Adult \$10, Senior \$5,

Youth (-16) \$5, Family Pass \$20.

Friday, March 20, 1992

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Entertainment

Yukon Territorial Government

Building Foyer

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Youth Festival

by and for Children and Teens

7:00 p.m.

Evening Performance

Mt. McIntyre Recreation Centre

Three contingents

Ticket prices Adult \$5, Senior \$3,

Youth (-16) \$3

Saturday, March 21, 1992

4:30 p.m.

Attend AWG Closing Ceremonies

Takhini Arena

Arctic Winter Games Social Calendar

Where it's at!

(Tentatively)

Monday, March 16
Scavenger hunt and
pizza party**Location:** Village**Time:** 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Can you get an autograph from a Yukon hockey player? How about a lapel pin from Yellowknife? Come and see how many wacky items you and your team can come up with. Meet old friends, make new ones. And, help us choose the best tasting pizza in Whitehorse!

Tuesday, March 17
Night at the Movies**Location:** Twin Cinema, Yukon Cinema**Time:** evening

A night to enjoy on your own. Take the bus downtown to see a movie, or take in some of the cultural events happening around town.

Wednesday, March 18
So you wanna be a Star!**Location:** Jack Hulland School Gym
Time: 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

The Arctic Winter Games very own Karaoke Party. Come and pick a song, and sing along. Not a singer? We'll have a DJ to rock the place, so just bring your feet and move them to the beat!

Thursday, March 19
And the Heat is On...**Location:** Takhini Hot Springs**Time:** 1:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Spend a day at the hot springs. Buses will be leaving at various times during the day. Finish the day off with a big bonfire and wiener roast.

Friday, March 20
Fun in the Sun**Location:** Jack Hulland School Gym**Time:** 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Get out that summer gear, put on your dancing shoes, and lets finish the week off with a beach party that will heat up all of Whitehorse! Who can come up with the wildest costume? Prizes will be given for the best dressed...

Every Day:

Aerobics classes will be given daily, 8:00 a.m. at the Village. There will also be swimming daily at the Lions Pool.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AT
THE ATHLETE'S VILLAGE

- This year, the Arctic Winter Games Village is proud to have three lounge areas where the athletes can relax and unwind.

Upon entering, just past security, you will find "The Pit" - a perfect place to meet your friends, exchange pins, and catch up on events for the day. Take a look at performance records that were broken, and records left to beat. And, if



you want to release a bit of tension, try your hand at the Graffiti wall ... who knows - maybe there is a budding artist waiting to be unleashed!

Lounge area "2" will be the Games Room. We will have our own video arcade, and our Super Mano #3 challenge. Come and sign up, or just have a game on your own!

Lounge area "3" is the Movie Room. We will have movies playing all day, and music available as well. Make yourself some popcorn, then sit and relax with friends.

Both the Games room and the Movie room will be open Monday to Thursday 1:00 - 11:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Anticipated Number of Participants for the 1992 Arctic Winter Games

	Soviet Union	Yukon	Alberta	N.W.T.	Alaska	Greenland	Total
Arctic Sports	10	27	6	27	27	4	101
Badminton	0	10	10	10	10	10	50
Basketball	0	20	20	20	20	0	80
Cross-Country Skiing	10	27	10	27	27	14	115
Curling	0	10	10	10	10	0	40
Dog Mushing	0	8	4	8	8	0	28
Figure Skating	0	10	10	10	10	0	40
Gymnastics	0	5	5	5	5	0	20
Hockey	0	70	36	70	70	0	246
Indoor Soccer	9	36	36	36	36	9	171
Mission Staff	4	11	11	11	11	3	52
Shooting	0	10	5	10	10	0	35
Ski Biathlon	9	9	9	9	9	0	45
Snowshoeing	0	9	0	9	9	0	27
Snowshoe Biathlon	0	9	0	9	9	0	27
Volleyball	0	30	20	30	30	0	110
Wrestling	0	13	13	13	13	0	52
GRAND TOTALS	40	314	205	314	314	40	1,239

The Host Society - a different kind of corporation

By Nancy Campbell

If the Arctic Winter Games Society was a "real" company, it would be the Yukon's second largest employer. But the more than 1,000 people who are putting the games together are all volunteers - only seven people are employees in the conventional sense.

It adds to the challenge, admits Office Co-ordinator Geraldine Brownlee. Her background includes projects of all sorts and sizes, including time as a senior support person at Curragh Resources, the Yukon's largest private sector employer.

"Our structure is quite similar to that of a 'regular' corporation, for example, in our levels of authority," she says.

"But with everyone being a volunteer, we have to live within the time frame they can give us. If they're having a rough time in 'real' life, we have to remember that our needs will come next for them - our needs are important to us, but they have other obligations."

It wasn't that long ago when Whitehorse first bid to become the host for the 1992 Arctic Winter Games.

And it was only 1-1/2 years ago when Whitehorse City Council first began assembling the board of directors for the host society.

That's when George Arcand signed on as President. In an already busy life as President of Sport Yukon and General Manager of Softball Yukon, Arcand decided that he was prepared to commit what will be hundreds of volunteer hours to making the 1992 games a success.

"It's community involvement, I guess," he says. "I like to be part of what's going on. It's a challenge."

"You only get a chance sometimes - not often - to become involved like this, so grab it and run. You learn a ton of things, from the politics of human nature to how to set up a venue."

From an eight-person board, the Host Society has grown to 40 directors and almost 1,000 volunteers.

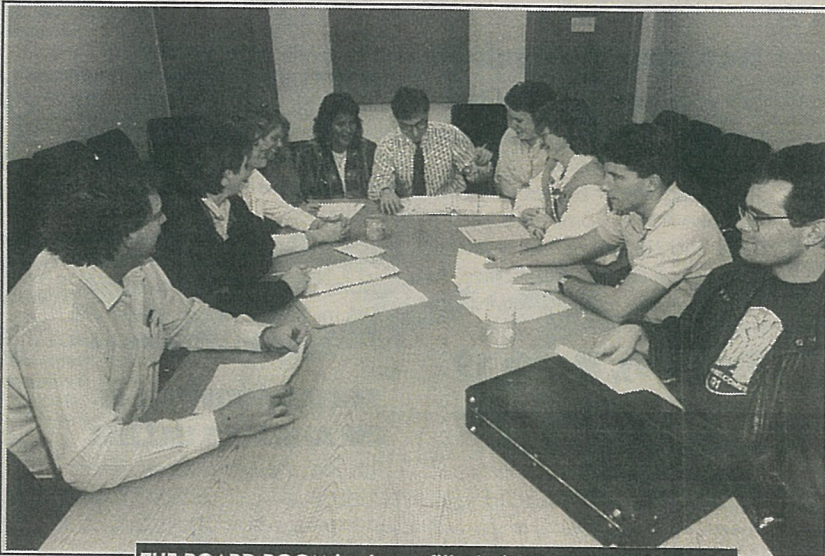
Whitehorse is the first host to develop a more workable structure for putting the games together.

"At our first full board meeting, it became obvious we couldn't meet in that forum and get work done," Brownlee recalls with a smile.

The answer was to group the many committees into divisions, with an "executive" member at the helm of each division. Over the past year, each division has met once or twice a month, with the executive members meeting more frequently to bring each other up to date.

Every six weeks or so, the whole organization meets. Meetings are designed for sharing and problem-solving. "This structure works very well," Arcand says. "The one thing we try to maintain and stress is the fact that everyone in this structure is equal."

"Even though there's an executive, everyone is on the same level as the eight people originally



THE BOARD ROOM is always filled with busy board members, co-ordinators, staff members and volunteers as the start date for the games nears.

appointed by the City."

Sheila Dodd and Don Irwin are two of the society's directors. Why they're working as hard as they do on the Games is as much as mystery to them as it is to people who aren't involved.

"I don't know why I'm doing this, I suppose it's because they asked me," says Dodd, who heads up the Culture committee. She reckons she has put in 20 hours a week for the past year organizing the first cultural week Whitehorse has hosted alongside the games.

"It's not that I'm not enjoying it, but it's not a career move, or for money, or to meet friends," she says.

"You just say yes, and not think about it."

Don Irwin laughs when asked why he's involved in heading up the Sport Division in addition to handling communications and media relations.

"I guess it's because I think it's of great benefit to the community and I think we should all do our part," he says. "I don't know if I enjoy

it, but I do it. I like being active in the community. I like seeing projects come together. The best way to do that is to be a part of it ... I guess you could say I do this for fun."

Despite their busy lives, both Dodd and Irwin say they'd probably do it all over again, although maybe with a bit of break after the 1992 games!

With less than two months to go before the games, the pace is becoming hectic.

Arcand gave up his traditional spring holiday with his family to ensure the work gets done - his wife and children will holiday in the sun without him.

In the office, it's more of the same.

"Time is irrelevant here," she says of the enormous hours put in by paid staff that go well beyond their paid commitment.

"When you take on a role like this, you realize that come January you don't have a life other than the Arctic Winter Games," she says. Already there are 100 to 200 phone calls a day, and the fax machine hums constantly.

"Right now, the background work is getting done on evenings and weekends and we spend our days handling inquiries from the public and volunteers.

"The week leading up to the games, we'll be lucky to get home!"

But whatever the reason, it's a job that host society volunteers seem to relish.

"It's a pretty amazing venture we've taken on, but there are incredibly hard working volunteers in this city and the community is just wonderful," says Brownlee.

Adds Arcand: "If you'd asked me a year ago why we're doing this, we would have had all sorts of great answers ... now, we don't know why. We just are."

The business of the games

More than 1,400 athletes and artists will participate in the 1992 Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse.

But that's just the tip of the iceberg. About 1,000 City of Whitehorse volunteers will have helped put the games together, some of them working long hours for more than a year.

Two organizations make it possible to have this many people accomplish so much.

The Arctic Winter Games Corporation is the international body which has the long-term responsibility for the games. Its board of directors has representatives from across the north - Alaska, the Yukon, the N.W.T. and Alberta - including Tom O'Hara and Gerry Thick of Whitehorse.

While the Corporation keeps an eye on things, however, it's the host society which does most of the work.

The Arctic Winter Games Society is a registered, non-profit society formed under the auspices of the City of Whitehorse. Its board of directors - some appointed initially by the city, the rest recruited as the time for the games draws close - is made up entirely of volunteers.

Both the society and the corporation work

towards realizing the philosophy of the Games: athletic competition, cultural exhibition, and social interchange.

To accomplish this, the society must raise about \$1.3 million dollars in order to host the Games. While the City of Whitehorse, the Yukon government and the Government of Canada are committed to contributing \$700,000 towards the Games, it's up to the society to secure the remaining funding from the private sector and others.

It may seem like a lot of money, and it is. But the Arctic Winter Games will bring economic benefits to Whitehorse in return.

A recently-completed study commissioned by the Yukon government found that the 1992 Arctic Winter Games will increase the Yukon's Gross Domestic Product by almost \$3 million and create about 16 person-years of employment.

The study also found that for every government dollar that goes into the Games, there is an estimated benefit to the economy of \$4.61.

When the satisfaction and fun had by volunteers and athletes is added in, the Arctic Winter Games are a worthwhile investment by any standard.

Who's Who

The people who make it happen

The following list will hopefully serve as an introduction to some of the people you will see around the Arctic Winter Games office and which committees they are involved with. All of these people can be contacted through the office. If you are interested in becoming volunteer for this exciting event, either drop in or give us a call! - 668-HOST

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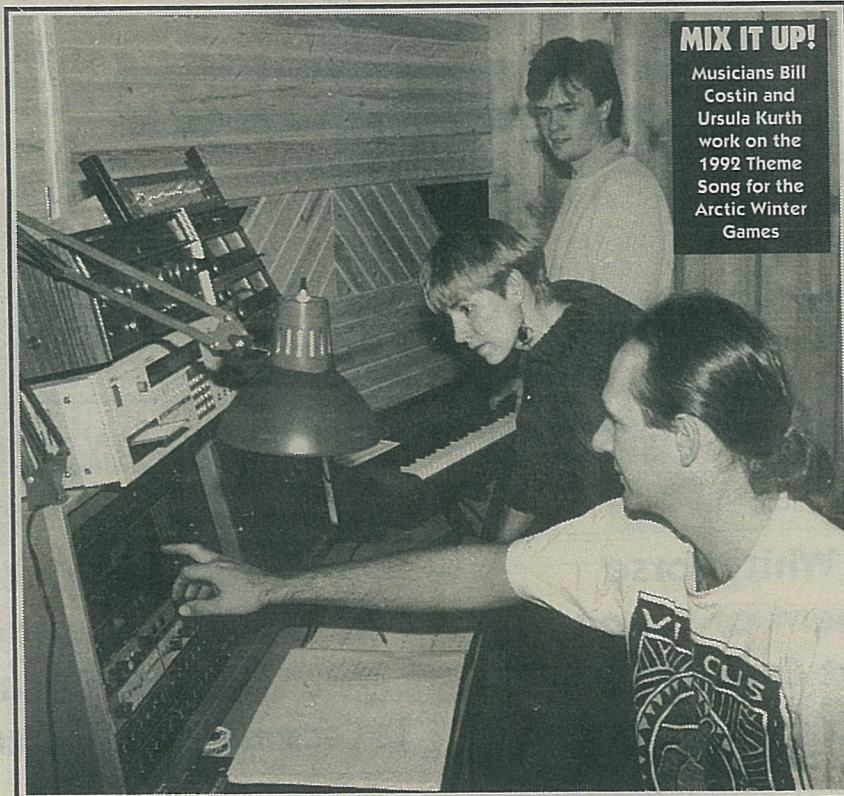
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Dawsonites in tune with AWG celebrations

The Song

We're the people of the Arctic
 We've come to make a stand
 People of the Arctic
 the true north is our land
 Countries from the circle
 come to understand
 And show that friends in
 competition
 can flourish hand in hand
 To test the breadth of vision
 and the strength of minds
 The best of our ability
 to see what we can find
 Chorus:
 So let the games begin
 together with Arctic kin
 and in the
 if we have hope
 we win
 Commencons les jeux
 avec tous nos amis
 et a la fin
 bravo, on a les espoires



MIX IT UP!

Musicians Bill Costin and Ursula Kurth work on the 1992 Theme Song for the Arctic Winter Games

The Singers

Bill Costin of Vancouver and Ursula Kurth of Dawson City are the writers and performers of the theme song for the Arctic Winter Games. Costin and Kurth won the contest that was held last September for the new theme song.

Costin plays keyboards, writes and is lead singer. he has an album out now titled "Secret of the North," about life in the North with a turn-of-the-century flavour. During the summer Costin plays piano at the Gaslight Follies.

Kurth's musical history includes voice and piano training, plus performing in various choirs. Kurth provided the initial lyrical work for the theme song and is back-up singer.



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