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### **Yukon's Recreation Volunteers Share in Revenue Earned from Lottery Ticket Sales**

Twenty recreation groups from throughout the Yukon will benefit from \$286,488 allocated by the Yukon Lottery Commission at a meeting held this past weekend. "Lottery dollars are going to help a wide variety of projects, reflecting the diversity of recreation activities created by dedicated volunteers around the Yukon," stated commission chairperson Melanie Graham. Ms. Graham explained that the Commission approved funding assistance that members concluded would make a difference to the successful completion of a project or event. "The Commission gave consideration to the varying factors of applicants, including volunteerism to a project; ability to fund-raise; successful fund-raising efforts; long lasting benefit to the community or to the Yukon; need for financial assistance; and eligibility per application criteria" explained Ms. Graham. The Commission also considers the profile of Lotteries Yukon when making contributions. Public relations and recognition from groups whose events or activities are sponsored by Lotteries Yukon help make Yukoners aware that their lottery dollar does come back to work in the Yukon.

"The commission reviewed applications from five Yukon communities "stated Graham, "and most applicants received a contribution to their projects".

"The Commission is pleased to announce major sponsorship of the 2008 World Fast-Pitch Championships (ages 17-19) being hosted by Softball Yukon from June 20-29th, 2008 at the Pepsi Softball Centre on Range Road in Whitehorse. This event has already attracted confirmed registration from countries around the world, including Canada, Czech Republic, Japan, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand and United States, the first of up to 16 teams expected to register. The event requires commitment from 200+ volunteers, and revenue to cover cost of expenses required to successfully host the 275+ athletes and team members who will be participating. \$116,000 was approved as a major contribution to Softball Yukon for hosting of the event, and Commission members hoped that this commitment would encourage Yukon sponsorship and support needed to successfully host the event", stated Ms. Graham.

Another major commitment was made to the Watson Lake Rodeo Association for an ambitious project being undertaken to build a barn and horse stabling structure needed to facilitate the growing equestrian community within the area and throughout Yukon. A \$70,000 contribution was approved that will be used to build the barn and install stables.

The value of animal husbandry was acknowledged through a contribution to Therapeutic Riding and Learning Society of Watson Lake for equipment needs.

The projects that received funding contributions are listed below:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Contribution to Project</b>	<b>Approved</b>
Alpine Ski & Snowboard Association of Yukon	Youth training Equipment	400.00
Blue Feather Music Society	Music Festival eligible expenses	4,650.00
Carmacks Library Association	Music program expenses – Carmacks/ Mayo/ Pelly Crossing/ Dawson City	8,000.00
Cross Country Yukon	Timing equipment & respirators	3,330.00
Extremely Moving Youth Society	Repertory Development Project	3,975.00
Faro Arts & Recreation Association	Stepper & treadmill fitness equipment	12,970.00
Frostbite Music Society	Holdover Tour/Workshops–Haines Jct. & Dawson City	7,565.00
Watson Lake Gentle Steps Therapeutic Riding/Learning Society	Riding pen equipment expenses	4,300.00
Golden Age Society	Community Tour – 2 buses for Yukon participation	4,260.00
Northern Lights School of Dance	Nutcracker production	4,550.00
Softball Yukon	2008 Jr. Men’s World Softball Championships	116,000.00
Watson Lake Rodeo Association	The ‘Barn’ Project – interior expenses	70,000.00
Yukon Art Society	Arts in the Park 2008	8,593.00
Yukon Bluegrass Music Society	Kluane Mtn. Festival and Music Camp expenses	8,000.00
Yukon Curling Association	Timing clocks and 2-way radios	12,000.00
Yukon Kennel Club	Agility equipment	5,495.00
Yukon Music Camp Society	Summer music camp	10,000.00
Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Society	Banners & portable sound system	2,400.00

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