

Flatwater Paddling Yukon, Sport Governing Body and Flatwater North, Sprint Club

Background and Rationale

Flatwater Paddling Yukon has experienced great growth and change in the first year and a half of operations.

In December 2016, Flatwater Paddling Yukon was created with the intention of becoming the Sport Governing Body for Flatwater Paddling in Yukon **and** become the Territorial Sport Organisation for Sprint Paddling with the national body, Canoe Kayak Canada (CKC). This was accomplished in the spring of 2017 in time for our athletes to participate in the Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg.

In its inception Flatwater Paddling Yukon housed both the Sport Governing Body (SGB) for Flatwater Paddling AND the Sprint Paddling Club. It has quickly come to our attention that this is not a viable structure as the organisation grows.

The two main reasons being:

- (1) CKC requires that the TSO and the Club be two separate entities for athletes to compete as a part of a “club” to qualify for Nationals, and
- (2) as the Sport Governing Body, Flatwater Paddling Yukon needs to be structured to allow for affiliate clubs to join. This could be sprint clubs in the communities and/or clubs in any flatwater related paddling disciplines.

Flatwater Paddling Yukon will remain the Sport Governing Body and the operations of the sprint paddling club will be housed in a new non-profit society: **Flatwater North** Whitehorse’s Sprint Club

Flatwater Paddling Yukon’s mandate is to actively promote and provide opportunities to enjoy, participate and excel in Flatwater paddle sports for all Yukoners. The primary role will be to manage the funds allocated through YRAC and YS4L to the flatwater affiliate clubs, host Yukon Championships, and endorse athletes to compete at national and international competitions.

Flatwater North is a new non-profit society and has become member club of CKC in the Pacific Division. **Flatwater North's** mandate is to offer opportunities for Yukoners to learn, participate and excel in the sport of Sprint Canoe Kayak. The primary role will be to offer CanoeKids camps, Regatta Ready program and elite programs to bring athletes through the CKC Long term athlete development to competition up to CKC Sprint Nationals. Flatwater North will also offer adult programming and continue to offer year round training to athletes.

This process will transition slowly over the summer and will be completed at the end of this fiscal year (Sept. 31, 2018) at which time the financial operations of Flatwater Paddling Yukon and Flatwater North will be divided.

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Flatwater Paddling Yukon Society aka Paddling Yukon

Territorial Sport Organization (TSO)

Includes:

- *Yukon Championships*
- *Yukon national & international competition*

Affiliate Clubs

