

#WeAreAllTeamNT — Moving together, supporting together

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Behind every athlete wearing the Team NT jersey is a much larger team you rarely see.

Parents packing gear bags. Teachers cheering from classrooms. Coaches giving rides. Volunteers making sandwiches at midnight. A school principal adjusting schedules. A recreation staff member unlocking the gym. A Zamboni driver doing one last pass.

This is the heart of the #WeAreAllTeamNT movement, and it's also what physical literacy is all about.

At Physical Literacy NWT, we often say that movement belongs to everyone. But that movement doesn't happen in isolation. It's nurtured, supported, and encouraged by the people around us, in every small, unseen action that helps someone take that next step, jump, stretch, swing, or skate.

The #WeAreAllTeamNT logo beautifully captures this truth. The mosaic of colours forming "NT" represents our collective strength, a territory made up of unique communities, cultures, and individuals, each playing a vital role. The white outline binds it all together, like the snowy landscape that unites the North or the unseen support that holds up every athlete.

This isn't just about competitive sport, it's about reminding ourselves that participation, pride, and progress start at home, at school, in community centres, and across the land. When a child learns to balance on a bike, when youth play pickup basketball after school, when Elders lead a snowshoe walk,

these are moments of movement. They are also moments of connection.

And to all the parents, caregivers, and supporters, this is your movement as well. You may not be on the field of play, but you are in the arena of support. Whether you're driving through snowstorms, budgeting for gear, or cheering with a lump in your throat, you are Team NT.

That's why we invite you to wear your pride and share your support by using the hashtag #WeAreAllTeamNT on social media. Whether you're at home or in the stands at the 2025 Canada Summer Games or the 2026 Arctic Winter Games, this hashtag is your jersey. It's how you show that you're part of the team, even if you're not holding a paddle, stick, or stopwatch.

We want your support to be seen. We want your story to be recognized. And we want our athletes to know they're never alone on this journey.

You can shop #WeAreAllTeamNT merchandise from now until July 6. You can learn more by visiting <https://store.vbsapparel.ca/weareallteamnt/shop/home>.

If you'd like to purchase some merchandise, this is your chance! We're doing a small test run to see what the interest is, so if you've ever wanted to show your Team NT pride, now's a great time to join in and help us shape what comes next.

Because in the end, it's not just about sport. It's about belonging, showing up, and standing together, on the field, in the crowd, and behind the scenes.

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GUEST
COMMENT

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This is the logo that will appear on branded clothing under the #WeAreAllTeamNT banner. Image courtesy of Thorsten Gohl

RCMP cut ribbon on new Whati detachment

New building has modern cell blocks, prisoners' shower and allows for at least four officers to serve in the community

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RCMP in Whati have formally opened a new police station after three years of construction.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to officially open the new building on June 23. The facility has actually been in use since November 2023.

"The biggest thing is that it's bigger," said Const. Josh Seaward, NWT RCMP media relations officer, noting that the previous building was built in the 1980s. "The reality is the old building wasn't meeting the needs of the RCMP or the community anymore.

"As Whati grows, we can grow as a detachment as well to provide better services to residents and members."

Policing needs in the community have grown since the establishment of the all-access road, he added.

Aside from a garage, the new \$9.1 million detachment also boasts a gym for employees, two interview rooms, a front foyer for the public and modern

office space. There remains three cell blocks, but the blocks have also been modernized and a prisoner's shower now available.

A modern camera system and guard area has also been constructed, which Seaward said was for both prisoner safety and overall security. There is also a dedicated room for breath testing.

Seaward said the building measures approximately 3,400 sq. ft.

Seaward also said the detachment currently has two active officers with a third on the way and a fourth member is being actively recruited. The facility has enough space for at least four and can house more as the needs of the community evolve.

"We're always trying to attract members up here," he said. "People don't seem to realize, living down south, just how awesome it is to live and work in the territories, but once they're here, we don't seem to have a hard time retaining people. It's just about opening people's eyes to what the North is like."



A ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Whati RCMP detachment on June 23. From left, Cpl. Wes Neal, Chief Supt. Dyson Smith, Whati Chief Charlie Nitsiza, deputy minister of Justice Charlene Doolittle and Const. Jessy McIntee. Photo courtesy RCMP



Whati has a new RCMP detachment facility after three years of construction. Photo courtesy RCMP