

## **Aquatic Sport Council – Ontario Communication Bulletin - May 2010**

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The Aquatic Sport Council is pleased to announce its transition to a new governance structure and welcomes its newest Council members.

### **Aquatic Sport Council Members**

Alex Brown  
Sheri Krauss  
Pat Murray  
Alex Palilionis  
Lorraine Wilson-Saliba  
Jane Wright – Chair

The Aquatic Infrastructure Project was launched in 2007 by a Steering Group, formed by the Aquatic Federation of Canada. Early in its work, the Steering Group laid the foundation for stakeholder engagement and sustainability, through the formation of the Aquatic Sport Council (Council). The Council's membership includes representatives from the four provincial aquatic sport organizations, Lifesaving Sport and Parks, and Recreation Ontario. This group has worked hand in hand with the Steering Group to provide the overall governance and leadership to the Project.

This month the Steering Group transferred the responsibility for the ongoing work of the Council to aquatic sports representative members listed above. Former Steering Group members Anne Bell, Brian Connors, Doug Ferguson and Dan Thompson will continue to contribute through leadership in Council initiatives.

New to the Council is Sheri Krauss, a member of the Board of Parks and Recreation Ontario. Sheri combines a long history in aquatic sport, both as a competitor and coach and her current role in aquatic programming.

Retiring from her involvement with the Council, but never from a passion for aquatic sport, is Linda Cuthbert. Linda was one of the initiators of the Phase 1 project – Ontario Aquatic Facility Needs Analysis and Strategies, and then was the driving force behind this Phase 2 project.

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## Background

The goal of the Council is to become the single source of information for sporting groups, pool administrators and governments about the facility needs for aquatic sport training and competition; uses of existing pools, the standards for new pools, and the need for pools now and in the future. It is our intent that stakeholders will have a place to go for information about pool and related facility designs, the accommodation of sport with other aquatic activities and the opportunities for partnerships.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation awarded a grant to the Aquatic Federation of Canada (AFC) in December 2007, for the purpose of building knowledge and capacity among Ontario's aquatic sport organizations and users, in the expansion and improvement of aquatic sport facilities. The resulting project was initially known as the Aquatic Sport Infrastructure Project (Project). It has now transitioned under the umbrella of the Aquatic Sport Council.

## VISION of the Aquatic Sport Council

Making Ontario a global leader in aquatic sport.

### MISSION

By 2015 Ontario will be a recognized leader in aquatic sport because of:

- Sustained collaboration among stakeholders and communities
- Creation of a compelling picture of the multiple benefits of Aquatic sports
- Development and dissemination of resources, research and expertise related to aquatic facilities

And as a result,

- Communities value and support Aquatic sports;
- Ontarians of all ages, abilities, and aspirations participate in Aquatic sports through the continuum of sport for life;
- There is an optimal mix of facilities accessible for training and competition.

