

## **Aquatic Sport Council – Ontario Communication Bulletin November 2010**

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### **Aquatic Sport Council Successfully Fulfils Funding Commitments**

The goal of the Aquatic Sport 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.

The Aquatic Sport Council has now successfully completed the tasks in Phase 1 of its work plan, including:

- a listing of all pools in Ontario used for aquatic sport training,
- the development of a business case for sport friendly aquatic facilities,
- the description of the benefits of aquatic sport,
- the determination, agreement and communication of standards for two classifications of sport friendly pools – provincial/national and local/regional,
- the development of standard designs for five pools within the two classifications,
- pool programming and operational models for the five pools, and last but definitely not least,
- the engagement of a broad representation of aquatic facility stakeholders.

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. This grant resulted in the formation of the Aquatic Sport Council.

The Aquatic Sport Council is made up of members from the aquatic sports - diving, lifesaving, synchronized swimming, swimming and water polo, and Parks and Recreation Ontario.

The quality of the products and the future value of the work of the Aquatic Sport Council is greatly enhanced through the engagement of aquatic sport stakeholders.

These stakeholders included:

- Facility designers and builders, sporting organizations and facility operators for the purpose of gathering and agreeing on the technical specifications and design for sport friendly facilities
- Sport organizations in the gathering of information about both existing and prospective aquatic sport facilities.
- Sport organizations, coaches, funders and academia in the development of a vision and strategy for the Aquatic Sport Council (ASC) and aquatic sport facilities in Ontario.
- Facility owners and operators in the development of program models, operational costing templates and in the development of a business case for sport friendly aquatic facilities.
- Aquatic sport organizations in the formation of the ASC.

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## AQUATIC SPORT COUNCIL Background

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**VISION:** Making Ontario a global leader in aquatic sport

**MISSION:**

By 2015, Ontario will be a recognized leader in Aquatic sport because of the:

- 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.

