



## **Aquatic Federation of Canada**

## **Fédération Aquatique du Canada**

### **AFC Ontario Aquatic Sport Infrastructure Project**

#### **October 2009 - Report to Aquatic Federation of Canada & The Ontario Trillium Foundation**

This is a special report going in advance of a broader communication piece to all stakeholders in November. The communication in November will steer the community to the Aquatic Sport Council website, where there will be significant content available for information, review and feedback.

Since the last report of June 2009, the project has made progress in the following areas:

- A second contract was entered into with our web-developer eVideo to load information on the Aquatic Sport Council Website. (three were bids obtained) This includes:
  - A pool finder, which lists all pools used for training in Ontario (This is also the first step in the development of a Master Plan for pools in Ontario)
  - The specifications for pools for all sports, for two purposes – local/regional and provincial/national, and
  - The vision statement for aquatic sport
  - Facility prototypes
- We continue with the development of a Business Case for aquatic facilities; lead by Brian Connors. Brian has recruited a strong group of aquatic facility managers / programmers to draft program plans and operations budgets for various facility types.
- Anne Bell and Linda Cuthbert will be presenting at the PRO Conference on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The audience will be pool operators and programmers, with the focus on Leading Practices in accommodating a mix of recreation and sport in pool programming.
- Anne Bell made a presentation to the Swim Canada Board and President's Council at the SNC AGM.

We are preparing a financial report, and project \$70,000 remaining at the end of the second year (project end date) – along with unfinished work in the area of business case development. Heather Johnston will explore the options for extending the project time-lines; and applying for additional funds for the future development of the resources and templates.

## **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 is best known as the Aquatic Sport Infrastructure Project.

The Project is lead by a Steering Group, formed by the AFC. This group meets monthly to provide leadership and guidance in the completion of the work. The Steering Group hired a Project Manager, Heather Johnston, in June of 2008. Heather supports the work of the Steering Group, is also actively gathering resource material and links that can be available to users.

Early in its work, the Steering Group laid the foundation for stakeholder engagement and sustainability, through the formation of the Aquatic Sport Council. The Council's membership includes representatives from the four provincial aquatic sport organizations, Lifesaving Sport and Parks and Recreation Ontario. This group works hand in hand with the Steering Group to provide the overall governance and leadership to the Project.

The Project has also engaged experts in facility planning, building and operation; a component within the funding proposal. These experts form a Facility Technical Committee, which is a sub-committee of the Steering Group. This group is bringing together and validating the content and quality of website postings that address pool standards, specifications and designs; in three classifications: sport training, sport events and international venues.

Membership of each of the groups is listed on the next page.

### **Aquatic Infrastructure Steering Committee**

Anne Bell – Chair

Brian Connors

Linda Cuthbert

Doug Ferguson

Pat Murray

Dan Thompson

### **Founding Aquatic Sport Council Membership**

Alex Brown – Diving

Brian Connors – PRO

Chris Gauthier – Synchronized Swimming

Alex Palilionis – Swimming

Lorraine Wilson-Saliba – Lifesaving Sport

Jane Wright – Water Polo

### **Technical Sub-Committee**

Pat Murray – Chair

Tyler Clair

Phil Fenech

Roy Gunell

Sarah Ingleton

Steve Kingston

Lynn Loubert

Ross Macdonald

John MacLennan

Gary Malcolm

John McIntyre

Keith Richardson

Roy Warren

## **Participants in Aquatic Sport Vision Work Shop**

List of participants and their affiliation; including those invited who sent regrets.

### **Participants**

City of Hamilton	Jeff Martin
Diving Ontario	Janice Moore
Diving Ontario	Bev Ladeur
Lifesaving Society	Doug Ferguson
Lifesaving Sport	Charlene Pugh
Lifesaving Sport	Jeff Schultz
Masters Swim Ontario	Nancy Black
Ontario Association of Triathletes	Linda Kirk
Ontario Sport Alliance	Jim Bradley
Ontario Trillium Foundation	Doug Gore
Ontario Water Polo	Ross Macdonald
Red Cross	Lorraine Davies
Swim Ontario	John Vadeika
Swim Canada	Pierre Lafontaine
Synchro Ontario	Leslie Makins
Toronto Sports Council	Jeff Carmichael
Toronto Sports Council	Karen Pitre
Town of Markham	Janice Carroll
University of Toronto	Byron MacDonald
University of Ottawa	Nathalie Vallieres Loy
YMCA	Carolyn Tyner

### **Aquatic Sport Council**

Steering Committee	Anne Bell (Chair)
Steering Committee	Linda Cuthbert
Steering Committee	Pat Murray
Steering Committee	Dan Thompson
Diving	Alex Brown
Lifesaving Sport	Lorraine Wilson-Saliba
Swimming	Alex Palilionis
Synchro	Chris Gauthier
Water Polo	Jane Wright

### **Regrets**

Canadian Sport Institute	Dr. Greg Wells
Ministry of Health Prom.	Margarett Best
Road to Excellence	Alex Baumann
TEDCO	John MacIntyre
PRO	Lynn Loubert
PRO	Brian Connors