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ASC Awarded a Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant

The Aquatic Sport Council (ASC) is pleased to announce the award of a second grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to assist in the dissemination and application of the knowledge resulting from Phase 1 of its work.

The Aquatic Sport Council completed the tasks in Phase 1 in the fall of 2010, 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.

To assist in the dissemination of the current and new knowledge and best practices the ASC plans to develop user friendly templates for use by stakeholders. The templates will include:

- A guide to building of a business case,
- User group agreements, and
- Educational tools for informing communities and stakeholders about the imperatives, challenges and opportunities in expanding access to sport friendly facilities.

Education and outreach to key stakeholders is an important part of the delivery of services. For this purpose the ASC will engage an Infrastructure Project Lead, who will begin work in the early fall of 2011.

The timing of this work is opportune, because of the synergies created by the Pan/Panpara American Games in Toronto. Within the planning of facilities in the GTA considerable precedence and experience can be forged in most areas of our interests.



AQUATIC SPORT COUNCIL Background

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

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.

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