



Aquatic Federation of Canada

Fédération Aquatique du Canada

AFC Ontario Aquatic Sport Infrastructure Project

Report to Stakeholders – June 2009

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

- Work of the Technical Sub-Committee to describe facility design standards, concept drawings and a ten year master plan for facility development; lead by Pat Murray and supported by consultant Clem Pelot. Products are close to final and the work of the summer will be to load information on the Aquatic Sport Council website for launch in the fall.
- Completion of a list of all existing pools in Ontario, eligible for consideration in the determination of a facility master plan.
- Development of a Business Case for aquatic facilities, lead by Brian Connors. Recruitment of facility operator volunteers to draft program plans and operations budgets for various facility types.
- Development of a Vision for Aquatic Sport; lead by Dan Thompson. The vision is required in order to determine A vision will require input from a multiple of stakeholders. A vision and strategy workshop was held on June 2nd, facilitated by consultant Rose Mercier. A final vision document is scheduled for completion in August 2009.
- Submission to the PRO-Aquatics Conference in November for the purpose of announcing and promoting the website tools and information

The Aquatic Sport Council welcomes new member Chris Gauthier, representing Synchronized Swimming. Chris is replacing Lynn Hammond who is no longer able to devote time to the project. The Council would like to thank Lynn for her support and contributions.

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 (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 has hired a Project Manager, Heather Johnston. 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 (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

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Brian Connors – PRO

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