

# Alberta Recreation and Parks Association

## 2002 Annual General Meeting Resolutions

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- Whereas:** the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association initiated the hosting of a major provincial visioning symposium in May, 2002 entitled “Leisure, Wellness, Prosperity and Quality of Life”; and
- Whereas:** the Symposium was a successful initial step towards developing a sense of interagency direction involving leisure and wellness; and
- Whereas:** the Vision 2015 Symposium Steering Committee has recently released the Symposium Proceedings which includes a preliminary analysis of Symposium outcomes; and
- Whereas:** the Symposium Proceedings point to ongoing leadership opportunities on the part of the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association;
- Be it resolved that:** the Association members direct the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association Board of Directors to continue to pursue follow-up vision development, and seek strategic ways to both operationalize and, advocate for, a preferred vision for the “quality of life sector” in Alberta including the role recreation and parks play within it.

## Vision 2015 Symposium

- Whereas:** ARPA has, through its Diverse Populations Network engaged in a review of its past and current operational practices with respect to diverse populations; and
- Whereas:** the Diverse Populations Network has recommended the dissolution of the Diverse Populations Network, in part, in support of ARPA’s partnership with the Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability—Alberta Initiative; and
- Whereas:** the Diverse Populations Network has, in addition, recommended that the Association prepare, endorse, and operationalize a broad diversity and inclusion policy statement entitled “Focus on Inclusion” – see attached;
- Be it resolved that:** the Association endorse and operationalize the policy statement “Focus on Inclusion.”

## ARPA’S “Diversity and Inclusion” Policy Statement

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**Whereas:** at the 2000 ARPA Annual General Meeting, a resolution was passed that stated, “ARPA supports Alberta trails”; and

**Whereas:** the Association’s Parks and Open Space Network has developed a “trails policy statement” in general response to the 2000 AGM resolution—see attached; and

**Whereas:** the Association views parks and outdoor recreation as an integral part of the Association’s program of activities and advocacy;

**Be it resolved that:** the Association adopt the “trails policy statement” as the basis for Association involvements with trails development.

# ARPA’S Trails Policy Statement

**Whereas:** the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association has established a revised Conference hosting policy and is presently looking for partners to host the National Parks and Recreation Conference in 2003, 2004 and 2005; and

**Whereas:** the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association has over the years become extremely effective in hosting quality conferences; and

**Whereas:** the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association is engaged in an active programme of public awareness building and industry development through special events and the showcasing of recreation and parks benefits and intends to continue to do so over the next number of years; and

**Whereas:** the Province of Alberta will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a province in 2005 which affords a unique and special showcase platform;

**Be it resolved that:** the Association endorse and operationalize the policy statement “Focus on Inclusion.”

# National Parks and Recreation Conference