

# Alberta Recreation and Parks Association

## Resolution

### ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

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Moved by:	<b>Original Signed</b>	<b>Norm McInnis</b>	<b>432</b>
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Seconded by:	<b>Original Signed</b>	<b>Shelley Shea</b>	<b>857</b>
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**Note: Movers and Seconders must be individual, corporate or municipal members of ARPA. Municipal representatives must be elected or appointed officials designated by the community.**

Whereas: The Association members in 2001 endorsed an AGM resolution proclaiming support for “active living initiatives that would promote physical activity”; and,

Whereas: The Association has since developed a conceptual “Active Communities Framework” report intended to lead to the development of a provincial “Active Communities” program; and,

Whereas: The working vision and mission statements of a provincial Active Communities Program are:

*“We envision, a society built around communities of place and interest, in which more citizens are freely engaged in shared action and sustained recreation and physical activity to increase their quality of life and years of healthy living.”*

The proposed mission for Active Communities is:

*“To empower Alberta citizens and communities to invest their time and resources to build stronger, vibrant and active communities in line with their vision of improved quality of life.”*

Whereas: The Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation has, through contracted services with ARPA, committed to providing financial resources to assist in the development of a provincial “Active Communities” program;

**Be it resolved that:** The Association members formally lend their support in principle to assist in the development of a provincial “Active Communities” program, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The Ministry of Alberta Community Development continue to be a significant sustaining partner in both the development and implementation of a provincial “Active Communities” program.

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### ALBERTA SPORT PLAN

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Whereas: The Government of Alberta through the Minister of Community Development has publicly released the report entitled “A New Century For Sport in Alberta – Priorities For Action” and, in so doing, sought public reaction to recommended actions from the report; and,

Whereas: The deadline for public input has past and it now will be incumbent upon the Minister of Community Development to report on the outcomes of such public input and, subsequently determine a course of action and implementation for the Alberta Sport Plan and its priority elements;

**Be it resolved that:** The Association membership direct the ARPA Board of Directors to reiterate to the Minister of Community Development the importance of grass roots sport and recreation development for stimulating citizen engagement and other public health and quality of life reasons as well as reiterate the vital role played by municipal recreation and parks agencies and local voluntary organizations in sport and recreation delivery;

**Be it further resolved that:** The provincial government, in particular, be requested to:

1. develop an enhanced program of major capital financial support to municipalities and community groups to remedy circumstances of an aging community recreation infrastructure in the province as well as support new recreation facility development in growth communities.
2. develop enhanced financial and administrative support for provincial sport and recreation associations to improve their capacity to develop and sustain sport and recreation programs and services.
3. provide ongoing and enhanced financial support for zone sport strategies in partnership with regional recreation associations.

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### CHRONIC DISEASE AND MUNICIPAL RECREATION

Moved by:	<u>Original Signed</u>	<u>Gary Debney</u>	<u>338</u>
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Whereas: The Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) and Alberta Health and Wellness successfully partnered in hosting a provincial workshop on “chronic disease and municipal recreation” which occurred October 23, 2003; and,

Whereas: The workshop provided for, the first time, an opportunity for representatives from all regional health authorities in the province along with municipal/community recreation practitioners and officials to engage in discussions pertaining to chronic disease management, health promotion and the provision of recreation and parks services; and,

Whereas: Stemming from these discussions there was common acknowledgement that:

- Chronic health illnesses are increasing at alarming proportions in Alberta and pose serious concerns for the sustainability of Alberta’s healthcare system,
- There is an opportunity to collectively impact and increase the capacity to provide accessible, active recreation opportunities for citizens with chronic disease,
- There is a shared responsibility for the health of citizens within communities,
- A higher level of understanding regarding the contributions of both regional health authorities and municipal/community recreation agencies along with their respective roles and responsibilities is required,
- The provision of quality, accessible recreation programs and services has the real potential for decreasing the costs associated with the ongoing treatment of chronic disease and for promoting healthy lifestyles generally,
- Continued joint advocacy is warranted.

**Be it resolved that:** The Association membership direct the ARPA Board of Directors to continue its leadership and advocacy towards both stimulating and clarifying the roles and responsibilities between regional health authorities and municipal/community recreation agencies in efforts to provide integrated and cost effective active recreation services for chronic disease management and health promotion purposes.

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### HEALTHY U – COMMUNITY CHOOSEWELL CAMPAIGN

Moved by:	<u>Original Signed</u>	<u>Wendy Kinsman</u>	<u>904</u>
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Whereas: Alberta Health and Wellness through its “HEALTHY U” awareness and promotion program is developing a COMMUNITY CHOOSEWELL CAMPAIGN for official launch in early 2004; and,

Whereas: The COMMUNITY CHOOSEWELL CAMPAIGN is intended to be a province-wide challenge to encourage community-wide activity in physical activity and improved nutrition/healthy eating; and,

Whereas: Alberta Health and Wellness has approached the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association to participate in the COMMUNITY CHOOSEWELL CAMPAIGN; and,

Whereas: The COMMUNITY CHOOSEWELL CAMPAIGN will afford a profile opportunity to showcase current municipal and community involvements in recreation, sport, physical activity and parks; and,

Whereas: ARPA, in working with Alberta Health and Wellness is desirous of positioning and leveraging the COMMUNITY CHOOSEWELL CAMPAIGN as an initial public awareness initiative consistent with, and supportive of, a provincial ACTIVE COMMUNITIES program;

**Be it resolved that:** The Association membership provide their endorsement and support towards the successful implementation of the COMMUNITY CHOOSEWELL CAMPAIGN; and

**Be it further resolved that:** ARPA engage in discussions with Alberta Health and Wellness to have that department become a sustaining partner with ARPA in a provincial ACTIVE COMMUNITIES program and other recreation/health promotion initiatives such as the creation of supportive environments, building healthy public policy and strengthening community action.

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### PROVINCIAL RECREATION POLICY

Moved by:	<u>Original Signed</u>	<u>Kay Kenny</u>	<u>361</u>
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Whereas: In 1987 the Federal-Provincial/Territorial (F-P/T) Ministers Responsible for Sport and Recreation ratified the “National Recreation Statement” as F-P/T agreement on mutual roles and responsibilities in recreation; and,

Whereas: In 2002, the F-P/T Ministers ratified the Canadian Sport Policy and, in so doing, re-endorsed the “National Recreation Statement” as the current agreement on recreation; and,

Whereas: The National Recreation Statement stipulates that recreation is the mandate of provincial/territorial governments; and,

Whereas: Within the stated recreation mandate of provincial/territorial governments the following key provincial/territorial roles and responsibilities were identified:

- The development and implementation of a provincial policy on recreation;
- Commit a high priority and sufficient resources to this policy so that it’s success is assured;
- Provide resources so that quality of life at the community level may be enhanced;
- Encourage and support autonomous provincial or territorial recreation organizations and associations that represent provincial and territorial interests;
- Provide provincial or territorial programs and services that build an integrated, viable delivery system;
- Plan and support recreation research, with special emphasis on applied research projects and the dissemination of recreation research findings.

Whereas: The National Recreation Statement recognizes the municipality as the prime agency for recreation services delivery and, that within any provincial/territorial recreation policy, each provincial/territorial government must outline the role it intends to assign to municipalities;

**Be it resolved that:** The Association members formally request the Government of Alberta to have developed a provincial recreation policy and implementation strategy consistent with the basic intent, principles and roles and responsibilities arising from the “National Recreation Statement”.

**Be it further resolved that:** The development of such a provincial recreation policy be commenced in fiscal year 2003/2004 through interagency/sector consultation, including ARPA, and be completed within a 12 to 18 month period.

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### RISING COSTS OF DELIVERING SPORT & RECREATION

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Moved by:	<b>Original Signed</b> _____	<b>Darrell Melvie</b> _____	<b>286</b> _____
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Whereas: The environment within sport and recreation services are delivered in Alberta has changed significantly in recent years as a result of such things as:

- government fiscal restraint measures
- deregulation of public utilities
- increasing reliance and pressures on the voluntary sector,
- aging community recreation infrastructure; and,

Whereas: Increasing costs associated with:

- utilities (e.g. costs associated with electricity, gas, water, etc.)
- insurance (e.g. public liability, directors and officer liability, professional indemnity and personal accident and injury premiums)
- pricing policies (e.g. fees and charges pertaining to sport and recreation activities)
- legal (e.g. dispute resolutions and other circumstances associated with attracting people to administer and officiate at a community level)
- other statutory requirements (e.g. administrative costs and restrictions associated with charitable gaming, fundraising, taxation, etc.)
- are impacting the delivery of sport and recreation services and are becoming increasing impediments to the provision of quality, accessible sport and recreation opportunities throughout the province;

**Be it resolved that:** Association members request that the provincial government create an independent task group to assess such increasing costs; their implications for effective delivery of sport and recreation services; and, to recommend appropriate remedial action and sustainable practices as warranted.

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### TOBACCO REDUCTION

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Moved by:	<b>Original Signed</b> _____ Signature	<b>Judith Moodie</b> _____ Print Name	<b>4043</b> _____ Membership #
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**Note: Movers and Seconders must be individual, corporate or municipal members of ARPA. Municipal representatives must be elected or appointed officials designated by the community.**

Whereas: ARPA supports the goal of the “Alberta Tobacco Reduction Strategy” to denormalize the use of tobacco by:

- Reducing the number of young people starting to use tobacco and
- Reducing non-smoking exposure to second-hand smoke

Whereas: ARPA is an association dedicated to promoting healthy, active lifestyles for Albertans

Whereas: ARPA has a role to play in promoting safe and healthy facilities in which Albertans can work and play

**Be it resolved that:** the Association adopt the Tobacco Reduction Position Paper (2003) as circulated to the membership in the Summer 2003 ARPA Newsletter and as posted on the Association website.

**Background:** During the past year, ARPA has been asked to provide support for a number of tobacco reduction initiatives. In response to these requests, the Association has chosen to clarify its position with regard to tobacco reduction in a Tobacco Reduction Position Paper.