



SPORT IN THE COMMUNITY – LONG TERM ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT MODEL AND RECREATION

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Whereas:

Most Canadians believe and research supports that community sport helps people of all ages develop positive life skills, strive for excellence, develop fair play and respect for others, foster teamwork and positively effects communities by helping to reduce crime, providing for alternative recreation activities, connecting community members and developing community pride; and

Whereas:

The 2002 national public opinion survey on ‘Youth and Sports’ discovered that few Canadians believe sport is fully realizing its potential to deliver on these outcomes; and,

Whereas:

The community recreation and parks delivery system is well positioned to work with sport in addressing systemic conditions constraining sport from becoming what it could be; and,

Whereas:

Working with children and youth sport organizations, school systems and others, community recreation and parks departments can and should play a pivotal role in ensuring that community sport fulfills its tremendous potential for positive child and youth development; and

Whereas:

The LTAD (“Sport for Life”) model recognizes the value of play and clearly links to the program and facility that the recreation and parks community provides; therefore

Be it resolved that:

ARPA acknowledge and embrace the Canadian ‘Sport for Life’ program at all levels as representing a new model for sport development in Alberta and Alberta communities; and

Be it further resolved that:

ARPA establish a working group to determine the most promising ways in which community recreation and parks departments can facilitate and advance “sport for life’ at the local grassroots level. This working group to report back its findings within 12 months.



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RECONNECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH NATURE AND THE OUTDOORS

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Whereas:

A growing body of research suggests that the lack of nature in the lives of today's 'wired' generation is resulting in a growing "nature-deficit disorder"; and,

Whereas:

Exposure to nature, nature appreciation and outdoor recreation are known to create a strong link to reducing negative stress, building and protecting psychological and spiritual well-being, and reducing obesity as well as other chronic illnesses; and,

Whereas:

There is currently no:

- interdisciplinary venue for gathering and sharing peer-to-peer strategies and resources for fundamental change in reconnecting our children and families with nature;
- collection and redistribution point for the growing body of research and best practices to foster community and corporate commitment;
- place to share the personal and professional stories and anecdotes; and,
- place to find the tools and resources for implementing and sustaining a regional, provincial, national or international campaign.

Be it resolved that:

ARPA assume a leadership role to work in active partnership with other allied stakeholders to develop an integrated province-wide strategy to prevent "nature-deficit disorder" in Alberta; and,

Be it further resolved that:

In the short to medium term, ARPA should pursue:

- a strategic alliance with the international Children & Nature Network; and,
- the initiation of a provincial dialogue on "Children, Families and Nature"; and,
- the establishment and maintenance of a web-based portal for purposes of collecting and disseminating relevant information and tools.



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THE LOBBYISTS ACT

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Whereas:

The provincial government has drafted “Bill 1: *The Lobbyists Act*” (for consideration in the 2007 Fall Sitting of the Alberta Legislature) which is intended to enhance the transparency of provincial government operations, relations and activities; and,

Whereas:

An analytical report by the Legal Resource Centre of Alberta, undertaken on behalf of the Muttart Foundation, found that the Act (as drafted) would likely have substantial negative impacts on Alberta’s voluntary sector; and,

Whereas:

Such negative impacts of this Act would include:

- the imposition of a significant administrative burden on public-service based, not-for-profit organizations;
- creating an unnecessary and burdensome conflict between government transparency, on the one hand, and the provision of public good services through the voluntary sector; and,
- implementing a significant penalty system, should not-for-profit organizations be found to be in non-compliance with the Act; and,

Whereas:

Such impacts will tend to inhibit democratic conversations and force not-for-profit associations and government away from beneficial collaborations, which is particularly counter-productive in this era of “*shared governance*”.

Be it resolved that:

ARPA align with the Muttart Foundation and other voluntary sector organizations to seek exemption from the Lobbyists Act for public-service based not-for-profit organizations (unless they hire professional contracted lobbyists).