

Shared Strategy for Advancing Recreation in Nova Scotia

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Shared between:

Communities, Culture & Heritage (CCH)

(provincial government)

<https://cch.novascotia.ca/>

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&

Recreation Nova Scotia (RNS)

(the recreation sector)

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A Framework for Recreation in Canada 2015

Pathways to Wellbeing

A Joint Initiative of the Interprovincial Sport and Recreation Council
and the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association





Goal 1: Active Living

To foster active, healthy living through recreation.



Goal 2: Inclusion and Access

To increase inclusion and access to recreation for populations that face constraints to participation.



Goal 3: Connecting People and Nature

To help people connect to nature through recreation.



Goal 4: Supportive Environments

To ensure the provision of supportive physical and social environments that encourage participation in recreation and build strong, caring communities.



Goal 5: Recreation Capacity

To ensure the continued growth and sustainability of the recreation field.

Goal #1: Active Living.

Foster active living through physical recreation

Nova Scotia Priorities:

- 1.1 Nova Scotians have the recreation competencies and physical literacy to be active for life
- 1.2 Children and their families are physically active every day, playing in a variety of settings with an emphasis on engaging in the outdoors
- 1.3 Older adults are regularly engaged in recreation



Goal #2: Inclusion and Access. Increase inclusion and access to recreation for populations that face constraints to participation

Nova Scotia Priorities:

- 2.1 Constraints to participation in recreation experiences are eliminated for all children and youth
- 2.2 Participation in recreation by Nova Scotians from diverse populations, communities, and cultures is free of constraints and significantly expanded.
- 2.3 Equitable participation by all women and girls

Goal # 3: Connecting people and nature.

Help people connect to nature through recreation

Nova Scotia Priorities:

- 3.1 The number of Nova Scotians recreating outdoors is significantly increased
- 3.2 Recreation policies and practices minimize negative impacts on the natural environment



Goal # 4: Supportive environments. Ensure the provision of supportive physical and social environments that encourage participation in recreation and help build strong, caring communities

Nova Scotia Priorities:

- 4.1 Built and natural environments inspire and support recreation in communities
- 4.2 Social environments encourage participation in recreation and build strong, caring communities



Goal #5: Recreation Capacity. Ensure the continued growth and sustainability of the recreation field

Nova Scotia Priorities:

- 5.1 Professionals and volunteers excel as leaders in the sector
- 5.2 Recreation is contributing in substantive ways to the public good and is therefore recognized as essential for healthy, vibrant communities
- 5.3 Strengthened alignment of priorities, collaborations and sharing of resources within recreation and across other sectors
- 5.4 Improved access to quality information that supports evidence based planning and decision making

New Definition of Recreation

The **experience** that results from freely-chosen participation in physical, social, intellectual, creative and spiritual pursuits that enhance individual and community wellbeing.



New Home at CCH

Mandate

The Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage is responsible for contributing to the **well-being** and prosperity of Nova Scotia's **diverse and creative communities** through the promotion, development, preservation and **celebration** of our **culture**, heritage, identity and languages, and; by providing leadership, expertise and innovation to our **stakeholders**.

Vision

A Province which enhances pride in our **creative and diverse communities and people**, allowing us to embrace our past and influence our future.

Mission

The Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage supports our internal and external stakeholders and communities with **best practice** services, programs and policies that preserve and provide access to Nova Scotia's **life-long learning, culture**, heritage, identity and languages.

Business Plan 2016–2017

Department of Communities,
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Links to Government Priorities

People

CCH will enhance government's outcome that Nova Scotia's population is growing, productive and thriving. Specifically, we will contribute to the goal of:

- Improving communities and social well-being

Specific actions to be undertaken by CCH include:

1. Promote and celebrate cultural expression and identity and build capacity within Nova Scotia's diverse communities by:
 - a. Strategically aligning Communities Nova Scotia within the department to help build capacity.
 - b. Modernizing the Multiculturalism Act.
2. Lead and prepare a substantive plan for Nova Scotia's participation in Canada's 150 for 2017.
3. Collaborate with Engage Nova Scotia and Office of Immigration to support the development of welcoming communities.
4. Lead, in partnership with Recreation Nova Scotia, the implementation of the Nova Scotia Shared Strategy for Recreation.



Communities, Sport and Recreation Division (CSR)

- In CCH there are six divisions plus a Policy Secretariat
- We are now part of the **CSR division**

Other divisions are:

- Culture and Heritage Development (CHD)
- Archives, Museums, Libraries (AML)
- African Nova Scotian Affairs (ANSA)
- Gaelic Affairs
- Acadian Affairs

Communities Nova Scotia

Communities Nova Scotia serves established and emerging not-for-profit organizations that represent Nova Scotians, including those which represent traditionally marginalized groups. Programs offered by the unit encourage and enable more participation by all Nova Scotians

Investing in our Future: <https://cch.novascotia.ca/>

- Diversity and Community Capacity Fund (DCCF)
- Mi'kmaq Cultural Activities Program (MCAP)
- Diverse Communities Operating Fund
- Community Facilities Improvement Program (CFIP)
- Legions Capital Assistance Program (LCAP)

Promising Practises

- Promising Practices page on the RNS website:
- <http://www.recreationns.ns.ca/resources-3/promising-practices/>

Highlights

- The Shared Strategy is shared with the recreation sector
- NS is the first province to advance the national framework with a provincial strategy
- Alignment for recreation: nationally, provincially and locally
- Great synergy between our work and our new home in CCH
- Great enthusiasm, support and momentum with the sector

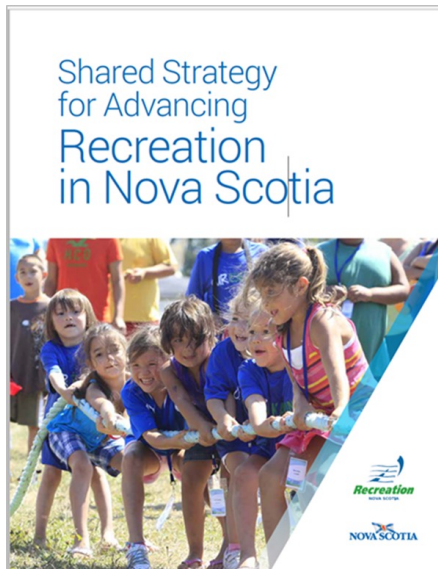


Questions?

Comments?



Thank you



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Things to know

- Culture Action Plan
- F/P/T Ministers Priorities
 - Sport and recreation infrastructure
- Accessibility Legislation
 - Built Environment -includes all buildings and infrastructure: publicly owned buildings; privately owned buildings; publicly owned pedestrian rights-of-way; **recreational** facilities such as ball fields, pools, and parks; and privately owned homes