



Anti-Racism Charter in Recreation Launch

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"THIS IS A CELEBRATORY EVENT!" "RACISM... WE NEED TO GET RID OF IT; IT'S DONE. TIRED."
"Recreation is a powerful tool... that brings people together."

HOW WE GOT HERE:



INCLUSION & ACCESS
WAS THE GOAL

STEPS:



SURVEYS WERE CRUCIAL
WHAT IS RACISM?
HOW DO YOU EXPERIENCE RACISM?



CLOSED BIPOC SPACES
WERE CRUCIAL IN THE
DESIGN OF THIS PROJECT

BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION
REPRESENTATION • TRANSPORTATION
RACISM/STEREOTYPES • ACCESS, ETC.



"WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS
WITHOUT YOU!"

IT TOOK MANY TEAMS TO GET THIS CHARTER COMPLETED.

STAKEHOLDERS:



"IT'S A GOOD START...
BUT IT'S JUST THE
BEGINNING."



"SENSE OF BELONGING"
IS CRITICAL. "THAT STRONGER
SENSE OF COMMUNITY."

HOW CAN IMMIGRANTS EXPAND
OUR DEFINITION OF AND KNOWLEDGE
AROUND RECREATION?



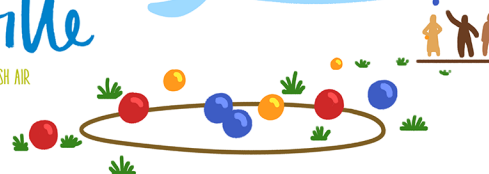
"THE SIGNING OF THIS CHARTER
IS A PUBLIC COMMITMENT..." TO A
MORE INCLUSIVE AND ACCOUNTABLE
SURF SCENE IN NOVA SCOTIA.



"WE WANT TO BE PART OF
THAT CHANGE... SEE THROUGH
DIVERSE EYES."



"PLAY IS INVALUABLE WHEN IT
COMES TO BRINGING COMMUNITIES
TOGETHER."



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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

WHERE AM I ALLOWED TO GO
FOR RECREATION & LEISURE?
IN THE SKIN I'M IN...



- "WHEN DID YOU START SEEING 'WHITE'?"
- WE OFTEN HIRE/INTERACT W/ PEOPLE WHO LOOK LIKE US.
- NOVA SCOTIA HAS A LONG HISTORY OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST BIPOC POPULATIONS IN SPITE OF ITS HISTORY OF DIVERSITY
- "LITTLE TO NO ACCESS" TO LEISURE & RECREATION FOR BIPOC COMMUNITIES - PEOPLE WERE DENIED ACCESS TO PRACTICE THEIR OWN CULTURE.-
- "WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE COMPROMISED BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES." EVEN ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER.
- BIPOC COMMUNITIES HAVE HAD TO BE RESOURCEFUL & INVENTIVE ABOUT FINDING & CREATING SUPPORT FOR THEMSELVES
- "WE NEED TO BE THANKFUL" FOR STORIES THAT TEACH US ABOUT RACISM IN SPORTS "BUT WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO LEARN FROM THEIR PAIN."
- PRESTON IS THE LARGEST BLACK TOWNSHIP IN CANADA BUT IT IS NOT PROVIDED ACCESS & INFRASTRUCTURE EQUAL TO NEIGHBOURING WHITE NEIGHBOURHOODS. "IF THAT ISN'T RACISM, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS."
- WHITE PEOPLE ARE SHOCKED AT BIPOC PEOPLE ENGAGING IN ORDINARY RECREATION, LIKE WALKING YOUR DOG, PLAYING HOCKEY, SWIMMING... "HOW DID THEY LEARN HOW TO DO THAT?"
- LET'S INCLUDE INDIGENOUS RECREATION IN OUR SCHOOL PROGRAMS!

THIS ANTI-RACISM CHARTER 'SURPASSES'
WHAT WE TRIED TO DO IN THE PAST.



"I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD
TO A CHANGE IN OUR PROFESSION!"