

# ONTARIO PARASPORT STRATEGY

Canadian Sport for Life Summit

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## OUR STORY A COLLECTIVE IS FORMED

2013

### ONTARIO PARASPORT SUMMIT

Ontario partners in Parasport gather to discuss opportunities in the province

2015

### TORONTO PARAPAN AM GAMES

Partners formalize OPLG and implement legacy plan with target municipalities

PRESENT

### DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGY

Plan which will align efforts across the parasport sector

2014

### ONTARIO PARASPORT LEGACY GROUP

Partners formalize OPLG and begin to build a legacy plan

2016

### FORMATION OF THE COLLECTIVE

The OPLG expanded to include additional members. The group lead discussions on next steps and working as a collaborative to guide, support, and align efforts



# ONTARIO PARASPORT COLLECTIVE

Abilities Centre  
Alpine Ontario / CADS Ontario  
Athletics Ontario  
Coaches Association of Ontario  
Canadian Disability Participation Project  
Canadian Paralympic Committee  
Canadian Sport Institute Ontario  
City of Toronto  
Cross Country Ontario  
Ontario Blind Sports Association

Ontario Cerebral Palsy Sports Association  
Ontario Curling Council  
Ontario Cycling Association  
Ontario Soccer Association  
Ontario Wheelchair Sports Association  
ParaSport Ontario  
Swim Ontario  
Variety Village  
Western University

## PRINCIPLES

# GUIDING OUR WORK TOGETHER

United by our passion for and commitment to parasport in Ontario we believe in:

**SPORT DRIVEN SYSTEM**

A sport-specific lens drives the desire to align parasport pathways, with athletes at the centre.

**COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS**

Principled engagement, shared motivation, and an intention for joint action drive our common vision.

**BUILDING OUR SHARED STORY**

A focus on sharing the inspiring and compelling stories of our para athletes and leaders in Ontario.

**FLEXIBLE ENGAGEMENT**

We are responsive and adaptable.

**FUNCTION BEFORE FORM**

The structure will evolve as we continue to work cooperatively.

**SYSTEM ALIGNMENT**

Integration of sport strategies across municipal, regional, provincial, territorial and national priorities.

**MEASUREABLE IMPACT**

We strive to be evidence-informed and commit to ongoing data collection and assessment.







# OUR VISION

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**THE ONTARIO PARASPORT COLLECTIVE WILL ENHANCE ACCESS AND ENGAGEMENT IN QUALITY SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL ONTARIANS WITH A DISABILITY BY 2025.**

# OUR MISSION

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IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE OUR SHARED VISION OF AN INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE PARASPORT SYSTEM IN ONTARIO, A MULTI-LEVEL, MULTI-SECTORAL APPROACH IS NEEDED.

## OUR MISSION AS THE COLLECTIVE IS TO:

- **Enhance participation:** More Ontarians are participating in quality parasport programs.
- **Enhance excellence:** Increase representation of and support success for Ontario para athletes at provincial, national, and international Games.
- **Enhance awareness:** Increase awareness of our champions and their achievements.
- **Enhance system development:** More sport leaders connecting to a strong network of aligned parasport partners and committing to increased parasport support.
- **Enhance collaboration:** Continued investment in strengthening the relationship within The Collective and other partners for joint action in achieving our goals.
- **Enhance capacity for parasport:** Increase funding and support for parasport initiatives.



# THE STRATEGY PROCESS

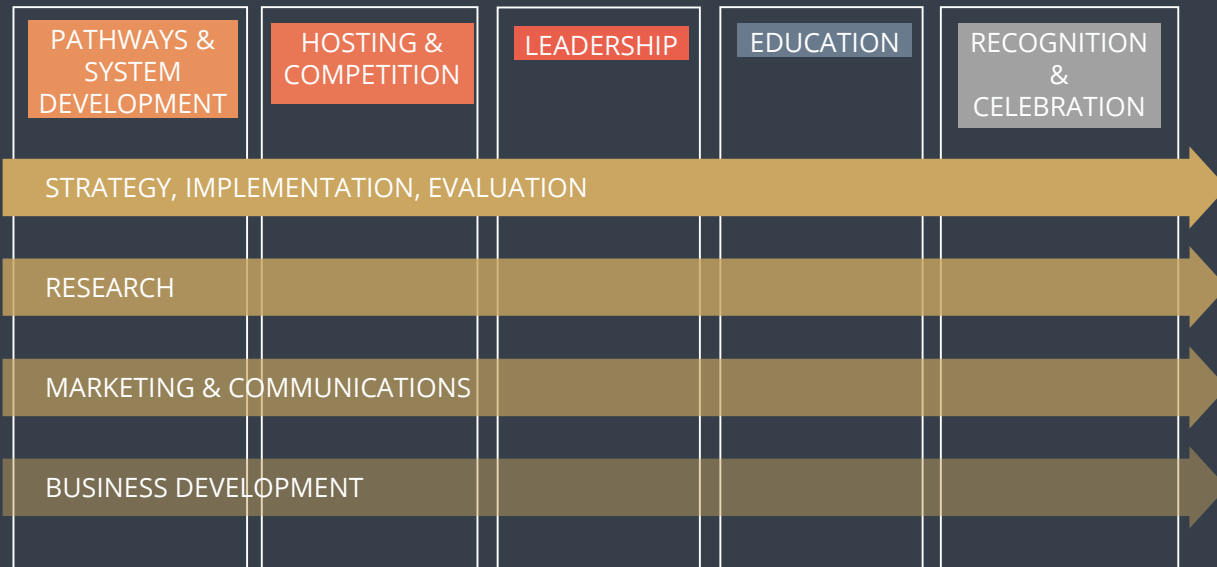
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## PARASPORT STRATEGY FRAMEWORK

The Ontario Parasport Strategy is grounded by 5 pillars that will ensure a functional and well represented sport plan.

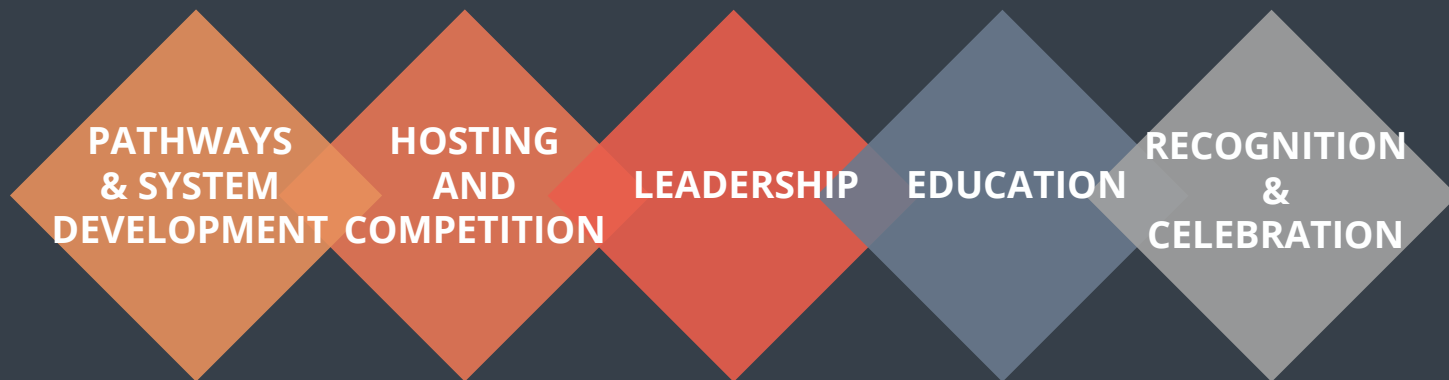
- The CORE pillars of the Ontario Parasport Strategy is sport focused - we aspire to support our athletes to ensure they can achieve their goals.
- In order to SUPPORT the pillars, foundations for business development, strategy, implementation and evaluation, research and marketing & communications, are embedded through each.





# THE CORE PILLARS

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# **PATHWAYS & SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT**

**TO ALIGN AND INTEGRATE THE PARASPORT PATHWAY FOR ONTARIANS**



# HOSTING & COMPETITION

TO CREATE APPROPRIATE COMPETITION STRUCTURES AND A HOSTING  
STRATEGY FOR PARASPORT IN ONTARIO





# LEADERSHIP

**TO DEVELOP THE CURRENT AND FUTURE CAPACITY OF SPORT LEADERS, INCLUDING THE COACHES, OFFICIALS, CLASSIFIERS AND ADMINISTRATORS WHO LEAD PARASPORT IN ONTARIO.**



# EDUCATION

**TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION AND AWARENESS THROUGH LEVERAGING PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE EDUCATION SECTOR ACROSS ALL LEVELS**





# RECOGNITION & CELEBRATION

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOUR ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR ATHLETES, LEADERS  
AND PARTNERS IN ONTARIO

# PILLAR SUPPORT

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STRATEGY, IMPLEMENTATION, EVALUATION

RESEARCH

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

# TAKEAWAYS

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- Collective impact
- Identify priority areas
- Strategic partnerships
- Evaluation framework

# NEXT STEPS

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# QUESTIONS?

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