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

2014

Ontario Parasport Legacy Group
Partners formalize OPLG and begin to build a legacy plan

2015

Toronto Parapan Am Games
Partners formalize OPLG and implement legacy plan with target municipalities

2016

Development of a Strategy
Plan which will align efforts across the parasport sector

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.

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

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

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

FLEXIBLE ENGAGEMENT
We are responsive and adaptable.

FUNCTION BEFORE FORM
The structure will evolve as we continue to work cooperatively.

MEASURABLE IMPACT
We strive to be evidence-informed and commit to ongoing data collection and assessment.
OUR VISION

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

WHERE ARE WE?

WHAT ARE OUR ASPIRATIONS?

WHERE WILL WE PLAY?

HOW WILL WE SUCCEED?

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

MONITORING AND EVALUATION
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

PATHWAYS & SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT  HOSTING AND COMPETITION  LEADERSHIP  EDUCATION  RECOGNITION & CELEBRATION
TO ALIGN AND INTEGRATE THE PARASPORT PATHWAY FOR ONTARIANS

PATHWAYS & SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT
HOSTING & COMPETITION

TO CREATE APPROPRIATE COMPETITION STRUCTURES AND A HOSTING STRATEGY FOR PARASPORT IN ONTARIO
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
TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOUR ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR ATHLETES, LEADERS AND PARTNERS IN ONTARIO
PILLAR SUPPORT

- STRATEGY, IMPLEMENTATION, EVALUATION
- RESEARCH
- MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS
- BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
TAKEAWAYS

- Collective impact
- Identify priority areas
- Strategic partnerships
- Evaluation framework
NEXT STEPS
QUESTIONS?