



## MEDIA RELEASE

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In partnership, Recreation Nova Scotia (RNS) and the Recreation Facility Association of Nova Scotia (RFANS) are pleased to announce that funding has been received from the Province of Nova Scotia's Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage, for the purpose of professional development of recreational practitioners from across the province.

For the first time since the COVID 19 pandemic began the Atlantic recreation sector will be meeting face to face at the fourth Atlantic Recreation and Facilities Conference and Trade Show (AFRC).

'Focused on the Future – Come Share Your Vision' is the theme of the 2022 ARFC. Recreation Prince Edward Island, Recreation Nova Scotia, Recreation Facility Association of NS, Recreation New Brunswick and Recreation Newfoundland and Labrador are partnering to offer the fourth edition of this event May 18th – 20th, 2022 in St. John's, NL. RFANS and RNS partner with Recreation NB, Recreation PEI, and Recreation NL to host this conference once every two years.

Today we are pleased to announce that Nova Scotia's Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage has generously provided \$28,500 towards the subsidization of professional development opportunities through the AFRC. The funding will be dispersed equitably between members of the two associations.

"The Nova Scotia Government is pleased to support this professional development opportunity for our recreation sector," said Pat Dunn, Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage. "Access to recreation is a vital part of healthy, vibrant communities. Events like this conference help sector leaders build capacity and encourage participation in recreation, sport and physical activity."

This funding will go toward supporting RFANS and RNS members with the cost of thirty (30) conference registration fees (15 RNS and 15 RFANS) to attend this engaging event which will

provide professional development used to promote healthy, vibrant community growth, innovation, diversity and inclusion and collaboration through networking and connecting with peers in the sector.

“Recreation facilities personnel in Atlantic Canada are excited to have the opportunity to attend the Atlantic Recreation and Facilities Conference in St. John’s, NL in May 2022. RFANS thanks the Province of NS’s Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage for their continued support of our provincial recreation facilities, and for ensuring they have access to engaging professional development opportunities within our industry” said Bob Quigley, President of RFANS.

Funding is also being made available to provide five (5) full conference packages (travel, accommodations, and conference registrations) to applicants from the following equity groups: youth, disabled, Indigenous persons, African Nova Scotians, or other racially visible persons. RFANS and RNS will accept applications and award subsidies based on a determined set of criteria and an equitable approval process.

“RNS is committed to providing educational opportunities within the sector for our members. This funding provides access to a professional development opportunity that might not exist without the support from the Province of Nova Scotia” said Gord Tate, President of RNS.

Subsidy applications can be found at:

<https://form.jotform.com/220405195462047>

Both Recreation Nova Scotia and RFANS wish to thank the Government of Nova Scotia for their continued support of the Recreation sector.

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