

RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE A SHARED STRATEGY FOR ADVANCING RECREATION NOVA SCOTIA - FALL 2015

WHEREAS recreation has an almost unlimited power and potential to contribute to wellbeing and life satisfaction, to enhance communities and local environments and to promote and maintain healthy, active lifestyles which contribute significantly to the quality of life in Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS a shared strategy would focus, energize and promote collaboration among all stakeholders of the recreation sector; and

WHEREAS in November 2010, RNS membership passed a resolution supporting a collaborative effort to develop a provincial recreation policy to support and build on our 40 year history of meaningful contribution to our way of life and communities in Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS in the fall of 2012, the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities' membership passed a resolution asking the province to develop a provincial recreation policy; and

WHEREAS in October 2013, RNS and the Department of Health and Wellness signed a Project Charter outlining a process for the development of a collaborative provincial recreation strategy; and

WHEREAS in February 2015, along with the other provinces and territories, the government of Nova Scotia endorsed the '*Framework for Recreation in Canada 2015: Pathways to Wellbeing*' which guides and stimulates coordinated policies and practices to improve the wellbeing of individuals, communities, and the built and natural environment through recreation; and

WHEREAS the *Shared Strategy for Advancing Recreation in Nova Scotia* adopted the following goals which are taken from the *Framework for Recreation in Canada*: active living, inclusion and access, connecting people and nature, supportive environments and recreation capacity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of RNS recognizes and celebrates this milestone and endorses the *Shared Strategy for Advancing Recreation in Nova Scotia*.