



**BC** wheelchair basketball

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2019-2020



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THAT THE BC WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL  
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# MISSION

TO PROVIDE EXPERIENCES THAT  
INSPIRE INCLUSION, PARTICIPATION  
AND EXCELLENCE THROUGH  
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL.

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# VISION

EVERYONE HAS THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO BE INCLUDED  
IN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello to all members,

The 2019-2020 season was one like no other. It started with us initiating our strategic planning process for the coming years, preparing to host junior west nationals, preparations for our season and the prospects of a Paralympic Games in Tokyo to stir our excitement while kindling our imagination. As we all have experienced and are aware, none of this came to fruition. I hope that you all have been able to manage our collective challenging environment safely.

During this period I want to say how impressed I have been with all the staff at BCWBS. They have worked together and supported each other through this stressful time to provide the realigned services we were able to. The work by Marni and Simon on our Return to Play planning has put us in a great position to start back into basketball when the right time presents itself. This road will be different for each region, club and individual, but we will do our best to support you when the time is right.

We have a departure from our BCWBS family to announce. Ewa Holder has made a difficult decision and will be moving on from our board of directors. I want to thank her for all her support and work helping our organization. She has been a great asset that we have relied on and she will be missed.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me through any platform that works for you. I want to hear from you so that we can work together to improve our organization.

Stay safe and wash your hands.

Sincerely,



Bo Hedges  
Chair, BCWBS Board of Directors

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS LIST

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello to all our members and partners,

Our 2019-2020 season certainly ended sooner than expected, but I want to acknowledge the successes and achievements we made before our world changed dramatically!

So let's focus on all the good stuff that has happened over the last year. Everyone at BCWBS was so excited to watch the ParaPan American games in Lima, 2019, and celebrate the success of the Canadian Women's team returning home with the gold medal and the Canadian Men's team returning home with the silver medal – Congratulations and we are so proud of our BC athletes – Bo Hedges, Deion Green, Tara Llanes and Kady Dandeneau!!

Winter 2020 brought the BC Winter Games to Fort St. John, and what a great games they were! In the lead up to the BC games, BCWBS was able to host an officials clinic in Prince George and train two new officials. The energy in the north continued to build with two northern zones joining the four additional zones from across BC, in the hard fought wheelchair basketball competition. I would like to thank Nadine as our provincial advisor for these games and acknowledge all of her hard work, passion and enthusiasm that enabled all of our juniors to have such a great experience. Thanks to Simon for coaching his own zone, in addition to the support and mentorship he gave to the other zone coaches; five of which were player alumni from the 2019 Canada Winter Games. We truly appreciated everyone that made these games a huge success!

Even though we were unable to host the BC-CWBL finals and Annual Awards dinner, we were thrilled to announce this year's winners and proudly induct Jaimie Borisoff, Tim Frick and Kathy Newman into the BCWBS Hall of Fame. Kathy Newman was also inducted into the Canadian Paralympic Hall of Fame in 2019. Congratulations to all of these great builders and athletes.

BCWBS has been working diligently with other sport organisations across BC to ensure we are compliant with the Safe Sport legislation and our staff have been completing the Respect in Sport and Commit to

Kids training, as well as supporting our club leaders to complete this training for their regions.

Amongst many other events in spring 2020, we sadly had to cancel our annual Hoopfest. We are grateful for the continued commitment from YVR for their sponsorship, along with a grant from CIBC, that enables us to support our ongoing programs. We hope to see our Hoopfest teams and partners again in 2021!

An exciting project that moved ahead throughout the year was the development of our new website and rebranding. We are so grateful to the expertise and creativity of the team at Victory and for their incredible sponsorship. The new website has just launched and is first class! The new look and feel of our brand and website will continue to help us to reach our members, partners, funders and the greater community, to tell our stories in a fresh way and bring more people into our amazing sport.

Thank you to Michelle Comeau our Communications Manager, for being the driving force on this project, utilizing her own talents and hard work to bring it to fruition.

Thank you again to our staff, Marni, Simon, Nadine, Orion, Makiko, Elizabeth and Michelle for all of their hard work over the year and in navigating and mitigating the impact of the pandemic! Also, a huge thanks to all our club leaders, coaches, and volunteers across BC for their continued hard work.

Finally thank you to viaSport and the Government of BC and all of our partners and funders that have continued to support BCWBS over this challenging year.

Here's to being back on the court and meanwhile staying connected to everyone 'virtually'!

Sincerely



Sian Blyth

## BRITISH COLUMBIA WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL SOCIETY REBRAND

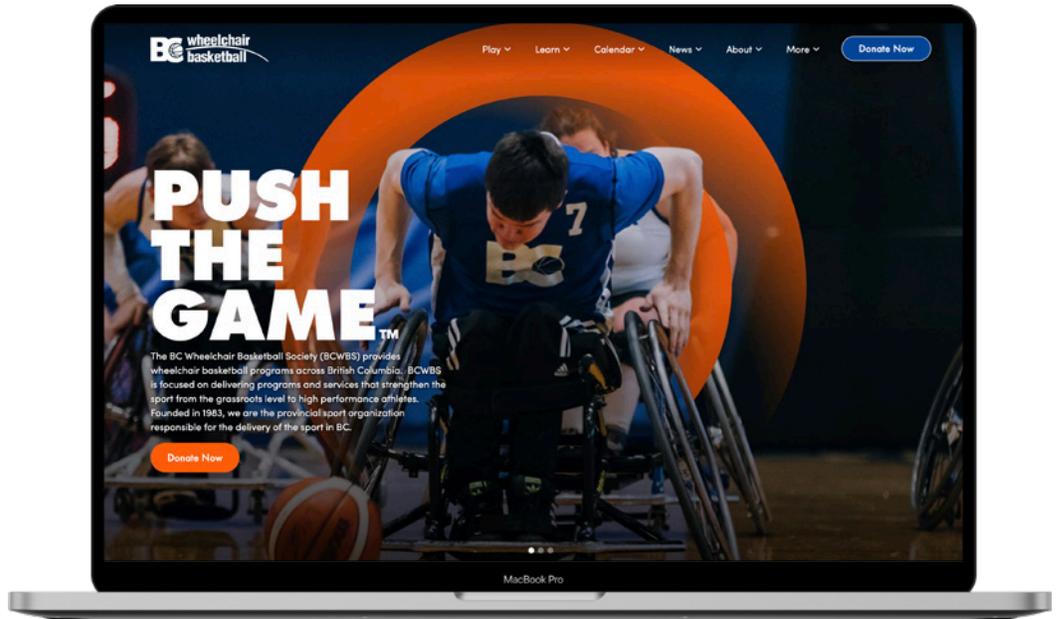
In 2020, as part of our mission to reach our members, partners, and improve outreach to the greater community, we launched a revamped brand into the market. Our new look and feel injects vibrance and energy into our brand at all touchpoints. As you can see in this report, overall graphic platform is bold and optimistic, an emphasis on inclusion while stepping up our game in terms of design.

Our new tagline – ‘PUSH THE GAME’ – speaks to our plans of both taking Wheelchair Basketball in BC to greater heights, as well as introducing more and more people to our wonderful game.



# PUSH THE GAME™

As part of this brand refresh, a new web platform was also developed, which went live in October. Please visit us at [bcwbs.ca](http://bcwbs.ca) to see the results of everyone’s hard work.



## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

### HOOPFEST 2020

In 2019 we hosted the 25th Anniversary Hoopfest, presented by YVR- The Vancouver Airport Authority, and set records in many ways. Unfortunately, with the Global Corona Virus Pandemic's arrival, March 2020, we were not able to host the Hoopfest 2020 as originally planned. We are looking forward to 2021 and hope you will enjoy a little recap of our 25th Anniversary event.

Big shout out to Victory Creative Group for ensuring our 25th Anniversary was one to relive when ever we need some motivation to Push The Game.

### 25th Anniversary

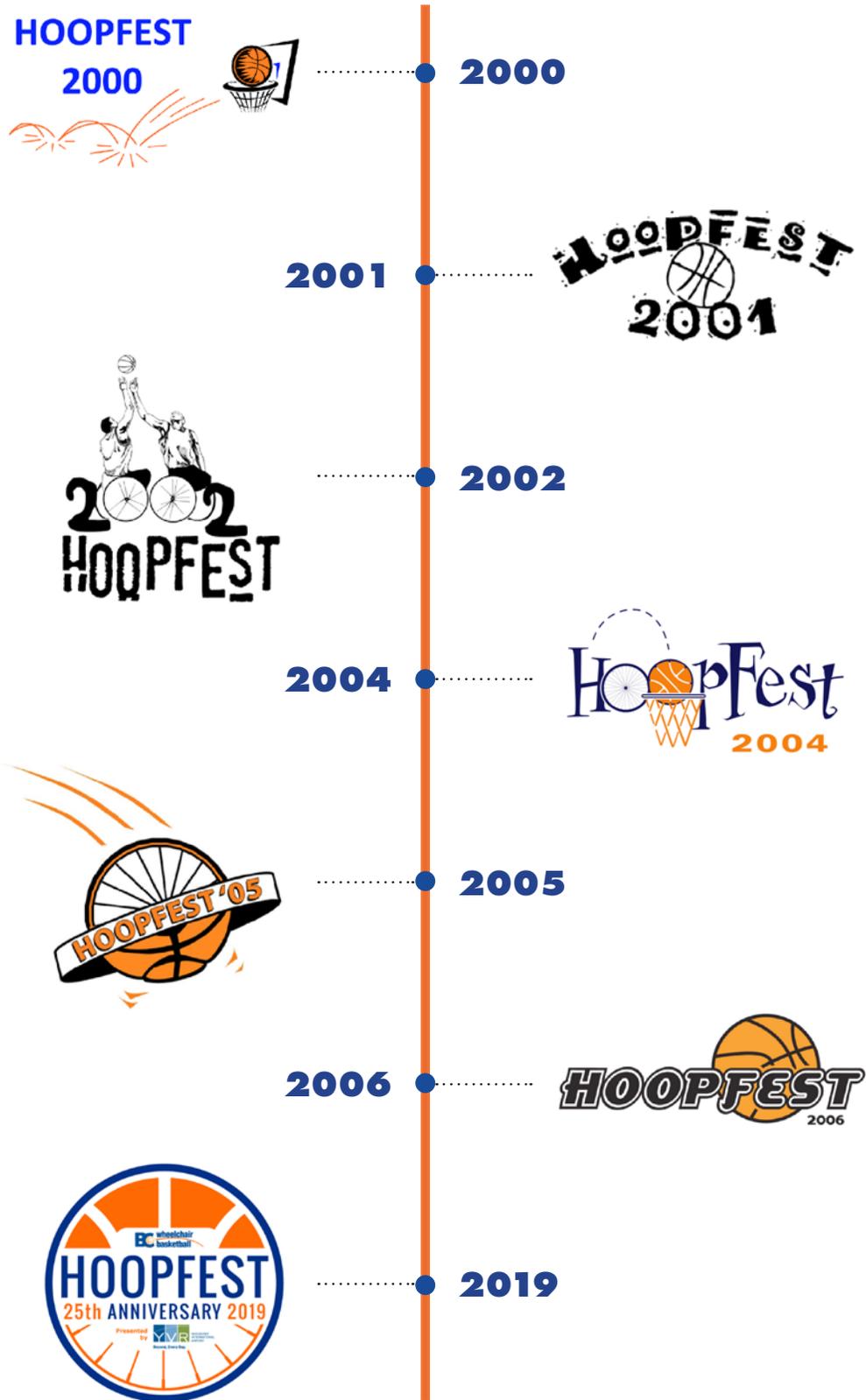


[Click to watch 25th anniversary video](#)



SURREY FIRE FIGHTERS, 2019 HOOPFEST CHAMPIONS, WITH COACH DAN COOMBS, KASA

## A HISTORY OF HOOPFEST



## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

### HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CLASS OF 2020

In 2020 BC Wheelchair Basketball inducted our second Hall of Fame Class, Class of 2020. We are extremely proud to acknowledge Jaimie Borisoff, Tim Frick and Kathy Newman in the On-Court and Builder categories with BC Wheelchair Basketball Society, giving back to the sport and community as our Class of 2020.

#### JAIMIE BORISOFF

Jaimie Borisoff, Vancouver, was introduced to wheelchair basketball while in rehab following a spinal cord injury and quickly moved through the system to represent his country. Jaimie was considered a leading member of the Canadian Men's National Wheelchair Basketball Team from 1995-2008 and the BC Provincial Team from 1991 – 2012. As a starter, he led Canada and BC when they were at their best internationally and provincially. His athletic ability, intelligence, leadership skills and competitiveness set him apart and made him a leader on and off the court.

He was a voice for his teams throughout his playing career, with teammates counting on him to confidently represent their team with officials, opponents, and coaching staff. Jaimie was always trying to improve his game by experimenting with his strapping and chair positioning while helping new lower class players do the same. He played as much with his mind as he did with his athletic ability, understanding what it would take to win every time he went onto the court.

As a class one athlete, he revolutionized the sport. He was always striving to make his teammates and the sport better. Jaimie was trusted by his teammates, with many great players who played for Canada considering Jaimie to be their leader.



- 2-time Paralympic Gold Medalist, Paralympic Silver Medallist
- World Champion Gold Medallist and 2-time World Champion Bronze Medallist
- 1998 World All-Star Team
- 8-time National Champions with Team BC and 11-time Nationals All-star Team
- 2008 NWBA Division 1 Champions with BC Cable Cars
- 5-time CWBL National Champions with Douglas College
- BC Wheelchair Sports Association Athlete of the Year, 1998, 2006
- BC Wheelchair Basketball Society Male Athlete of the Year, 2002, 2006
- Wheelchair Basketball Canada Male Athlete of the Year, 2007
- Wheelchair Basketball Canada Hall of Fame: Team Inductee, 2001, 2005, 2007
- Sport BC Athlete with a Disability of the Year, 1999
- Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal: Governor General, 2012
- University of British Columbia Athlete Big Block Award, 1996

All of these sport accomplishments were achieved while still attending university and becoming a Doctor in engineering! As the Canada Research Chair, Dr. Jaimie Borisoff is dedicated to making lives of those with disabilities better through rehabilitation engineering design. Rehabilitation engineering design looks at how people use devices in real life and, based on these observations, designs better versions.

Jaimie throughout his career showed not only he was a leader but strove to ensure all he did on and off the court made Canada a world leader too!

We acknowledge Jaimie Borisoff as an athlete in the On Court category with BC Wheelchair Basketball Society, creating a legacy to the sport and community.

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

### TIM FRICK

Tim Frick, of Pender Island, has changed the sport of wheelchair basketball worldwide with his positive attitude and enthusiasm for the game. As head coach of the Canadian women's wheelchair basketball team from 1990 to 2009, Tim developed Team Canada into one of the most dominant teams in the history of Canadian sports. They went on a decade-long undefeated streak in major international competition, including winning an unprecedented three consecutive Paralympic gold medals in 1992, 1996 and 2000, and also four consecutive World Championship titles in 1994, 1998, 2002 and 2006.

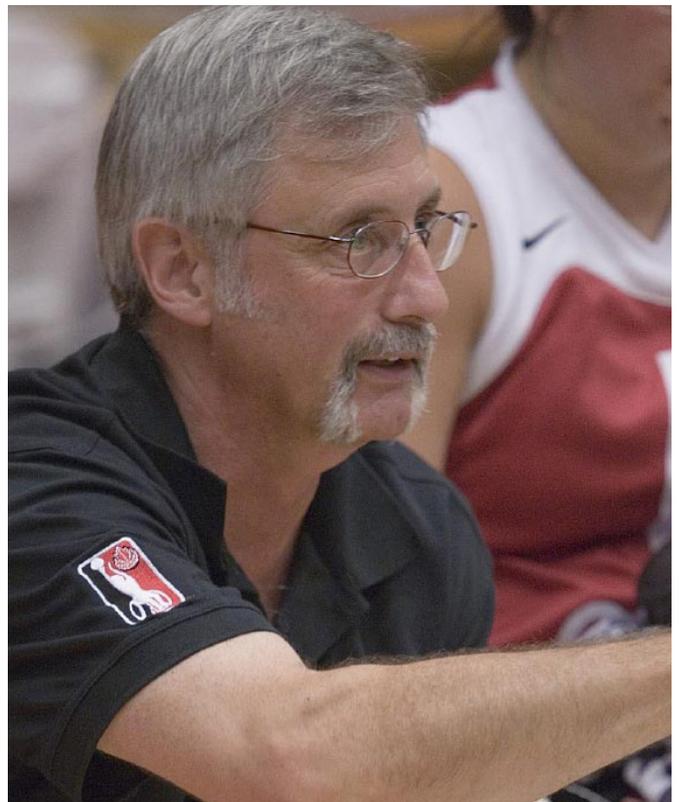
Renowned for his coaching strategies both on and off the court, including his focus on mental preparation and sport science, Frick's tutelage solidified Team Canada as one of the most dominant teams in the history of Canadian amateur sports.

Frick was inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame (2014), The Canadian Paralympic Hall of Fame (2013), and the Wheelchair Basketball Canada Hall of Fame (2012), in recognition of his distinguished career and adding to an extensive list of accolades. Tim is a seven-time recipient of the Coaching Excellence Award for his efforts in helping Canada to podium finishes in major international competitions, as well as a recipient of the Coaching Association of Canada's Geoff Gowan Award, Coaches of Canada Jack Donohue Award and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.

The Canadian Paralympic Committee also named its high-performance coaching excellence award the Tim Frick Paralympic Coach Excellence Award in his honour in 2010. The CPC recognizes that for an athlete to reach the highest levels of Paralympic sport excellence, they require a coach who provides the vision, leadership, knowledge, and dedication to accomplish this in a collaborative environment. Frick exemplified these traits throughout his career, and his legacy of professionalism, leadership and excellence have set a standard of performance expectation that all Paralympic coaches strive to attain.

Tim's legacy extends beyond the medal count, as he continues to make significant contributions to the sport community through player and coach development. He is a respected mentor who strives to create greater opportunity for fellow coaches to gain valuable technical experience by actively implementing the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) and spearheading clinics and training sessions designed to develop the next generation of great coaches and players. Tim is also an active athlete with the Victoria Wheelchair Basketball Club and plays in the BC-CWBL league.

We acknowledge Tim Frick as a coach in the On Court category with BC Wheelchair Basketball Society, creating a legacy to the sport and community.



## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

### KATHY NEWMAN

A native of Vancouver, Kathy Newman is a visionary and passionate sport administrator who has dedicated nearly 40 years to creating opportunities for people with disabilities through sport. She pioneered several programs that have since been embraced across Canada, including the Bridging the Gap program, which connects newly injured people with disabilities to wheelchair sports. Sport has always been a part of Kathy Newman's life, providing many opportunities for personal growth and for sharing her passion for sport with others. She has worked tirelessly for more than three decades to increase the awareness of athletes with a disability worldwide, and wheelchair sport in Canada would not be the same without her.

A recognized leader in sport for athletes with a disability nationally and internationally, she was the executive director for BC Wheelchair Sports Association for 25 years where she brought a visionary and innovative approach to marketing and fundraising, event planning, strategic planning, governance management and policy development. Among her many accomplishments is being instrumental in bringing a number of groundbreaking events to Canada including the 2010 World Wheelchair Rugby Championships and inaugural Women's U25 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships.

Kathy received the 2020 W.A.C Bennett Award at the formal induction ceremony. This is a special recognition award of the BC Sports Hall of Fame, the most prestigious honour awarded by the Hall of Fame. It is presented, from time to time, to an individual who has made a significant, unique and lasting contribution to sport in the Province of BC. Over her vast career, Newman held numerous roles at all levels of engagement in wheelchair and adapted sport and for that we are truly grateful.



A thoroughly respected leader and administrator, Kathy's influence on the development of Para sport hits all regions – local, provincial, national, and international. She has tirelessly worked to make sport more accessible for people with disabilities, and her involvement – whether it be developing or enhancing programming, hosting events, recruiting new athletes, advocating for more resources, or a number of other contributions – has had an immeasurable impact on the Paralympic Movement in Canada. Newman remains a member of the Board of Directors of both Wheelchair Rugby Canada and Wheelchair Basketball Canada today, and is also the chair of the International Wheelchair Rugby Federation's Competitions Committee.

We acknowledge Kathy Newman in the Builder category with BC Wheelchair Basketball Society, creating a legacy to the sport and community.

# ANNUAL AWARDS & RECOGNITION

With the cancellation of the 2020 BC-CWBL finals, the 2019-2020 BCWBS annual awards were presented virtually, at the end of the season. We want to recognize and thank all of our athletes, coaches, volunteers and program supporters for a great year.

## 2019 BCWBS AWARDS

Female Athlete of the Year	Kady Dandeneau
Male Athlete of the Year	Deion Green
Junior Athlete of the Year	Nick Van Bakel
Coach of the Year	Joe Higgins
Volunteers of the Year	Dan Coombs
Official of the Year	Tony Muro
Outstanding Community Supporter	CIBC
MJ Boudreault True Sport Award	Tara Llanes
Kenny Hall Spirit Award	Joel Aukema
Let's Play Spirit Award	Invacare Canada
Masen Schreve-Hein Award	Lachlan Sandford

Our **2019-2020 Education Bursary** recipients are Lannette Boland (Pender Island), Ben Hagkull (Chilliwack), Matthew Norris (Maple Ridge) and Megan Smith (Vancouver). Thank you to one of our generous donors for making this grant possible for our recipients to train full-time and attend post secondary classes.

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### LET'S PLAY

Since 2009, Let's Play BC has been providing kids with sport wheelchairs, in partnership with BC Wheelchair Basketball Society. Through this partnership, Let's Play is supporting a program delivery model which we believe will give children with mobility related physical disabilities in BC the opportunity for a happy and healthy start to being physically active.



# OF CURRENT LET'S PLAY KIDS WITH CHAIRS



# OF LET'S PLAY KIDS ON THE WAIT LIST



# OF LET'S PLAY CHAIR CHAMPIONS



OF COMMUNITIES' LET'S PLAY IS IN



# OF LET'S PLAY CHAIRS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE WITH OUR PARTNERS

Thank you to the new corporate and grant support from Jumpstart, Invacare, CIBC, 100 Women who Care- North Okanagan Community Foundation and the Grandview Superstore.

Big shout out to Northern Adapted Sports for sending along some statistics of the amazing work they are doing for Let's Play, Physical Literacy training and grassroots events in the northern communities.

**Community Demo Events** - 7, with 815 participants attend these Have-A-Go events

**School Visits** - 34, with 4376 people impacted

**Educator Sessions** - 6, with 74 educators in session surrounding Physical Literacy training

**Let's Play Dates** - 1, with 9 participants

**Let's Play Rookie Division Event** - 7, with 17 participants in an after school program

**Volunteer Engagement** - 7 events, with a total of 394 volunteer hours

### LET'S PLAY IN A COMMUNITY NEAR YOU

The 2019-2020 Let's Play program has been very active, hosting Let's Play dates at BC-CWBL tournaments, in Victoria, and Kelowna. Highlights of the season include 18 Let's Play BC dates throughout the province, including events in the communities of Kamloops, Kelowna, Vancouver, Richmond, Langley, Prince George, Nanaimo, Victoria, Surrey, and Maple Ridge. We were able to partner and host Let's Play dates at a variety of events with BC Wheelchair Sports Association, Pacific Sport Institute, the City of Surrey and the City of Langley, Spinal Cord Injury BC, Kamloops Adapted Sports Association, Northern Adapted Sports Association, Kelowna Wheelchair Basketball, and Victoria Wheelchair Sports. One highlight of note was our participation in the new opening of the fully accessible playground opening in the City of Surrey, with Canadian Tire Jumpstart Foundation.

Spring of 2020 saw the launch of our new Virtual Let's Play programs. Hosted 5-times per week, we averaged 12 Let's play participants per session. These sessions included strength & conditioning workouts, dance parties, trivia contests, treasure hunts, and many special national team athlete guest appearances from Tennis, Athletics, and Wheelchair Basketball.

# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

## SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

We continued to deliver many school visits throughout 2019-2020 as possible. In the shortened season, we attended 7 community events, 32 school visits and impacted 17,149 students in an equal gender split and included 27 children with disabilities reached. We look forward to rescheduling the 23 school visits that we were unable to attend due to the global Coronavirus pandemic.

Some community outreach program highlights include participation in the Play as One Event hosted in collaboration with Canada Basketball, Wheelchair Basketball Canada and the Toyota Mobility Foundation, the Petro-Canada Sport Leadership Sportif Conference Red Bull Reign activity session, Canadian Paralympic Foundation ParaTough Cup, Abbotsford Basketball Harlem Globetrotters School Day, the Vancouver Basketball Foundation Ball 4 All event, and Canadian Air Force Sports Day, at 19 Wing Comox just to name a few.



STUDENTS IMPACTED



SCHOOLS



COMMUNITY EVENTS

We are excited to get back to visit schools and reach as many communities as possible with our ever expanding outreach programs.

We would like to thank CIBC, viaSport BC, and the Hamber Foundation for their support of our School and Community Programs in 2019-2020.

**"AS WE EMBARK UPON THIS VIRTUAL / DISTANCE ED EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SOMETHING WITH YOU ABOUT WHAT A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT YOU HAVE HAD ON PATRICIA THAT CANNOT BE TAUGHT VIRTUALLY AND GOES TO STUDENTS TRANSFERRING SKILLS THEY HAVE LEARNED INSIDE SCHOOL TO A PRACTICAL, REAL LIFE SETTING. I WILL CALL THIS A PATRICIA MOMENT BECAUSE IT ALSO SHOWS THE DEPTH OF PATRICIA'S COMPASSION FOR OTHERS WHICH SHE DOES SHOW FREQUENTLY BUT WHEN IT HAPPENED EARLY ON IN SPRING BREAK I DECIDED TO REACH OUT TO YOU CLOSER TO RETURN TO SCHOOL.**

**SO, MUCH OF OUR SPRING BREAK WAS SPENT IN VICTORIA WHERE PATRICIA'S 71 YEAR OLD GRANDMOTHER HAD RECENTLY HAD HER KNEE REPLACED AND WHERE WE WERE GOING TO HELP HER TRANSITION BACK TO HOME AND EVENTUALLY INDEPENDENT LIVING. AFTER MANY AT HOME PHYSIOTHERAPY SESSIONS, IT WAS DECIDED TO TAKE GRANDMA OUT IN HER WHEEL CHAIR FOR SOME FRESH AIR AND GREENERY (SHE COULD NOT WALK RELIABLY INDEPENDENTLY YET OUTSIDE). PATRICIA HAD NOT SEEN HER GRANDMA IN A WHEELCHAIR YET SO SHE ASKED HER GRANDMA IF SHE KNEW HOW TO USE A WHEELCHAIR AND HER GRANDMA SAID "NO." SO PATRICIA SAID, "HERE, LET ME SHOW YOU," PROMPTLY HOISTED HERSELF IN THE WHEELCHAIR AND STARTED ZIPPING AROUND MY MOM'S CONDO SHOWING MY MOM HOW TO OPERATE A WHEELCHAIR (INCLUDING DOING POP A WHEELIES). I KNOW I HAVE NOT PERSONALLY HAD THE CHANCE TO TEACH MY DAUGHTER HOW TO USE A WHEELCHAIR BUT I THANK YOU FOR DOING SO AND IN SO DOING BUILDING EMPATHY, UNDERSTANDING OF OTHERS AND PRACTICAL LIFE SKILLS."**

-CHILLIWACK, BC



**"OUR FACES SAY IT ALL" TAKEN DURING A VISIT FROM THE BCWBS SCHOOL PROGRAM. WWW.HELPCODIHEAL.COM"**

-SCI PEER BLOGGER AND MOM, LANGLEY, BC

**"I JUST WANTED TO SEND YOU A THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS PAST WEEKEND. NOLAN HAD SO MUCH FUN AND IT WAS SO WONDERFUL FOR ME TO SEE HIM INCLUDED LIKE THAT. I AM SO EXCITED FOR HIM TO HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES GOING FORWARD. HE'S NOT THE MOST OUTGOING KID WHEN HE'S OUT OF HIS COMFORT ZONE SO IT WAS AMAZING TO SEE HIM INTERACTING WITH ALL OF THOSE KIDS AND ADULTS HE DOESN'T KNOW."**

-VICTORIA, BC

Here is a quick capture of the wheelchair basketball school program delivery in Northern BC, through the Northern Adapted Sports Association (NASA).

Our schools and community programming has also been flourishing over this past year which has seen the impact we are having skyrocket year on year. We are now starting to see the very real effect of this as we build strong community relationships and are starting to see participant numbers in our club and drop in sessions reflecting the increased awareness. This of course offers challenges, especially surrounding equipment and managing the inventory to ensure that everyone who wants to, is able to access programming. We are pleased to announce we have 4 new sports wheelchairs entering the fleet right now and a further 6 on order that should be available for use in both our schools and clubs/community programming for the start of next season. It is our hope that this will alleviate some of the stress that is placed on volunteers in terms of equipment management. It would be no surprise to myself if the figure of 480 volunteer hours that we have logged over the season was not actually closer to double that! After all we never take into account the time and effort of all of our members in unloading and reloading equipment for every session.

For the 2019-20 season they engage 8522 kids across 9 Northern BC communities, visiting 34 schools and with 9 community events. This has also been achieved with an almost perfect 50/50 gender split and having impacted some 46 individuals with some form of physical disability.

## HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

### TEAM BC JUNIORS AND THE CANADA GAMES PROGRAM

As we began the next four years of preparation in the Canada Games cycle, we were able to host some great camps with our select junior players. First up was our annual Pender Island Camp in July 2019, hosted by coach Tim Frick. In an activity filled 3 days, 11 athletes, along with coaches Simon Cass, Tim Frick and Rob Stiles worked on strength & conditioning, team building, and of course, basketball skills.

New for our junior program this year was the opportunity to play in the NWBA Junior Division. We attended one tournament, January 2020, in Seattle. Playing for Team BC was Lannette Boland (Pender Island), Benjamin Garrett (Abbotsford), Gabe Harrison (Pender Island), Keaton MacEachern (Chilliwack), Megan Smith (Vancouver), Brandon Twaites (Pitt Meadows), and Nick

Van Bakel (Pender Island). Thank you to Seattle Adapted Sports for the invite to play. We are looking forward to a time when we can be invited back for more tournament action. Leading up to this tournament, we hosted 2 amazing camps at Trinity Western University with the thanks to coaches Katie Miyazaki, Kelly Harris, and Tim Frick.

With Kamloops selected to host the 2020 Junior West Championship, BCWBS identified 21 athletes at the Canada Games level to play for Team BC in the 4 on 4 event. Looking back 4 years, we had only 9 athletes identified to represent Team BC at the same event. We have worked hard to see such considerable growth, excitement and anticipation to have so many more athletes ready play at this level.



## HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

### WOMEN'S PROGRAMS AND BC BREAKERS

Following a successful second year of programming for female players, the WOW! program (Women's Only Wheelchair Basketball!) continued to run monthly at the Richmond Oval. In the abbreviated season, we had over 20 new females attending the WOW! programs and local club practices, and we hope that many of them continue playing in the upcoming season.

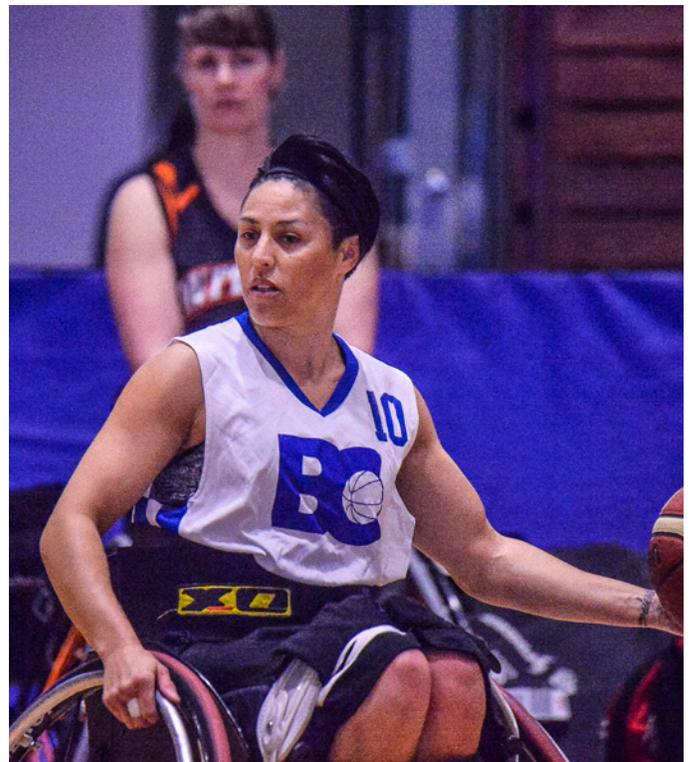
The BC Breakers were invited to attend the NWBA tournament in January 2020. The team went 3-1 over the weekend in the Women's Division. Big shout out to Seattle Adapted for the invitation to play and to the Spokane team for providing our squad a few extra players as substitutions throughout the weekend. How about young player Megan Smith (Vancouver), who played as part of the Team BC Juniors and BC Breakers, and she had playing minutes in 5 games on one day. As part of our ongoing coach development, we were able to have up and coming coach, Stephanie Rudinsky (Langley), join us for the weekend.

Victoria Wheelchair Sports, hosted the annual Breakers Festival, where Coach Tim Frick delivered the Development Division for 8 new wheelchair basketball athletes. 5 of these young athletes went on to play in the 2020 BC Winter Games in Fort St. John; Heidi Boland (Pender Island), Kim Boland (Pender Island), Marakia McConchie (Pender Island), Elise Froese (Langley) and Agasha Mutesasira (Nanaimo).

The main Breakers Festival hosted teams from BC, Edmonton and Seattle and featured the following Team BC players; Lannette Boland (Pender Island), Kelly Harris (Richmond), Jocelyn Maffin (Nanaimo), Katie Miyazaki (Richmond), Megan Smith (Vancouver) and Amanda Pinheiro (Burnaby). Unfortunately, the season was cut short, and the CWBL Women's National Championship in Nova Scotia was cancelled. We are all looking forward to getting back into peak playing mode for next season.

**"TO VIASPORTBC, THE PROVINCE OF BC, AND ALL OF THE EVENT SPONSORS. WITHOUT YOUR GENEROUS FUNDING OF THIS INSPIRING WEEKEND, THIS WOMEN'S ONLY WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL CAMP WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. SO A SINCERE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACIOUS DONATION."**

**—LISA, WEEKEND PARTICIPANT**



## HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

### HIGH PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

While it was a shortened year with the cancellation of all 2020 National Championships, 2019-2020 still served as a successful year for our competitive athletes in other areas.

The spotlight was on the Para Pan-Am Games happening in Lima, Peru. Kady Dandeneau and Tara Llanes made their Pan-Am debuts for the Canadian women's squad. In a thrilling gold-medal win over the USA, a game that went down to the final buzzer, Kady posted a triple double and Tara played valuable minutes off the bench. Kady scored the clinching turn-around jumper and free throws in the game's final minute, leading to a 67-64 win for Canada and earning herself a triple-double in that gold medal game.

On the Men's side, Deion Green and Bo Hedges represented Canada who had a successful run to the gold medal game as well, which also had them facing off against the USA. They ultimately lost to USA, who were silver medalists at world championships the year before. BC's provincial coach Simon Cass was also on the staff for the women's team as an assistant coach.

Kady Dandeneau was also named the Wheelchair Basketball Canada Female Athlete of the Year in April 2020. Thanks to all of our athletes for their hard work, and to all those who support them.

### CWBL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Team BC competed in 1 tournament, Edmonton. The 2019-2020 BC Royals brought together players from across the province and included Ben Hagkull (Chilliwack), Tara Llanes (North Vancouver), Aidan Love (Victoria), Derek Mitchell (Vancouver), Amanda Pinheiro (Burnaby), Alphonsus To (Vancouver) and head coach Simon Cass (Victoria). Derek joined the action this year, in only his second year playing. He has been actively working on his wheelchair basketball skills, under the guidance of Coach Joe Higgins, and the Breakfast Club. Unfortunately, no other CWBL tournaments were hosted in 2019-20, and the CWBL Open Championship, to be hosted in Montreal, was cancelled.

## DEVELOPMENT REPORT

### PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

In 2019–2020, 6 Team BC athletes continued to be centralized and training at the Wheelchair Basketball Canada National Training Centre Academy. Bo Hedges (Wonowon), Kady Dandeneau (Pender Island), and Deion Green (Victoria) were based there full time, with Ben Hagkull (Chilliwack), Derek Jezewsky (Kamloops) and Tara Llanes (North Vancouver) based there during the summer.

We would also like to recognize our up and coming athletes. Derek Jezewsky and Ben Hagkull who were invited to be a part of the Next Gen training group, honing their game with the best young athletes from across the country. They also were selected to travel to Japan for the 2019 Kitakyushu Champion Cup, where they led Team Canada to a Bronze medal against Australia.

As well, BCWBS had 4 additional athletes invited to the national junior ID camp in January; Joel Ewert, Megan Smith, Benjamin Garrett, and Matthew Norris.

### BC GAMES

The 2020 BC Winter Games were hosted in February 2020 in Fort St. John. Zone participation was up from 2018, with 6 Zone's being represented in wheelchair basketball. Thanks to all of the school and community outreach work from Rob Stiles, and the Northern Adapted Sports Association (NASA), we were able to welcome Zone 7 back to the BC Games program, joining teams from Zone's 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8. The fan support, local engagement and family attendance was top notch for what is really the biggest and best event to be hosted in this northern BC town.

After 4 days of tournament play, the results were as follows;

**Gold** - Zone 8: Cariboo-North East

**Silver** - Zone 6: Vancouver Island-Central Coast

**Bronze** - Zone 7: North West

**Fourth** - Zone 3: Fraser Valley

**Fifth** - Zone 5: Vancouver-Coastal

**Sixth** - Zone 2: Thompson-Okanagan



ATHLETES



ADULT SUPERVISORS



OFFICIALS



COACHES



CANADA GAMES  
ALUMNI COACHES

Thank you City of Fort St. John, our sport chair, Mandy Gallant, and our host school Dr. Kearney Middle School who welcomed our athletes, fans, and families and worked to ensure we had the BEST BC games experience ever.

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## DEVELOPMENT REPORT

### COACH DEVELOPMENT

As part of a mutual commitment to developing sport leaders in British Columbia, BC Games Society are proud to announce a new partnership with Canadian Sport Institute Pacific (CSI Pacific) through the BC Games Coach Mentorship Program. Kurt Innes, director of talent development with CSI Pacific, assumes the role of master mentor for the Program, which will now be delivered jointly between these organizations. We are excited that Simon Cass and Stéphane Roy are part of this BC Games Mentorship Program. Thank you to everyone for making this program possible.

The Langley Goldrush hosted a 3-day Introduction to Competition course at Trinity Western University in October 2019. It was facilitated by NCCP coaches, Marni Abbott-Peter and Simon Cass. Attendees included Ben Antoniuk (Langley), Joel Aukema (Langley), Lannette Boland (Pender Island), Ben Hagkull (Chilliwack), Matthew Norris (Maple Ridge), Stéphane Roy (Courtenay), Shira Stanfield (Vancouver), and Nick Van Bakel (Pender Island).

How proud were we to also see some of these past Canada Games athletes working on their coaching skills. At the 2020 BC Winter Games, we had 5 coaches from the 2019 Canada Winter Games team. Congratulations to Joel Aukema (Langley), Joel Ewert (Prince George), Benjamin Garrett (Abbotsford), Nick Van Bakel (Pender Island) and Matthew Norris (Langley) on taking this step to work with the next generation of wheelchair basketball players.

### THANKS, COACH

THANK YOU! To all the many coaches, volunteers and members of our amazing wheelchair basketball community who deliver our programs at all levels each and every week throughout the province. We are all better because of the outstanding commitment of so many amazing people.

Also, a special thanks to the NWBA for providing Team BC additional playing opportunities, organized by Coach Joe Higgins, in this shortened season.

### BC-CWBL

The 2019-2020 season was a shortened one for a variety of reasons, with only 2 BC-CWBL tournaments hosted. We did see growth in the league, new teams joining and were excited to have all 6 teams in Kelowna and 5 of the 6 teams in Victoria for tournament play. The 6 teams representing the BC-CWBL were the Okanagan BullDawgs, Victoria Chargers, Tacoma Titans, Comox/Nanaimo Tsunami, Prince George Lumberjacks, and the Vancouver Cable Cars. It was great to welcome the Comox/ Nanaimo team in their Rookie year and to welcome back Tacoma Titans, after a year hiatus. Both teams fielded rookie rosters and were able to gain some great experience in tournament play.

During each tournament we were able to host Let's Play Dates, and in Victoria, we also hosted a WOW! (Women's Only Wheelchair Basketball) event. We look forward to resuming tournament play in 2021 or as soon as we are able to. Thank you to everyone for making this season memorable.



## DEVELOPMENT REPORT

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REGIONAL CLUBS

In what has been a different and challenging season for everyone, our regional clubs and BCWBS staff have had a very busy 2019-2020. The work of Northern Adapted Sports Association (NASA) allowed for greater outreach in new regions like Fort St. John and Skeena with our BC Games athlete and coach development, and School and Community outreach programs. In addition to the weekly game, scrimmage and skills nights early in the season, to the ongoing virtual programs we introduced in March, BCWBS staff managed to attend at least 1 event in each of our clubs. Our regional club support also included offering 2 rounds of club grants to help support club development, travel costs, programming, chair maintenance and other projects each club might want to add to their delivery to our membership.

This year also features a road trip to the North Okanagan with stops in Salmon Arm, Enderby, Kamloops and Kelowna. This outreach included a variety of school visits, and recreation centres and training sessions, as part of the Run, Jump, Throw, Wheel program. The wheelchairs we have in these communities are, in-part, supported through a grant from Canadian Jumpstart Charities.

2019-2020 saw a change of location to Richmond Oval for our Bridging The Gap (BTG) Program. Early in the season, we hosted 1 session per week, alternating weeks for WOW!, Skills development nights, Game nights and BTG beginner nights. On average we were able to host 8-15 participants any given week for any of our given programs. Based on this change, we were able to offer up to 3 times more programming on a monthly basis for our BTG members. Additional Game nights were also hosted in the Fraser Valley, and Chilliwack to supplement the game nights at the Richmond Oval.

Many of the regions had us participate in Have-A-Go days, including 4 weeks of programming to the Canadian Cancer Society Camp Goodtimes, which allowed us to collaborate with some amazing community

partners like ISPARC (Indigenous Sport Recreation Activity Recreation Council); City of Surrey, GF Strong, BC Wheelchair Sports Association, Maple Ridge Recreation, Northern Adapted Sports Association, Trinity Western University, Capilano College, Douglas College, University of the Fraser Valley, University of British Columbia, Camosun College and University of Victoria. We were also fortunate to partner with Britannia Community Centre and the Canucks Autism Network to provide training for staff and program facilitators on working with kids with disabilities.

Our programs team travelled to Prince George, alongside BCWSA and Let's Play for a multi-sport day, hosted by SCI-BC. Over 10 families joined us for a day full of adapted sport activities, and the launch of the new X-Tails Colouring book with local author Larry Fielding. This new book, written in collaboration with Marni Abbott-Peter introduces the reader to Wisdom the Lion.



## DEVELOPMENT REPORT

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REGIONAL CLUBS (CONT')

In-collaboration with NASA, we were able to host a Women's Have-A-Go in Prince George alongside an Officials Clinic. Official Dean Mackinnon joined us to instruct the officials' clinic where two new officials new were certified. It was a fun weekend with over 30 participants, 10 of which were women.

With 12 active clubs in the province, we saw some great developments to grow the game of wheelchair basketball and adapted sport at a new level. Looking for a club? You can find them in the following regions, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Comox, Fraser Valley, Greater Vancouver Women's Club, Kamloops, Kelowna, Nanaimo, Pender Island, Prince George, UBC, and Victoria.



HAVE A GO EVENTS



BRIDGING THE GAP NIGHTS



BTG ATHLETES



PROVINCIAL CLUBS



WOW! PARTICIPANTS



WOW! EVENTS

Great Summary from the Prince George Lumberjacks & Northern Adapted Sports Association on their 2019-2020 season.

The 2019/20 season has proven to be a momentous one for Northern Adapted Sports Association's wheelchair basketball programming delivery. Wheelchair basketball has always been at the very core of our organization. While our desire has always been to be a hub for individuals across Northern BC to access information on adapted sports we have always been extremely aware that where programming was not already in place that we would do our utmost to ensure there was something going forward. This is what the Prince

George Lumberjacks wheelchair basketball club grew out of 3 years ago and I am delighted to announce that this seasons is seeing the birth of two new northern clubs in a similar vein.

While the current virus situation may have stalled activity in the short term we will still be seeing Fort St. Energizers and the Skeena Spinners clubs moving into the 2020/21 season and NASA will be supporting them as a parent organization until they get rolling. It is our sincere hope that we may be able to produce some competitive opportunities in the North of BC in the near future. One can only hope that these new clubs can boast similar success over the next 3 years as the Prince George Lumberjacks have over the last 3.

We are delighted to announce that two of our original club goals have been met over this season. The Lumberjacks managed to field a team in the BC-CWBL this year and while the league season may have been truncated significantly the performance goals of attendance and a victory were met. The second goal was formulated during the 2018 BC Winter Games in a desire to get a zone 7 team out to participate in 2020 BC Winter Games in Fort St. John. We were extremely proud to have achieved this goal and for those individuals to walk away with a medal was very gratifying indeed. We of course must take time here to also give a nod to our zone 8 team which secured the gold medal as well as supplying some athlete assistant to the zone 7's. There was one athlete on the zone 8 team that was competing in their third BC Winter Games. It is perhaps worth remembering that when they took part in their first, Zone 8 lost 100% of their games (all by some margin), and during their second games they managed to unexpectedly take bronze with two wins both by a single point. The fact that this year the team was not just able to win every game but do so while still fielding a mix of rookies and experienced players is testament to the hard work and dedication of our junior athletes. Everyone involved in Northern Adapted Sports Association is extremely proud.

## FINANCIALS

### BC WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL SOCIETY

#### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended May 31, 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Grants (Note 7)	469,053	469,505
Gaming	96,000	91,000
Donations, sponsorships & fundraising	56,551	122,338
Membership, registration & other	37,017	59,107
	<b>658,621</b>	<b>738,950</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Amortization of property & equipment	45,871	47,288
Fundraising (Notes 8 and 9)	49,498	44,025
General & Administration (Notes 8 and 9)	105,824	118,676
Program & Games (Notes 8 and 9)	420,230	511,746
	<b>621,423</b>	<b>721,735</b>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<b>37,198</b>	<b>17,215</b>

## FINANCIALS

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED)

May 31, 2020

	<b>2020 \$</b>	<b>2019 \$</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash (Note2)	253,359	90,203
Receivables	29,281	25,493
Prepaid Expenses	12,226	13,551
Investments (Note3)	53,172	-
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	348,038	129,247
Investments (Note3)	-	88,920
Property & equipment (Note 4)	153,103	171,840
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	<b>501,141</b>	<b>390,007</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Payables & Accruals	23,727	67,872
Deferred Revenue (Note 5)	108,935	4,130
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	132,662	72,002
Deferred capital contributions (Note 6)	185,241	171,965
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	<b>317,903</b>	<b>243,967</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
Unrestricted	152,556	100,642
Internally Restricted	16,148	26,007
Invested in property & equipment	14,534	19,391
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	183,238	146,040
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	<b>501,141</b>	<b>390,007</b>
<b>Commitments (Note 13)</b>		
<b>Impact of COVID-19 (Note 14)</b>		
<b>Subsequent event (Note 15)</b>		

Approved by Directors:

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