



November 5, 2015

Mr. Dwight Ball
20 Wellon Drive, Suite 1
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Dear Mr. Ball:

Recreation Newfoundland and Labrador is a voluntary, non-profit provincial association representing more than 1,000 recreation professionals and volunteer community leaders in more than 150 communities. We are recognized as the provincial voice promoting and fostering the spirit and practice of recreation for all.

Recreation is the experience that results from any freely chosen participation in physical, social, intellectual, creative and spiritual pursuits that enhance individual and community wellbeing. We envision a province of engaged communities where all people embrace the benefits of recreation to enhance their quality of life.

We know it is important to contribute to the democratic process during a provincial election by identifying issues and areas of importance to our members and asking each of the political parties to identify their positions as it relates to these questions specifically, and recreation overall.

The following focus areas are consistent with the Active, Healthy Newfoundland and Labrador: [A Recreation and Sport Policy for Newfoundland and Labrador](#) and the Framework for Recreation in Canada- [Pathways to Wellbeing](#)

- If elected, Recreation NL is calling on your party to endorse a renewal process for Active, Healthy Newfoundland and Labrador and recognize and support the value of recreation by assigning departmental status (either separately or inline with related services) and invest resources to ensure all Newfoundlanders and Labradoreans have access to affordable, equitable and safe recreational pursuits.
- If elected, Recreation NL is calling on your party to increase the allocation of the health care budget spending on health promotion and active living initiatives as an integral part of a health prevention/ primary health care plan.

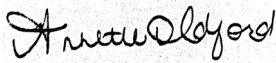
- If elected, Recreation NL is calling on your party to take a more assertive role to implement the strategies of the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Framework for Action to [Promote Healthy Weights](#).
- If elected, Recreation NL is calling on your party to commit to the creation of a “Comprehensive Community Use of Schools/School Use of Community Recreation Facilities/Services Framework.
- If elected, Recreation NL is calling on your party to support the implementation of the Framework for Recreation in Canada.

For more details related to these questions please refer to the attached Election Position Statements.

Your timely response to these important public recreation matters is requested. All responses received will be shared with our members and made available to the general public.

Thank you for your consideration of these focused areas as they relate to the growth and development of recreation under your provincial government leadership.

Sincerely,



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