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Subsidy for the Atlantic Recreation and Facilities Conference and Trade Show is Now Available

HALIFAX, NS - 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 professional development of recreational practitioners from across the province.

'*Adapt and Elevate*' is the 2024 Atlantic Recreation and Facilities Conference theme. Recreation Prince Edward Island, Recreation Nova Scotia, Recreation Facility Association of Nova Scotia, Recreation New Brunswick and Recreation Newfoundland and Labrador are partnering to offer the fifth edition of this bi-annual event on May 29-31, 2024, in Fredericton, NB.

Today, we are pleased to announce that Nova Scotia's Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage has generously provided \$29,451.45 towards subsidizing professional development opportunities through the ARFC. The funding will be dispersed equitably between members of the two associations.

This funding will go toward supporting RNS and RFANS members with the cost of twenty-five (25) conference registration fees 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 Fredericton, NB, in May 2024. RFANS thanks the Province of Nova Scotia'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.

Five (5) full conference packages to support the following equity groups: youth, 2SLGBTQIA+, persons with disabilities, Indigenous persons, African Nova Scotians, or other racialized persons will also be made available.



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RNS and RFANS will accept applications and award subsidies based on a determined set of criteria and an equitable approval process.

Subsidy applications can be found at:

<https://form.jotform.com/240783725926264>

RNS and RFANS thank the Government of Nova Scotia for their continued support of the recreation and facility sector.

About Recreation Nova Scotia: Recreation Nova Scotia is a provincial, not-for-profit organization established in 1998, resulting from a merger of the Recreation Association of Nova Scotia, the Recreation Council on Disability in Nova Scotia, and Volunteer Nova Scotia. In partnership with the volunteers and professional recreation community, Recreation Nova Scotia advocates on behalf of all Nova Scotians for recreation and leisure opportunities to promote the values and personal, social, economic, and environmental benefits of recreation and leisure.

About Recreation Facility Association of Nova Scotia: RFANS is the only not-for-profit membership-based provincial organization in Atlantic Canada that supports its recreation facility personnel's professional development and training needs. RFANS additionally serves as a collective voice, advocating for the needs of its facilities. The Recreation Facility Association of Nova Scotia was formed in 1992 through an amalgamation of the Arena Managers and the Aquatic Facility Managers Associations of Nova Scotia. We continue to serve those memberships and all recreational facilities today.

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