

Joint Member Alert

A Federal Ministry Of Recreation, Sport And Physical Activity

Prime Minister Paul Martin recently announced the appointment of Mr. Paul DeVillers, M.P., as Parliamentary Secretary to provide him with advice regarding the co-ordination of federal government activity related to recreation, sport and physical activity.

Currently, there is no federal department encompassing these areas, but rather, an array of programs in several federal departments (Heritage, Culture, Sport, Environment, Communities, Indian and Northern Affairs). Mr. DeVillers is scheduled to make his recommendations to the Privy Council Office within a week or two.

The Privy Council Office's response to the recommendation will be affected by the level of support received from recreation facility owners/operators, provincial/territorial and municipal governments and not for profit organizations operating in this sector. Recreation Facility Operation and Infrastructure needs are to be identified as an early policy priority.

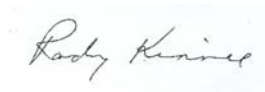
CRFC recommendation to members:

- Canadian Recreation Facilities Council (CRFC) strongly supports the creation of a new federal ministry;
- The new ministry would be in a position to provide more coordinated leadership in our sector and would bring coherence to federal effort and funding;
- The new ministry should address the dilemma of aging recreational facility infrastructure as an early policy priority.

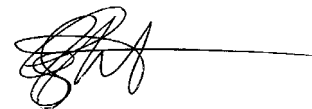
Mr. DeVillers is expected to deliver his report to the PCO – June 30th or shortly thereafter. Letters or other expressions of support would be valuable and should be directed to Mr. DeVillers during July 2005.

CRFC along with its provincial/territorial members request that an email response or letter to Mr. DeVillers @ paul@pauldevillers.com supporting the creation of a new ministry of recreation, sport and physical activity be coordinated. Please ensure that Recreation Facility Operation and Infrastructure issues are identified in your communication as an early policy priority.

Thank you,



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