

YOUTH AND RECREATION BRANCH FIELD STAFF JOIN EDUCATION OFFICES

On January 1st, 1969 the Youth and Recreation Branch field staff became part of the regional team of the Department of Education. Administrative direction for the field staff is now provided by the Regional Director of Education. Philosophical or staff direction is provided by the Youth and Recreation Branch through the Superintendent of Community Programs and his Assistant Superintendents.

The Department of Education has ten regional offices in Ontario, these are located in Port Arthur, Sudbury, North Bay, Ottawa, Kingston, London, Waterloo, St. Catharines and two in Toronto. Each regional office is under the administration of the Regional Director of Education. Many Consultants are employed in the regional offices and these Consultants each have a special area of interest e.g. history, physical education, art, educational television, etc. The District Consultant of the Youth and Recreation Branch is now a Consultant serving under the Regional Director of Education with the title Consultant - Youth and Recreation.

The services of the Consultant - Youth and Recreation will be channelled through two different but inter-related authorities, the community authorities (public and private) and the educational authorities.

Services to community authorities will include:

- stimulation of programs to meet the leisure time needs of citizens in Ontario communities.
- promotion and encouragement of the organization of community youth groups that will share in making decisions affecting youth in the community.
- the organization and arrangement for inter-community meetings, conferences and training courses to provide opportunities for those interested in recreational activities.
- the encouragement and stimulation necessary to bring about community conferences and town meetings where citizens may become involved in community issues.
- the design and organization of skill training courses in recreational subjects in those areas of the province not adequately served by school boards, colleges of applied arts and technology or recreation authorities.

- the assistance and encouragement to bring about a valid evaluation of recreation and leisure programs in Ontario municipalities.
- the interpretation and administration of legislation affecting recreation and youth as it applies to the various communities.
- the design, organization and operation of annual regional institutes for the purpose of upgrading recreational skills and preparing leaders and instructors for advanced training.
- the program and services as offered by the Consultant - Youth and Recreation will be made known to the residents of the communities in each of the districts served and special information through periodical publications will be available to those with special interests or those in positions of administrative control.

Services to educational authorities will include:

Consultation on the community use of schools, including advice on programming, leadership development and citizen involvement in the community school program.

Consultation for boards of education and for staff members planning and operating evening courses of study for avocational, cultural and recreational subjects.

Consultation on the training of educators who deal with adults, continuing education and recreation subjects.

Consultation on the extension programs offered by the boards of education and the colleges of applied arts and technology.
Consultation on the training of teachers who will be involved in leisure education or community school activities.

Consultation on the curriculum for those subjects which have leisure content or community impact.

One of the key issues in our common life is how to invoke social responsibility and personal involvement on the part of the citizen. The Consultant - Youth and Recreation will stimulate and promote the organization of community action groups in all Ontario communities. These groups will be encouraged to operate programs to involve citizens and youth in responsible community activities. Local authorities must be concerned and indicate their concern for community development by helping to find an effective way to feed-back community findings to various levels of government.

The present staff of the Community Programs Section of the Youth and Recreation Branch will be restructured as follows:

D.A. Garvie, Superintendent,
Community Programs Section

D. Brodhead, Community
Development Consultant

R. Wittenberg, Assistant Superintendent,
Northwestern Region

D. McCubbin, Assistant Superintendent,
Northern Region

L.P. Poirier, Assistant Superintendent,
Eastern Region

D. Parker, Assistant Superintendent,
Central Region

G.H. Miller, Assistant Superintendent,
Western Region

Consultants indicated below will be responsible to the Director of Education in the region shown:

Region 1 - Northwestern Ontario

R.R. Steele,	Miss M. Phillips
Director of Education	Consultant - Port Arthur
	Mr. R. Lavack
	Consultant - Port Arthur
	New Consultant
	- Dryden

Region 2 - Midnorthern Ontario

G.R. Allan	Mr. D. Clarke
Director of Education	Consultant - Sudbury

Region 3 - Northeastern Ontario

J.H. Kennedy,	Mr. R. Beaudoin
Director of Education	Consultant - North Bay

Region 4 - Western Ontario

D.W. Scott,	Mr. T. Rankin
Director of Education	Consultant - London

Region 5 - Midwestern Ontario

R.F. Bornhold,	Mr. W. Houston
Director of Education	Consultant - Waterloo
	Mr. P. McGarrity
	Consultant - Waterloo

Region 6 - Niagara Ontario

H.B. Henderson,	Mr. B. Thorne
Director of Education	Consultant - St. Catharines
	Mr. J.P. Ashwin
	Consultant - Hamilton

Region 7 - West Central Ontario

D.I. Young,	Mr. P. Noble
Director of Education	Consultant - Toronto

Region 8 - East Central Ontario

R.G. Rist,	Mr. S. Darrach
Director of Education	Consultant - Toronto

Region 9 - Eastern Ontario

R.W. Froats,	Mr. D. Maddocks
Director of Education	Consultant - Belleville
	Mr. R.B. Walker
	Consultant - Belleville

Region 10 - Ottawa Valley

J.O. Proulx,	Mr. P. G��lineau
Director of Education	Consultant - Ottawa

What would you do with more leisure?

I was stopped in my tracks while addressing a group by the question, "and what would you do with more leisure, if you had it?" I didn't give a very good answer!

It started me thinking and the following is the results of my thought. I would use more leisure time....

To spend with my family

- * through working and playing together to know their strong points and understand their weaknesses
- * to enjoy the pleasure of doing things together as a unit
- * through example to give them the benefit of my experience, knowledge and skill

To improve myself

- * through reading some of the worthwhile literature of today and yesterday
- * through hearing and learning to appreciate good music -- first hand and on records
- * through discussion with other on topics of lasting values

To acquire an interest or hobby I can take into retirement with me

To accept community responsibilities to repay the services I and my family receive and enjoy

- * through active participation in a group or organization that makes some contribution to the community
- * through support for all civic drives and campaigns
- * through active support of civic bodies: i.e. library, hospital and schools

To deepen my spiritual roots

- * through quiet, personal meditation in this world of whirling activities and pressures of work
- * through active support of the work being done in and by the church of my choice

To rebuild myself physically and recharge myself emotionally to face my job responsibilities

- * through participation in some type of physical activity
- * through a complete change of pace from my daily work in some form of recreation activity

To just do nothing occasionally -- to let body and soul catch up with each other

What would your answer be to this question?

D. L. Minshall

SPORTS CONFERENCE MAKES ACTION PLANS

A list of twenty priorities for action, some of which are in various stages of implementation, were the immediate results of the Provincial Sports Conference held in November.

The 3-day conference held at the Guild Inn was a pacesetter for future co-operation between the various sports governing bodies in the province. All of the major sports groups were represented.

Following are the 20 priorities for action, as determined by the representatives at the Sports Conference.

1. Develop a provincial sports federation or council to provide needed services. (development of this council is presently under way.)
2. Youth and Recreation Branch and all sports governing bodies should concentrate on leadership development.
3. An inventory of facilities be undertaken at the municipal and provincial levels to acquaint all interested with the availability of existing facilities. (also presently under way)

Encourage greater use of school facilities in every community. (a major task of Youth and Recreation consultants)

Encourage federal and provincial governments to share in the cost of facility provision with the municipality, and extend the types of facilities which are currently eligible for grants.

4. Youth and Recreation Branch immediately provide administrative and communicative services to sport groups until the federation is established. This would include promotion and information on programs. (presently being carried out)
5. Youth and Recreation Branch continue to provide funds for the development of amateur sports programs on the same basis as this fiscal year, and that one governing body per sport be recognized for this purpose.
6. That the provincial government consolidate the services to amateur sport into one branch of one department.
7. That the provincial and federal governments undertake an inventory of existing services to amateur sports, which would include information on these services and the grants available. A list of provincial and national sports governing bodies and their contact should be included.
8. That year round training centres be developed starting with the Ontario Athletic Leadership Centre at Couchiching, and eventually providing regional centres. (plans have already been prepared for a year round facility at the Athletic Leadership Centre)

9. That the Department of Education encourage greater varieties of activities in school physical education programs and provide more training and carry-over activities. (it is hoped that with the integration of the Youth and Recreation Consultants with the Regional Department of Education Staff, this will soon become a reality)
10. That Community Sports Councils be developed to consolidate programs at the local level.
11. Expand the staff of Youth and Recreation Branch to more adequately deal with the demands of the public for service, and expand the services to sports groups.
12. Hold regional and provincial sports conferences annually.
13. Encourage federal and provincial governments to provide full-time coaches for the major sports.
14. Provide, under The Department of Education Act, more information on the duties and functions of a Municipal Recreation Committee.
15. Institute in Ontario summer and winter games on a regular basis.
16. Provide a subsidy for athletes competing in national and international competitions.
17. Provide more opportunities for athletes who wish to achieve excellence of performance.
18. Develop an annual Minor Sports Week at the national, provincial and municipal levels.
19. Provide incentives for executives, such as subsidy for travel and allowable expenses on income tax.
20. Hold the Canada Summer Games, 1973, in Ontario.

School Design Workshop Emphasizes the
School as the Community Focus

Participants at the School Design Workshop held in Toronto in November unanimously endorsed the concept of the school as the centre of community activity.

Architects, social workers, town councillors, school board members, as well as educators and recreationists working in fifteen groups discussed to-day's school in light of community needs, the integration of needs and facilities, as well as a look at the future of the school in the community.

Recommendations made by the groups emphasized the necessity of integrating recreation and education services in the community.

The most common recommendation suggested that recreation should be organized on a county basis to coincide with the present school board organization. It was also suggested that the school be termed a "community resource centre", to be operated and administered jointly by formal and leisure education authorities.

To facilitate these changes, another common recommendation called for changes in legislation regarding recreation as well as consolidation under one branch.

In a keynote address to the Workshop participants, Minister without Portfolio, the Hon. Thomas L. Wells, suggested that when new schools are designed the recreation and leisure-time facilities should be planned jointly with community recreation authorities in order that such facilities will be easily available for both school and public recreation purposes.

He further suggested that implementation of this recommendation suggests a high degree of co-operation and co-ordination between the school boards and municipal recreation authorities.

"I would suggest to you that if this cannot be achieved the only answer is for the government to cause it to come about by changes in the grant regulations for certain parts of the school plant", he warned.

Recommendations are being consolidated and channeled for action by the Workshop Committee.

Discussion leaders and recorders included several members of the S.D.M.R.O. as well as the staff of the Youth and Recreation Branch. Members included:

Mrs. Pat Artkin, Ontario Municipal Recreation Association	
Laurie Branch, Burlington	Bill Hare, Mississauga
Hugh Clydesdale, Toronto	Miss Marlene Lindsay, Mississauga
Tony Dojcak, Burlington	Don Malpass, Etobicoke
Gord Hutchinson, North York	Jim Maxwell, Scarborough
Blaine Rennick, Galt	Jim Nelson, Oshawa
Doug Rigg, Oakville	Tom Riley, Etobicoke
Miss Shannon Rowe, North York	Garry Stoner, Barrie
Don Wadlow, Brampton	

The workshop was sponsored jointly by the School Planning and Building Research Section, and the Youth and Recreation Branch of the Ontario Department of Education.

WHAT'S NEW - AQUATICS "68-69"

The Red Cross Society, Water Safety Division and the Royal Life Saving Society have been working together trying to co-ordinate their programmes. They hope to eliminate any duplication which now exists. The Ontario Branches are leading the way and, after an experimental period, they are running combined Instructors' Courses and Requalification Courses. Their present aim is to qualify every instructor in both programmes. It is interesting to note that the Y.M.C.A. is very interested in these proceedings and have already participated in a combined Red Cross, Y.M.C.A. Instructors' Course with more courses scheduled. For further information on Instructor certification, contact either the Royal Life Saving Society, 550 Church Street, Toronto 5, Ontario or The Red Cross Society, Water Safety Division, Ontario Branch, 460 Jarvis Street, Toronto 5, Ontario.

Important recent changes in policy:

1. Royal Life Saving exam fees have been increased.
2. Red Cross will charge a .25¢ fee to all candidates at all levels, effective January 1st, 1969.

If you are not getting the Red Cross and Royal Life Saving Newsletters, "SPLASH" and "LIFELINER", write to the addresses listed above.

The National Lifeguard Service is gaining momentum. The Ontario Directorate will be doing a great amount of work this winter. Already policy has been completed in regard to Requalification Courses. If the N.L.S. is going to be recognized as the main prerequisite for Lifeguards in the future, your support will be needed during 1969. The N.L.S. is an excellent training course for your Aquatic Staff. Your interest, co-operation and support is necessary to make the National Lifeguard Service successful.

Recently the inaugural meeting of the Canadian Council for Co-operation in Aquatics was held in Toronto. An executive was formed and two main projects were to be undertaken.

1. Plan a national aquatic conference.
2. Investigate regulations governing swimming facilities, management and supervision.

Further progress of this Council will be passed on to you in the future.

R. J. Lucas,
Member of S.D.M.R.O.
Aquatics Committee

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE

As this is our first newsletter for the 1969 season, may I, on behalf of our Executive, extend our thanks for the many letters we have received, and the warm expressions of confidence extended to us.

We have held two Executive meetings since the Annual Meeting, and due to the close proximity of the Executive, it is hoped that we will be able to meet monthly, at a relatively low cost. We feel that monthly meetings will enable us to expedite executive matters, be more informed, and to maintain a better service to the members.

Our next meeting, to be held in January, should allow us to strike our 1969 Budget, finalize all our Committee Chairmen, appointments and special appointments, and hopefully, enable us to meet with representatives of the Youth and Recreation Branch to discuss items of common concern.

The requests by members to serve on Committees and to be active again illustrates the interest of the membership in being involved with the affairs of the Society. The Executive sincerely hope to involve as many people as possible in the ongoing work, and urge each member to contact us if there are concerns or questions.

Past President Laurie Branch and I, as directed by the membership at the Annual Meeting, are continuing to represent the Society on the Steering Committee for AN Ontario Recreation Society.

The membership of the Steering Committee is composed of the following people:

S.D.M.R.O.	L. Branch and T. Riley
I.P.E.O.	B. Weaver and Dave Hamilton
C.A.M.A.O.	J. Skochyla and F. Westoby
Outdoor Recreation	R. Irvine, Ontario Department Lands & Forests
Private Agencies	I. Eaton, Y.M.C.A.
Recreation Educators	R. Dion, University of Waterloo
Government	L. Minshall, Y. & R. B.
Institutions	Bob Brayshaw, Dep't. of Reform Institute
Special Appointment	Larry Heeb, University of Kansas

To date, three meetings have been held by this Steering Committee. Although there have been differences of opinion, there have been no major difficulties, and all discussions have maintained the spirit of cooperation so ably begun last fall at Lake Couchiching.

Progress, while appearing slow, has been constant, and the aims and objectives have been reached. Work is now progressing on the mechanical aspects of organization structure, committees, etc.

The Steering Committee, at our first meeting, established the following tasks to be done:

1. Organize the Committee into a formal structure.
2. Establish the aims, objectives and purpose of the organization.
3. Outline membership classifications and qualifications.
4. Draft the formal structure the new organization should take.
5. Suggest the relationships that should exist with:
 - (a) existing professional organizations,
 - (b) existing lay-professional organizations,
 - (c) government.
6. Consider the financial resources available, recommend membership fees, draft a budget.
7. Seek information about legislative recognition of the organization.
8. Outline certification and licensing procedures.
9. Recommend the time schedule to complete these tasks.

To date, the Committee have, under the Interim Chairmanship of Lloyd Minshall, been involved with the first five points listed.

The Purpose of the Organization has been evolved to:

Provide one professional organization through which persons employed in the recreation field can unify their efforts to increase their competence and status, ensuring the orderly growth and development of leisure time services in Ontario.

The Objectives are:

1. To establish improved communication amongst members,
2. To encourage and maintain high standards of integrity and ethics within the recreation field,
3. To encourage, coordinate, and develop programmes of education for recreation personnel,
4. To aid and advise in the establishment and revision of legislation,
5. To cooperate with all related agencies and levels of government,
6. To create an appreciation of the objectives and principles of the recreation field amongst other groups, professions and the public,
7. To maintain liaison with related groups and agencies so that the best interests of recreation will be served,
8. To examine and certify recreation personnel.

Membership Qualifications -

- (a) Honourary Membership - granted by the executive to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the field of recreation.
- (b) Full Membership - granted to an applicant who
 - (1) is employed full-time by a public or private agency, industry, or institution which provides a recreation service,
 - (2) possesses a degree from a recognized university OR possesses a certificate or diploma in some phase of recreation, or a related field, from a recognized university, college, or school offering an improved course and has two years of fulltime successful experience following the date of first appointment,
 - (3) fills a management or supervisory role,
 - (4) is sponsored by a full member,

- (5) has submitted a completed application that is approved by a membership committee.
- (c) Qualifying Member - granted to an applicant who
- (1) is employed full-time in a management or supervisory capacity but who otherwise does not meet the qualifications, and who must complete the requirements for full membership within a seven year period.
 - (2) is a student in an approved academic programme.

These factors are the major points that have been agreed upon to date. It is hoped that all Society members will take an objective view of these developments, and continue to give this new organization your support.

Recreation is at the crossroads - if we are to progress, we must be progressive and be ready to assume new responsibility in the whole broad field of recreation. To do this, we must have the proper vehicle which can include all professionals engaged in this important work.

J. Thomas Riley,
President

