



## Aquatic Sport Council – Ontario Communication Bulletin - January 2010

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The Aquatic Sport Council is pleased to announce the official launch of its website, built to provide a single source of information for sporting groups, pool administrators and governments about the facility needs for aquatic sport training and competition.

[www.aquaticsport.ca](http://www.aquaticsport.ca)

Key products are now available on the website. Under the heading of **Facility Information** stakeholders will find facility standards, to be used to classify existing pools and as source of information about pool and related facility designs, the accommodation of sport with other aquatic activities and the opportunities for partnerships. The standards are described for two groups of pools; those that can be used for provincial and national level training and competition and those that support local and regional developmental programs.

Also under **Facility Information** we have provided general descriptions of facility needs for sport and provided designs for five different configurations. Other tools and templates will be coming soon. The Aquatic Sport Council engaged an expert panel of programmers, architects and engineers to inform these products.

A second deliverable that we would like to draw your attention to is the pool finder tool under **Aquatic Sport**. As a first step to mapping the needs for new facilities in Ontario, this guide is designed to list and map all of the pools used for aquatic sport training and competition in the province.

### What You Can Do to Make Our Website Better

We want this site to meet your needs related to the improvement and expansion of aquatic sport facilities. Please let us know what your information needs are. Specific to the listings of pools, the Aquatic Sport Council is interested in receiving feedback on the accuracy and completeness of the list of pools. Our next project is to use this list to map the gaps, for each aquatic sport, in both training and competitive facilities. We want our analysis to be defensible and as a result are asking the aquatic sport community to provide us with feedback by doing a careful validation of the pools used by their sport, in their local community. Feedback can be provided directly from the website and will be very welcome.

A second task for the improvement and uses of the website is to generate activity through linkages and visibility. The Aquatic Sport Council is asking PSOs and NSOs to promote this website and links to it, to all of its partners. The site will be of interest to sporting groups, municipalities, architects and governments. We are asking you to ask each of your member clubs to create a link to this site on their webpage.



Coming Soon to [www.aquaticsport.ca](http://www.aquaticsport.ca)

In the near future the Aquatic Sport Council will post templates and examples for determining the operation costs and revenue estimates of programming in various pool scenarios. Once again, we will look forward to ongoing feedback and suggestions for improvement.

In November 2009 the Aquatic Sport Council undertook a review and validation of its work plan and funding needs for the 2010/2011 years. A summary of the work completed to date, the plans for the winter of 2010 and the remaining tasks to be built into a funding request for 2010/2011 is attached. Most important to that work is a clear vision of what the focus of the Aquatic Sport Council will be, moving beyond 2011.

