**Outdoor Play in Canada: State of the Sector Report**

Application to Contribute to Strategic Consultations

**Background:** Outdoor Play Canada, before its formal organization, was responsible for the development and release of the “Position Statement on Active Outdoor Play” in 2015. This Statement had a significant impact on uniting the Outdoor Play sector, providing direction and a common purpose – promoting children’s healthy growth and development through outdoor play. To build on and expand this impactful trajectory Outdoor Play Canada is developing the ‘Outdoor Play in Canada: State of the Sector Report’ to serve as a chronology of where we were, an account of where we are at, and a map of where we need to go from here. This process aims to bring diverse stakeholders together, create a sense of ‘community’ within the Outdoor Play sector, provide a common vision for the sector to thrive and succeed over the next five years, and identify priorities for action.

**The Call:** Outdoor Play Canada is seeking individuals within the Outdoor Play sector to participate in the consultation and development process for the State of the Sector Report.

**Criteria:** Enthusiastic individuals involved in outdoor play and related sectors across the lifespan in Canada. We are seeking to create a multi-disciplinary group that can provide diverse perspective and input.

**Responsibilities:**

* Review the initial draft of the State of the Sector Report to be circulated ahead of the online November 2020 meeting.
* Participate in an online meeting in November 2020; a 3-hour online townhall-style meeting.
  + Provide feedback on the initial draft of the report, identify current gaps in knowledge and topics not yet covered, propose priorities for action going forward, and participate in mapping the layout, and naming, of the report.

**Submission Process:** Kindly complete the form below including the two questions provided and return your completed application as an email attachment to: [info@outdoorplaycanada.ca](mailto:info@outdoorplaycanada.ca) by September 16, 2020. Successful applicants will be contacted by email at the end of September.

**Deadline to Submit:** **September 16, 2020**

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Sector (e.g. Education, Research, Policy, Philanthropy): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Why are you interested in contributing to the Strategic Consultations process? (~200 words or less)**

**What unique contribution/expertise/perspective will you bring to the Strategic Consultations process? (~200 words or less)**