



Outdoor Play Canada September 2020 Newsletter

OPC projects and activities encompass all traditional territories of the Indigenous Nations of Turtle Island, within the land we now call Canada.

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Calling All Outdoor Play Stakeholders!

Outdoor Play Canada is launching the Outdoor Play in Canada: State of the Sector Report, in which we will provide an in-depth overview of where we have been as a sector since the publication of the Position Statement on Active Outdoor Play, where we are now, and where we need to go. We are seeking individuals within the Outdoor Play sector to participate in the consultation and development process for the State of the Sector Report.

Submit your application to participate in the consultation process [here!](#)

NEW Member Benefits: Outdoor Play Canada Slide Decks

We have recently added a selection of slide decks to our members-only section of the website! These slide decks, ranging from statistics to slides outlining the Position Statement on Active Outdoor Play may be used as a knowledge sharing, advocacy tool to support outdoor play in your network.

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Advancing Early Childhood Education Outdoors Now Roundtable on Changing Outdoor Education Licensing in British Columbia

Advancing Early Childhood Education Outdoors Now explores the health and educational benefits of being outside, successful international models of early childhood education outdoors, and paths for advancing licensing outdoor early childhood education in British Columbia. Led by Dr Mariana Brussoni, Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia, this 3-part roundtable series, beginning the week of September 20th, will explore the what, why, and how of licensed early childhood education outdoors, and will conclude with concrete actions for British Columbians to take.

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Canadian Parks Collective for Innovation and Leadership Webinar on Outdoor Play and Pandemics Featuring Outdoor Play Canada

The Canadian Parks Collective for Innovation and Leadership hosts a monthly webinar series on the first Thursday of every month with topics ranging from leadership to management, conservation to connection. This month, Outdoor Play Canada's Louise de Lannoy together with Chloe Dragon-Smith, a leader in Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas, spoke on Outdoor Play and Pandemics. The webinar will be held live on September 3rd at 1pm EST, but if you miss it you can listen to the recording [here](#).

Though many conferences and events have been rescheduled or cancelled this year, many others like the CPCIL have turned to online options. For this and other events, check out our [online calendar](#).

Community Nature Adventure Playground

This fall, the City of Calgary is running a self-directed, drop-in program that uses natural elements such as tree stumps, tree cookies, branches, twigs and rocks to inspire active and creative outdoor play, and connect people, young and old, to nature. Onsite play ambassadors will be on site to inspire play. Parents are encouraged to stay and watch their children's imaginations soar in this new adventure space

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Call for information on events, job postings, and other relevant items of information for OPC members

Events: Is your organization planning a webinar, event, or conference (online or in-person) in the next 4 months? Send us the details to post in the [OPC calendar](#) and in our next newsletter.

Job Postings: Is your organization hiring? Send us the details to post in the [OPC Job Postings](#) section and in our next newsletter.

We welcome blog posts and summaries of relevant research studies for publication on the [OPC website](#). If you have any items that you think would be of interest to fellow OPC members, please contact info@outdoorplaycanada.ca. We respect the amount of unnecessary emails you receive so the plan is for a maximum of one OPC newsletter every other month. Your feedback and comments are always welcome.