



VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 2, 2024 | 11:00am – 1:00pm EST

DRAFT MINUTES

1. WELCOME

Present: Claire Carver-Dias, President
Rob Adams, Director-at-Large
Ava Hill, Director-at-Large
Greg Maychak, Director-at-Large
Jacqueline Zonneville, Director-at-Large
Carlene Variyan, Treasurer
Maggie Brennan, Director-at-Large
Patrick Kenny, Director-at-Large
Myles Spencer, Director-at-Large
Robert Law, Athlete Representative

Guests: Pradeep Sood, President CSC Foundation
Rick Powers

Staff: Brian MacPherson, CEO
Kelly Laframboise, Recorder

The President called the meeting to order at 11:02am (EST) with quorum, everyone was welcomed, thanked, and a Land Acknowledgement was conducted.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion moved by Carlene Variyan; **seconded** by Greg Maychak

“That the agenda be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion moved by Rob Adams; **seconded** by Myles Spencer

“That there being no objections, the consent agenda was unanimously approved. The consent agenda included the following resolutions: Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, September 4, 2024, and Compliance Certificate to November 30, 2024.”

CARRIED.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 CSC becoming an Indigenous Declaration Signatory

At the last Board Meeting questions, concerns and implications around CSC’s ability to act on the ten (10) Calls to Action was identified. A meeting of the International Working Group is scheduled for December 10, 2024, to discuss the key performance indicators, the monitoring & evaluation of the signatories and any consequences should signatories not keep to their commitments.



5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Ratification of CSC Committee Chairs

Post elections CSC's Committee Chairs are reviewed with newly elected individuals being assigned committees of their interests.

Motion moved by Ava Hill; **seconded** by Patrick Kenny

"That the proposed committee chairs be approved as presented."

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	STAFF LIAISON
STANDING COMMITTEES		
External Representation	Maggie Brennan (DAL)	Brian MacPherson
Finance & Audit	Carlene Variyan (Treasurer)	Brian MacPherson
Governance Advisory	Myles Spencer (DAL)	Kelly Laframboise
Nominations & Elections	Rick Powers	Kelly Laframboise
Personnel	Rob Adams (DAL)	Kelly Laframboise
AD HOC COMMITTEES		
Alumni Committee	Andrew Haley (MAL)	Kelly Laframboise
Athlete Council	Rob Law (Athlete Rep)	Kelly Laframboise
Awards & Recognition	David Legg (MAL)	Kelly Laframboise
Bid & Hosting	Vacant	Brian MacPherson
Communications	Patrick Kenny (DAL)	Brian MacPherson
High Performance (HPAC)	Monique Allain (MAL)	Kelly Laframboise
Kings Baton Relay (KBR)	Greg Maychak (DAL)	Brian MacPherson
Marketing	Jacqueline Zonneville (DAL)	Brian MacPherson

DAL = Director-at-Large

MAL = Member-at-Large

CARRIED.

CSC's leadership is recruiting a Bid & Hosting Committee Chair. Next step, Chairs populate their committees.

5.2 Sport Canada's Sport Support Program

An update was provided about the recent "modernization" of Sport Canada's Sport Support funding program. The key takeaways include:

1. This funding program is based on need instead of a core reference level which was guaranteed each year.
2. Any National Sport Organization can apply, not just only those already funded.
3. No new money is available presently.

Organizations can apply for 1 to 4 years of funding

Funding decisions are expected in March 2025



Commonwealth Sport Canada's funding request includes, in order of priority; Team Canada, Sport for Newcomers, Women Coach Intern Program (WCIP) and Back of House Governance & Administration

Applications are due December 11, 2024.

5.3 United Canada 2030 Commonwealth Games Bid

After many unsuccessful games bid attempts in Canada, CSC is trying something different. Aligning with the CGF's "Games Reset", including co-hosting and reduced operational costs, CSC has met with provincial/ territorial governments to present CSC's proposed multi-province 2030 Commonwealth Games model, including provincial governments selecting the sports and their locations.

Next steps include: Contacting FCM to help get the word out to municipalities and follow up with provincial governments in January 2025. Interested provincial governments are to submit their expression interest with their preferred sports and an Indigenous component in February 2025.

5.4 Sport for Newcomers

With the successful launch and implementation of the Sport for Newcomers pilot program back in 2020, Commonwealth Sport Canada Foundation is working on a partner recruitment package including a video and handout. The package is expected to be ready to market by the end of year or early in the New Year.

5.5 CGF and Team Canada 2026 Update

A brief update on CGF activities was provided:

- The 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow will be smaller, hosting 10 sports in four (4) existing venues within an 8 mile radius. Team members will be housed in hotels. The 2026 Commonwealth Games are funded by CGF using funds received from Australia's withdrawal. CGF is playing a larger role than usual in organizing the Games and has redirected several of their staff to this purpose.
- An Expression of Interest has been distributed for the Commonwealth Youth Games in 2027 and noted that the Youth Games could move to every 2 years.

Team Canada 2026:

- Kelly Laframboise has been hired as Team Canada 2026 Director, effective January 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. Chris Taylor will transition into the position of Programs & Operations Manager, effective April 1, 2025 and hire a Programs & Operations Assistant by April 1. This is a great opportunity for CSC to hire from within with two well experienced staff. Kelly & Chris led the teams into Bahamas (2017) and Trinidad & Tobago (2023) doing a great job.
- It is estimated Canada's team size be approximately 135 athletes and 65 officials (Coaches, Managers, Mission Staff) for a total team size around 200. In the past, the team size was around 400.
- A Call for Mission Staff could be distributed early in the New Year.



6. OTHER

A virtual Board Meeting will be scheduled for March 2025 and development of CSC's next Strategic Plan will restart in May 2025.

7. IN CAMERA

The Board of Directors conducted a regularly schedule In-Camera meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions, comments or concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 12:34pm EST.

Approved & Duly Signed:

Claire Carver-Dias, President

February 6th, 2025

Date: