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New Agreement – Canadian Rugby Foundation & Rugby Canada

A new memorandum of agreement between Rugby Canada and the Foundation was signed in April that formalizes the ongoing working relationship between the two parties, highlighted by protocols for increased cooperation, collaboration and communications, while leaving the arms-length autonomy of the Foundation untouched. [Announcement here.](#)



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Change in Funds' Disbursements Process



Owing to greater clarity on the CRA compliance requirements for Rugby Canada's grants, a new process for disbursing both annual payouts (from Endowment Funds) and capital withdrawals (from Capital Funds) is being piloted beginning in May, 2022. A full explanation is here: [Letter to Fund Representatives.](#)

This new process still has some details to work out over the coming month, however we are already using the draft Grant Request form and the process described in the draft Grant Manual.

[Draft Grant Manual.](#) [Grant Request Form.](#)

Coming Up...

- Jun 29 – CRF Board meeting
- Jul 1 – Launch of revitalized CRF website
- Jul 2 – Senior Men vs. Belgium at Wanderers Grounds, Halifax
- Jul 10 – Senior Men vs. Spain at TD Place, Ottawa
- Jul 24 – Senior Women vs Italy in Langford, BC
- Aug 27 – Senior Women vs. Wales at Wanderers Grounds, Halifax
- Oct 8-10 – Men's Canadian Rugby Club Championship at Capilano RFC, Vancouver
- Oct TBD – CRF Board meeting and AGM
- Oct 8- Nov 12, 2022 – 2021 (Women's) World Cup in New Zealand
- Nov 30 – Dec 3 2022 CUMRC hosted by UBC in Vancouver
- Mar 3-5, 2023 – HSBC Canada 7s (Men & Women) at BC Place, in Vancouver



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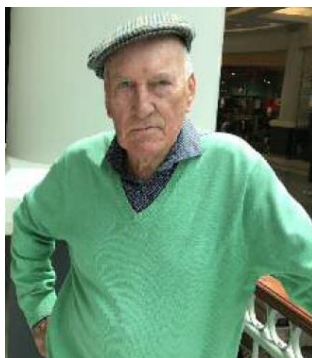
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Executive Committee Announcements



Sally Dennis has submitted her resignation as Secretary and member of the Executive Committee due to her increased time commitments since taking on her role as Chair of Rugby Canada. She will stay on as Rugby Canada's representative on the Board of Directors and as Chair of the Governance Committee. Thankfully, Sally has agreed to stay on in all of her roles until a replacement can be put in place for the Secretary role, and as a member of the Executive Committee.

Sally has been instrumental in assisting with the pending updating of our constitution and bylaws and in concluding our historic memorandum of agreement with Rugby Canada.



John Wrafter has announced his retirement from his role as Treasurer of the Foundation and ex-officio member of the Executive Committee and Board effective July 31st. This follows a long and valued service to the Foundation, and a steady hand on our purse strings.

John had a long and successful career in banking and has been a stalwart rugby supporter and administrator ever since his playing days in County Sligo Ireland. Among many other roles, John served for many years as the Treasurer, and then President of the Vancouver Island Rugby Union, General Manager of the Crimson Tide, member of the Rugby Canada Finance committee and as treasurer of the Canadian Rugby Super League. In addition, he started one of the first athletic awards for Vikes Women's Rugby at the University of Victoria. He has spent the last ten years as the unpaid and overworked treasurer of the Canadian Rugby Foundation and brought discipline, thoroughness, passion and organization to every task he undertook. Truly a gentleman of the old school he will be sorely missed. A search is underway for a new Treasurer.



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Congratulations!

We congratulate Foundation Executive and Board member **Hans de Goede** and Monty Heald Fund Chair **Stephanie White** as their daughter Sophie de Goede was named U SPORTS Female Athlete of the Year on June 25.



Sophie recently capped a 5-year career on the Queen's University Gaels Women's Rugby team with the 2021 U SPORTS National Championship and followed that up this Spring with a U SPORTS Nationals Bronze medal for the Queen's Basketball team. She was named one of Canada's Top 8 Academic All-Canadians in 2020-21 and has been a perennial Academic All-Canadian.



A product of the BCRU Girls and Women's rugby system, including the **Castaway Wanderers RFC** (a Foundation Fund Sponsor) before attending Queen's, Sophie has been named to various provincial and national age-group teams, and played a season for the Saracens in the Allianz Premier 15s in England while Queen's was on pandemic-related lockdown. She is a stalwart at No. 8 on Canada's Senior Women's team, which is in New Zealand this month for the Pacific 4 Series (vs. New Zealand, Australia and USA) just 4 months prior to the World Cup, also in New Zealand. For the Pacific 4 tour, Sophie was named team captain and was player of the match in game 1 vs. the USA. Donate to the Monty Heald Fund [here](#) to support the team.

Good luck Sophie!



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Fredericton Loyalists Celebrates Its Founders With Launch of Endowment Fund



The Fredericton Loyalists Rugby Club established a new Fund: the Loyalists Legends Legacy Fund in June 2022. The Fund is intended to provide funding from its endowment to further the goals of the club with a particular focus on youth development.

The fund's genesis came in 2018 with the passing of long-time club stalwart **Malcolm MacAfee**. "Malcolm was a true club man in that he performed whatever duty was needed of him day to day, on the field or off. His two true passions, however, were the club's long term financial stability and youth development. He called himself 'treasurer for life' but was also a regular coaching kids Saturday morning's from our mini-rugby program's inception in 1979 right up the fall he passed away in 2018.



Malcolm MacAfee

The concept of an endowment fund was born out of the question - What Would Malcolm Want? - and that started us down the path to creating this fund" - Simon Pacey - Loyalist Alumni Director. Malcolm's passing created the concept and it was two founding donations that have brought the fund to reality. First in 2020 the family of **Ray Boucher** made a \$10,000 donation to the club that became his second home after moving to Fredericton from Montreal in 1981. The club has since named an award in Ray's name that honours the newcomer that best exemplifies the club's values.



Ray Boucher



James 'J' McKay

The Second donation came from the family of **James 'J' McKay**. J was a long time player and member of the board at the club through the 70's and 80's as the club grew and purchased the land for our current home. He was instrumental in making the clubhouse and grounds a reality and was a key member of the 1979 Caledonia Cup winning squad. The McKay family donated \$10,000 on his behalf.

2021 was the 60th Anniversary of the founding of Loyalists RFC but the celebrations were disrupted by the pandemic. The club will gather this summer to celebrate 60 years so the creation of the fund will be a major focal point for that celebration.

The Fund will support the Loyalist Rugby Club in perpetuity, and will be an opportunity for alumni, players, and supporters to recognize their appreciation for the club through a one-time or monthly donations.

Donations to the new Fund may be made [here](#) by scrolling down the menu to Loyalists Legends Legacy Fund.



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Monty Heald Fund

The National Women's XV's team has held successful East / West / and Overseas camps in the first quarter of 2022, along with the Black/Red camp in Victoria BC where some 40 potential players attended.

The team is currently in New Zealand for [the Pacific 4 Series](#) (New Zealand, Australia, USA and Canada) which will allow for some much-needed team tests as well as familiarize players and management with the venues they will be playing in during the World Cup in October/November.



JOURNEY TO THE RUGBY WORLD CUP

Some of our current side are playing in the England and French premierships , so are continuing to improve game fitness and awareness in high level competitions. Those players will be flying to the PAC 4 a little later and will miss the first test.

The team will be brought to Victoria for a camp July 16-24 and will play Italy in Langford BC on July 24. They will have one more preparation camp/test in Halifax August 13-27 with a game against Wales. Finally, they will be assembling in Vancouver for a week that will include a send off dinner! (Save the date Sept 13!).

The Monty Heald Fund has had a request for funding to subsidize extra days at the preparation camp in August, which we have agreed to support.

Please give generously to help our team prepare and I look forward to seeing you at the Send Off Dinner! [Donation page.](#)

- *Stephanie White, MHF Chair*

[Rugby Canada Summer 15s Schedule](#)





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U20 Fund

U20 Men's News and Update

The Canada U20 Men's program is very grateful for the continued support from the Canadian Rugby Foundation. Without their unwavering support of the program, we would not be able to be in the position that we are in. Further to that I believe strongly and want to ensure that the people involved in the program are recognized for their efforts, this program is strong because of the staff within it. The staff is the foundational piece of the program, and we are all here out of pure passion for the game and the development of the next generation of rugby players within our country. I feel extremely lucky to be a part of such a group that is able to put the program first ahead of their own needs. As we continue to grow and evolve as an under 20 Men's program. I hope we never lose sight of why we are doing this. [Full Report here](#)

RUGBY 15s U20 MEN



Where We Are and Where We Are Going

We had planned and ALMOST delivered a tour to the UK in early January 2022 for the Men's Program. Unfortunately, a new COVID wave spiked across Canada. After a number of set-backs and waiting to see what the future would hold, we finally let go of the 2021 group that never was.

We have re-grouped and worked extremely hard over the past 4 months to develop an initial list of 85 players now reduced to 46 that would compete for a spot at camp June 27th – July 6 at Shawnigan Lak. We have felt that due to COVID we need to keep the base wide and give as many players as we can a shot to make the August Test Series in Toronto. Thus, we have combed the globe and have players coming to the camp from New Zealand, France and the UK. Our player base is largely based within Canadian Universities, but we have managed to develop relationships with clubs from across the globe.

This year our final squad will be playing a Test series in Toronto from August 21. World Rugby has confirmed that Portugal and Uruguay are coming to compete. In lieu of the World Trophy, World Rugby has sanctioned smaller satellite style tournaments to take the place for this year. We are thrilled to be able to compete on home soil.



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Pacific Pride Legacy Fund



The Foundation – through the Pacific Pride Legacy Fund and its Unrestricted Fund - supported the Pacific Pride's tour to Seattle. Phil Mack reported as follows: "The tour was a truly valuable experience for a young squad and the first touring experience for many of the players.

The trip was only a weekend but I think there is something special when crossing the border with a passport in hand. After a thrilling battle against a 30-man squad playing on their home field, the final score was 33-11 for the Pride." [Full Tour Report](#)

Thunder Indigenous Rugby Fund



Congratulations to John Lyall, founder of the Thunder Indigenous Rugby Fund for being presented the 2022 Distinguished Coach Award by the British Columbia Secondary Schools Rugby Union for longstanding service and excellence in coaching rugby union.



In the meantime, Thunder is raising funds and preparing for a road trip through Oregon and California coast, and then playing at the Los Angeles Invitational Tourney on the outer fields at Dignity Health Sports Park before attending the HSBC LA Sevens August 26-28.



Donate [here](#) to support this worthy cause:



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Ancient Nor'Westers Athletic Association (ANAA) Fund



The Ancient Nor'Westers Athletic Association are proud to acknowledge **Abby Duguid's** hard work and dedication as she has made Canada's Senior Women's 15s team that will kick off its "Journey to the Rugby World Cup" with the Pacific Four Series in June.



Abby has been a member of the Nor'Westers Junior and Senior program and has been our Youth Development Officer for the last 3 years helping to grow the sport she loves. Playing rugby since she was 12, she has been able to play all over the world. Abby has played for the NWAA, University of Lethbridge, U20 Canada, Wolfpack, and the Loughborough Lightning which is the number 1 Women's Premiership Rugby side in the East Midlands and competes in the Allianz Premier 15s.

Congrats Abby, we will be cheering you and our Canadian Women as you travel to New Zealand in June.

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John Cannon Memorial Award Fund

John Cannon, who was described as one of the best rugby players to have ever come out of Abbotsford, passed away on March 19, 2016, at the age of 35. John began playing rugby in high school, first playing rugby at WJ Mouat Secondary and then for Abbotsford Senior, from where he graduated in 1998. He first represented Canada on an Under-17 tour to England in 1996 at the age of 15, followed by the Canada U-19s at age 17, Pacific Pride at age 19. He earned his first Senior Men's cap at age 20, and a total of 39 caps (31 at 15s and 8 at 7s.) He played 6 years in England in what is now the Championship League.



The John Cannon Memorial Fund was established in 2016 following John's passing. The Fund's purpose is to provide financial assistance to aspiring Abbotsford rugby players who wish to pursue representative rugby. The first grant was awarded in 2017 and grants have been awarded in all subsequent years. To date \$6,500 in grants have been awarded as follow:

- 2017 - Tausani Levale - Canada Sr. Women's 15's Canada Sr. Women's 7's
- 2018 - Jake Thiel - Canada Sr. Men's 7's
- 2018 - Mackenzie Carson - Canada U-20 Women's 15's, Canada Sr. Women's 15's, Saracens Premiership England
- 2019 - Josh Thiel - Pacific Pride, Canada Sr. Men's 15's, San Diego Legion (MLR)
- 2019 - Noah Bain - University of Victoria, Canada University 7's, Canada Sr. Men's 7's
- 2020 - Kyra Peary - University of Victoria, Castaways Women's Premiership 15's, Rugby Canada Development Academy.
- 2021 - James Thiel - University of Victoria, Canada U-18 Camp
- 2021 - Shalaya Valenzuela - University of Victoria, Maple Leaf Academy, 2021-2022 Thunder Rugby Indigenous Player of the Year.

Call for applications including a cover page template and application form for 2022 are posted on the Abbotsford Rugby Club website (<https://www.abbotsfordrugby.com/>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/abbotsfordrugby>).



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Men's Canadian Rugby Club Championship (CRCC)



After a long hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Men's Canadian Rugby Club Championship, last played in 2018 returns to Capilano RFC in Vancouver, on Thanksgiving weekend, October 8-10. Due to a very difficult financial year, the Men's CRCC has been deferred to 2023 – dates and location to be determined.



The Women's version of the CRCC is expected to return in late summer of 2023, continuing the alternating men's and women's championships begun prior to the pandemic. Highlights from the 2019 championship held at Fletcher's Fields in Markham are here: <https://canadianclubchampionship.com/>



Coast to Coast Cup Support

The Foundation is proud to have supported the inaugural [Coast to Coast Cup](#) and subsidize travel costs for the Canada West Selects.



Led by Rugby Canada Academy Head Coach Phil Mack, the West Selects took on the Toronto Arrows Senior Academy on May 31 and the Atlantic Selects on June 4. Dominant victories were the order of the day. [Tournament Recap](#)

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Canadian University Men's Rugby Championship

The 2022 CMRC will be hosted by UBC in Vancouver, BC from November 30 – December 4. The UBC Thunderbirds are defending national champions and look to defend their home turf against the best of BC, the Prairies, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada. 35 men's university teams will be vying to qualify for the tournament in this Fall's regular season.

In addition, Rugby Canada, through its U SPORTS Application Committee chaired by Jeff Chan re-affirmed its support of the application to admit Men's 15s as an official sport in the U SPORTS portfolio; a decision on this is expected mid-Summer.

University Men's Rugby Initiative

Since the beginning of the year, a group of committed university supporters chaired by former national team player Dave Loughheed have developed plans to augment what individual universities are doing to significantly enhance the calibre of men's rugby at the nation's universities, to reduce the disparities between the universities, and to develop more players for the Rugby Canada senior men's pathway.

Improving the calibre and qualifications of university coaches was one priority organized by former UVic coach Doug Tate which was addressed by sending 13 university coaches on a two-week virtual coaches Accelerator course put on by the Crusaders International Academy in New Zealand.



This initiative is being followed up with a two-week visit to BC by two of the Crusaders coaches who presented at the Accelerator course. Working with university coaches, they will help develop university-bound age-grade players and university and local coaches in locations around BC, with the plan to repeat in 2023 in Ontario and Quebec.. The group is also examining ways to expand Rugby Canada's capacity to train and certify more coaches to the Level 3 level.

Another priority is to grow the Strength and Conditioning capacity and expertise on a regional basis, so university programs without access to varsity S&C support can benefit from regional and online support.

Fund-raising is underway to support these highest priority initiatives. More information on how you can help can be obtained from [Mike Holmes](#).



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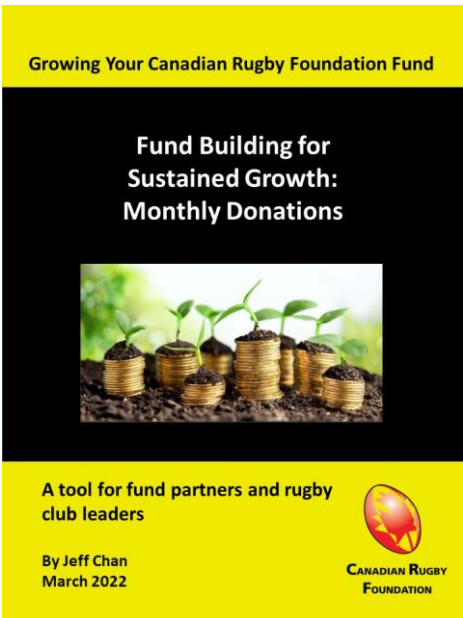
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MONTHLY DONATION APPEAL

Monthly Donations

Our experience, and that of CanadaHelps.org across all of their charities, is that getting the commitment of donors to a continuous stream of monthly donations is the best way to maximize total donations, and to keep donors engaged over time. And from the donors' perspective, it is a good way to spread donations over time, and reduce repetitive manual donations.

[Here is an excerpt from our Manual on Building Your Fund for Sustainable Growth on increasing your Monthly Donations.](#)



Here's where you can support your choice of Fund or Funds and/or the Foundation:

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<https://canadianrugbyfoundation.ca/index.php/funds/donating-to-funds/>

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