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BOARD APPOINTMENT



On July 24, the Board of Directors ratified the appointment of **Andrew Wright** as one of the three Fletcher's Fields Limited directors, following his nomination by the FFL Board.

Andrew is an Executive Vice President of CBRE (formerly Coldwell Banker Richard Ellis), a leading commercial real estate firm. He has had rugby club and non-profit board experience to complement his business and financial background, and will add to the Board's capabilities and strength. He is appointed for a 2-year term beginning immediately.

2022 ANNUAL REPORT UPDATE

The 2022 Annual Report has been updated with the final 2022 Financial Statements and is posted [here](#).

UPDATES TO FUND MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT

Updating of all of the Foundation's Funds' MOAs continues. Fund representatives can expect a request to review, revise and approve their Fund's MOA in the Foundation's now standard format and language if they hadn't already updated their MOA in 2022 or earlier in 2023.

BY-LAW CHANGE

The By-law changes approved at the 2022 AGM last October have been reviewed and approved by the Charities Directorate of the CRA. One of the key changes is now being implemented with **one representative from each Fund with a balance over the last two years of \$100,000+ to be designated a voting member** of the Foundation, and eligible to vote at the Annual General Meetings of the Canadian Rugby Foundation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Board Meetings:**
 - September 7 - 8:00pm ET/5:00pm PT
 - October 26 - 7:00pm ET/4:00pm PT
- **Annual General Meeting:**
 - October 26 - 8:00pm ET/5:00pm PT



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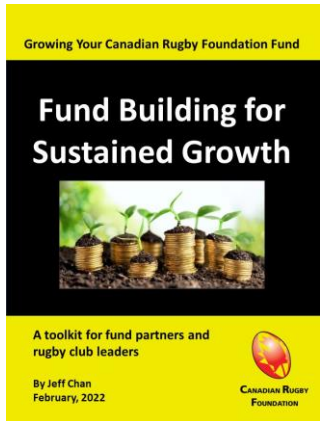
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FUND DISBURSEMENTS

The previously announced increase in annual **disbursement quotas** is already accounting for increased numbers and amounts of grant requests. Although we have set new minimum annual disbursements for the funds, the maximum for all funds is now 5 %.

For some clubs and awards funds, this is a blessing as it enables a higher level of funding for operating expenses and awards presentations. For other funds, this presents a new challenge, as the funds now need to increase their revenues from donations and other initiatives to ensure the total revenues including interest of 3.5%, minus the disbursements, result in net fund growth.

A reference for growing your funds - Fund Building for Sustained Growth – can be reviewed and downloaded [here](#).



While the following section is added to all new Memoranda of Agreement for new funds, it applies to all of our funds except the capital project funds as previously announced.

17. Annual payouts (disbursements from the Fund) including minimum payouts as may be determined by Board resolution, and/or to comply with CRA requirements may be required to be paid from the Fund. Notice of such changes in payout amounts will be emailed to the Fund Representatives on record at the time. As of March 6, 2023 Fund payouts are as follow:
- a. For Funds over \$1 million, a mandatory 5.0% annually
 - b. For Funds between \$100,000 and up to \$999,999 a minimum 4.0% up to 5.0% annually
 - c. For Funds between \$25,000 and up to \$99,999 a minimum of 3.5% up to 5.0% annually
 - d. For Funds below \$25,000: No minimum payout and up to 5.0% annually



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RICK BOURNE

Rick Bourne, a Foundation director was inducted into the BC Rugby Hall of Fame on June 23, and also had a new Award named in his honour.

Rick's extensive involvement as a player, coach, administrator, volunteer, director, philanthropist and leader within the Canadian rugby community has inspired the establishment of this new award. His remarkable leadership through rugby in Canada has left a lasting legacy. While many exceptional leaders have emerged within Canadian rugby, Rick Bourne stands as one of the most successful, passionate and generous individuals the country has ever witnessed.



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Dr. PAT PARFREY

Congratulations to Dr. Pat Parfrey, the chair of our U20 Fund, on his April 22 induction into the Newfoundland and Labrador Sports Hall of Fame. And just announced on July 21, Pat will be named to the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador on October 4!



Dr. Pat Parfrey “Builder”

Dr. Pat Parfrey started playing rugby at the age of 13 at the CBC in his native Cork, Ireland and played club rugby while studying for his medical degree at the University College Cork (UCC) winning the Munster Cup with the team in 1976. He eventually moved to England to further his academic career and continued to play in Montreal and England. Assuming responsibility of player-coach from 1977-1982 with the London Irish, he led the team to its first-ever RFU Cup Final in 1980.

As a player, coach, and volunteer, Pat has made enormous contributions to the sport of rugby for over 30 years. His name is widely known within the rugby community here in the province, across Canada, and around the world for pushing the game’s development, guiding many national championship teams from the province and becoming one of the sport’s most prolific fundraisers and builders.

Away from the field, he led the campaign to build the Swilers Rugby Complex, a world-class sports facility in St. John’s which has played host to attracting high-quality competitive teams from all corners of the globe. Pat has mentored and coached athletes of all ages. His accomplishments as a coach to improve Canadian Rugby are numerous, including training an Under 19 team that won 5 out of 6 games while touring London, and led the Canadian National side to the 1999 Rugby World Cup, also leading Canada to victory in the Pacific Rim Championship in 1997 and 1998.

Pat is the only person to have served as the Coach of Canada’s National Senior Men’s Team and President of Rugby Canada and currently is Canada’s representative on the World Rugby Board as part of the Community Rugby Committee. Many attest that the opportunities that Pat’s leadership and mentorship behind the scenes with planning, goal setting, lobbying, fundraising, orchestrating, and ultimately getting this done on the grandest of scale has created results for the betterment of the rugby community and in particular youth playing the sport. Presently he is giving back to the sport in a unique way as the Team Manager for the National U20 Men’s Team and is a board member of the Swilers Rugby Club.



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NEW FUNDS

Since the last Newsletter in January 2023, and the 2022 Annual Report published on March 31, 2023, two new Funds have been established:

Twin Elm Rugby Park Renewal Fund



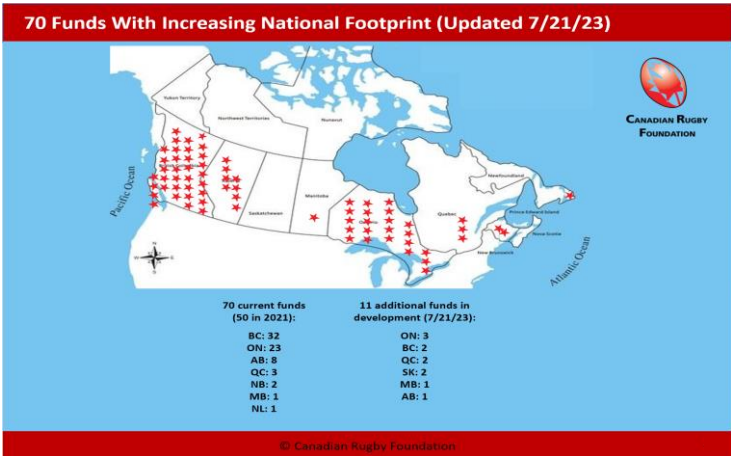
Rick Bourne Rugby Award Fund



An additional 11 funds are in the discussion stage, several of which commenced following a presentation at the Rugby Ontario AGM by Jeff Chan, Executive Director, and Jerry Marriott, CRF Board and Executive Committee member.

At the James Bay Athletic Association, the Jack Patrick and Nick Mathers Awards Funds were previously merged, and now have added recognition of the Tillman Briggs family. The fund is now the Jack Patrick, Nick Mathers & Briggs Family Awards Fund.

As of July 31, 2023, we now have **70 funds**, a significant jump from 50 in March 2021. A complete list is [here](#).





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MONTY HEALD SENIOR WOMEN'S FUND

The World Rugby Pacific Four 2023 Series wound up its Ottawa leg with a disappointing 52-21 loss to New Zealand and a dominant 45-7 victory over Australia at TD Place, to go with a previous win over the USA in Spain. The New Zealand game, with an attendance of 10,092, set a record for the largest audience for a women's rugby game in Canada. Canada finished with a 2-1 record, cementing a second-place finish, and qualification for the inaugural WXV series over the next two years.



Canada vs. Australia

(c) Jeff Chan



Photos from the Sr. Women's practices, scrimmage against the USA, and the two Pacific Four matches versus New Zealand and Australia can be seen as follows:

- [Practice at Oakfield Rugby Park in Perth, ON on June 30](#)
- [Canada-USA Scrimmage at Oakfield Rugby Park on July 1](#)
- [Practice at Twin Elm Rugby Park, Richmond, ON on July 5](#)
- [Canada vs. New Zealand at TD Place, Ottawa on July 8](#)
- [Practice at Barrhaven \(Ottawa\) Scottish RFC's Rowan's Pitch on July 11](#)
- [Canada vs. Australia at TD Place on July 14](#)

Next up for Canada's Women's 15s team is a two-match series this September hosted by #1 ranked England, marking the first time these teams have faced off since the 2021 Rugby World Cup (played in 2022) semi-final. The series opener will be played at Exeter's Sandy Park on Saturday September 23 (kick-off 6:30 a.m. PT / 9:30 a.m. ET), where Canadians Emily Tuttosi and DaLeaka Meni play. The second match will take place on Saturday September 30 (kickoff at 6:30 am PT / 9:30 am ET) at StoneX Stadium, London, home of the Saracens where Sophie de Goede, McKinley Hunt, Alysha Corrigan and Emma Taylor play.

The England matches will be followed by the aforementioned WXV series hosted by New Zealand. Canada, Australia and New Zealand qualified from the Pacific Four while England, France and Wales qualified from the Six Nations. The matches are scheduled for the weekends of October 21 and 28 and November 4.



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MONTY HEALD SENIOR WOMEN’S FUND

A Sr. Women’s Rugby alumni gathering organized by Stephanie White resulted in 40+ alumni gathering the evening before the Canada-New Zealand match. Also present from Edmonton was Monty Heald Fund co-founder Barry Giffen. A ball donated by Gilbert Canada to commemorate the 200th anniversary of rugby was auctioned off – after spirited and highly competitive bidding – to Louise Pearce for \$3,500 which went to the Monty Heald Fund. Other generous auction winners were Josee Lacasse and Stephanie Bernier. Donations and auction proceeds around this event in July raised \$7,000 for the Fund, including a donation of \$1,250 from the Dominion City Brewing Company.



For those who were unable to attend or were unsuccessful in the auctions, or who want to join the groundswell of support for the Sr. Women’s team following the Pacific Four performance in Ottawa, you can add your donation to the Monty Heald Fund [here](#):

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WOMEN'S AGE-GRADE RUGBY FUND

The Pacific Four series was an opportunity for Canada's Women's U20 team (photo below) and Women's U18 East 40-person roster to gather in Ottawa. The U20 team – coming together for the first time since before pre-pandemic days – were defeated by both the USA and Wales U20 teams and the considerably older U Ottawa Gee Gees women's rugby team. The Women's U23 team defeated the USA on July 26, and plays them again on July 30 in Quincy outside Boston.



Canada Women's U20



Photos from the Women's U20 practices and games, as well as the U18 East Scrimmage can be found as follows:

- [Canada U20s vs. U Ottawa at Matt Anthony Field in Ottawa on July 4](#)
- [Canada U20s vs. USA at TD Place on July 8](#)
- [Canada U20s vs. Wales at Twin Elm Rugby Park on July 13](#)
- [Canada East U18s Scrimmage at Twin Elm Rugby Park on July 15](#)

The 2nd Raising the Uprights event was held in Ottawa with the U20 team in attendance. Donations, ticket sales, and auction proceeds totalled \$20,000...all going to the Canadian Rugby Foundation's Women's Age-grade Rugby Fund in support of Canada's Women's U18, U20 and U23 programs/teams.

The [Gilbert 200th Anniversary of Rugby Limited Edition ball](#) donated by Gilbert Canada was won by Marcia and [Rongo Krawll-Wetere](#) with a winning bid of \$4,000, made in honour of Ottawa's own Lee Powell. [Congratulation and thanks from the U20 team.](#)

Canada's Women's U20 players and coaches (including **Colette McAuley** a Foundation Director) were joined by Rugby Canada Chair Sally Dennis, Women's Rugby head coach Kevin Rouet, [guest speaker Karen Paquin](#), [Emily Tuttosi and Paige Farries with their comedic version of 21 questions](#), [Duncan and Fiona McNaughton](#) the Women's Age-grade Rugby Fund founders, and numerous supporters and fans.

Thanks to key organizers [Afton David, Darcy Patterson](#), and [MC Brianna Miller](#) for putting on a great event, and raising important funds for the age-grade women's teams. And a big thank you to all those making a donation, buying tickets for the event, and bidding on the auction items. Photos from the Raising the Uprights event are [here](#):

If you missed the event, there'll be another event in Toronto on September 8. And, you can still make a donation, or sign up for a monthly donation subscription [here](#).



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UNIVERSITY RUGBY SUPPORTERS FUND

UNIVERSITY RUGBY SUPPORTERS FUND and GERALD McGAVIN COACHING AWARD FUND

University Coaches Initiative

Seven university coaches attended the Crusaders International Academy in Christchurch, NZ from May 22 to June 2.



One coach (Scott Manning from U Victoria) was funded by the Gerald McGavin Coaching Award Fund and six (Andy Evans (Trinity Western U), Nick “Vinny” McAuley (U Calgary), Ian McLeod (Western U), Jamie Mackenzie (Laurier U), Ian Baillie (McGill U) and Pat B. Parfrey (Memorial U) were funded by the University Rugby Supporters Fund, with travel subsidized by “For the Love of the Game”, a charity founded and organized by former Sr. Men’s player Dave Loughheed. An eighth coach (UBC’s Curry Hitchborn) was funded by the Gerald McGavin Fund for a coaching experience in Wales.

The New Zealand course was the inaugural coaches’ cohort developed with the Crusaders, to begin augmenting the development of our Canadian university coaches, regarding technical skills and rugby tactics, but more importantly, on program and team culture and organization. Each participating coach has pledged to share their learning with the other university coaches across Canada, and with rugby coaches at the high school and community rugby clubs in their regions. Based on our excellent feedback, we plan to expand this program in the future to include additional coaches including both men’s and women’s university coaches. The University Rugby Supporters Fund is also developing a new Strength and Conditioning initiative under Dave Loughheed’s leadership, to be piloted initially with university teams, with the end goal of producing the fittest rugby players in the world. More on this soon.

Canadian University Men’s Rugby Championship

The 2024 CUMRC has been awarded to the University of Ottawa (watch for the upcoming media release in the News section of the CRF website).



This year’s Raymond James CUMRC will be hosted by Trinity Western University Nov. 15-19 in Langley, BC.



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BURLINGTON CENTAURS FUND

The Burlington Centaurs celebrated their 50th Anniversary on the July 8 weekend, and unveiled the club's future plans! With rising memberships and new opportunities, we have felt the physical constraints of the current facility and desperately need more space. This video is a concept of the new clubhouse that the very talented Riley Design Studio. The club has started to save for the new clubhouse and are looking for donations to reach this goal. We need to raise and acquire \$1,000,000.00 through grants and donations and over \$150,000.00 has already been pledged and donated.

Through 50/50, silent auction, raffle tickets and generous donations over \$20,000 was raised during the 50th anniversary weekend!!! A big shout out to Martin Clancy and Graham Barnes for donating their 50/50 and heads & tails game winnings back to the club.

In honor of the 50th Anniversary, the club is launching their **Buy-a-Brick** campaign. For a donation of \$1,000.00 you will own a brick with an engraving of your choice to be installed in the new facility on the Founders Wall and with a donation of \$250.00 you will have a plaque on our Builder's Wall. Click the link for more info!

Donate: <https://canadianrugbyfoundation.ca/.../burlington-centaurs/>

Buy-a-brick:

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdLyT0wlo6.../viewform...>

We thank you for your generous donations and support as we continue to provide grassroots rugby to our community. Friends through rugby, Friends through life.

SAINT JOHN TROJANS RFC FUND



As described in the last newsletter, the new clubhouse under construction by the Trojans is on track to be completed in November. This coincides with the planned celebration of the club's **100th Reunion** on Nov 3-5. Congratulations on both scores!



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THUNDER INDIGENOUS RUGBY FUND

Making up for a 2021 tour of New Zealand by two Indigenous youth teams that was cancelled due to the pandemic and travel restrictions in New Zealand, the Thunder are rollin' to New Zealand August 13-28.



NZ Trip (from BC Rugby News)

It's only a few weeks until the Thunder U18 teams make their way to NZ to play 3 games in NZ and spend some time at the Inside Running Academy to improve their game. They'll land in Auckland, take in the Women's FIFA world cup semi-final game at Eden Park and then play games in Auckland, New Plymouth and Feilding while also visiting the Academy in Mount Maunganui. They'll be taking in three NPC games while there as well. It will be a life-changing event for the young players who are making that important life transition from high school to further education and skills training. If you wish to support the tour contact John Lyall at johnlyall4@gmail.com - the tour program still has spots for sponsors and supporters.

TWIN ELM RUGBY PARK RENEWAL FUND

Just after establishing the new Fund, TERP was host to the Canada, USA and Australia Women's 15 teams, and the Canada, Wales and USA Women's U20 teams for training, the Canada Women's U20 team vs. Wales match, and the Canadian Women's U18 team raining and scrimmage, all part of the World Rugby Pacific Four 2023 Series events held July in Ottawa. The Women's 15s team also hosted a community outreach evening attended by Sophie Trudeau. (photo below)



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AURORA BARBARIANS RFC DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Aurora Barbarians RFC have proposed a new turf field and clubhouse to be built in the Sheppard's Bush area of Aurora, ON adjacent to an existing turf field. When the Barbarians initially approached Town Council, they proposed contributing \$1,750,000 towards this project. The report states that the Barbarians would fully cover the cost of the clubhouse, which amounts to \$750,000, while the remaining \$1 million would be allocated towards the turf field. The field and clubhouse will replace Aurora's existing arrangements at Fletcher's Field in Markham, ON. The proposal will be considered for Aurora's 2024 Capital budget.



JUDY SEDDON MEMORIAL AWARD FUND

DEADLINE TO APPLY HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO AUGUST 15

This award is presented annually to a young woman who is involved in rugby in Alberta as an athlete, referee, coach or volunteer, selected on the basis of community service and academics, who is or will be enrolled in a post-secondary. Please visit the below website for more details on the application or to donate to the fund. Email your application to judyseddonmemorialscholarship@gmail.com

For more information, or to donate to the Fund, go [here](#)

Judy Seddon Memorial Award



This \$2000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a young woman who is involved in rugby in Alberta as an athlete, referee, coach or volunteer, selected on the basis of community service and academics, who is or will be enrolled in a post-secondary institution.

Applications open May 1st and close July 15th. Apply now!

Judy Seddon Memorial Award

Eligibility:
A current female student who is:

1. Involved in the sport of rugby as a player, coach, administrator, volunteer or referee.
2. Enrolled in a full-time degree (graduate or undergraduate), diploma or certificate program at a Canadian college or university for the academic year commencing in the year in which the scholarship is granted. Students commencing their studies in the Fall are eligible.

How to Apply:
Visit <https://canadianrugbyfoundation.ca/index.php/judy-seddon-memorial-scholarship/> for detailed instructions.

Applications open May 1st and close July 15th. Apply now!

OTHER FOUNDATION AWARD FUNDS

Information on other Awards available through the Foundation can be found [here](#).



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HONG KONG AND OLYMPIC 7S FUND

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Singapore (CanCham) was thrilled to host its inaugural Canadian Rugby fundraiser on April 6, coinciding with Rugby Canada’s participation in the Singapore Sevens. The event began with remarks from His Excellency Jean-Dominique Ieraci, High Commissioner of Canada to Singapore, Caroline Berube, CanCham President, and Sean White, National Men’s 7s Head Coach, followed by the traditional jersey presentation ceremony, and a fireside chat with Phil Mack, Head Coach of the Pacific Pride.



The afternoon concluded with a live and silent auction, which added to ticket sales and sponsors to raise a total of \$8,300. The event was driven by Mr. Todd Hancock, President of Collinson, Asia Pacific and Head of the Governor’s Council for the Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong. [Photos.](#)



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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 to reduce repetitive manual donations.

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

Monthly Donations by Credit card or PayPal:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/canadian-rugby-foundation/>



ONE-TIME DONATIONS

Go to the specific Fund page [here](#) and donate online through CanadaHelps.org using credit or debit card, PayPal, Google Pay and Apple Pay

Or Use

- 1) **Cheque** c/o [Canadian Rugby Foundation, 709 Yates St., PO Box 8003, Victoria, BC, V8W 3R7](#) with the Fund name in the memo line of the cheque and the donor name if it is written on a company cheque.
- 2) **EFT/Interac (NEW):** Send to payments@canadianrugbyfoundation.ca and also send email with the details of the deposit for tax and allocation purposes; i.e., Amount, Full Name, Address, Fund name to Breann King at cdnrugbyfoundation.financial@gmail.com
- 3) **Bank wire transfer** using the banking information and address below and an email to Breann King with the details of the deposit for tax and allocation purposes; i.e., Amount, Full Name, Address, Fund Name at cdnrugbyfoundation.financial@gmail.com
CIBC 3147 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C.
Account No. #05030-7605617, Canadian Rugby Foundation,
Bank No. # 010, Swift # CIBCCATT
- 4) **Securities or mutual funds**
Go to: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/securities/donate> or email [Jeff Chan](#) for our **Securities Donation or Mutual Fund Donation form** with Leith Wheeler



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