CANADIAN RUGBY FOUNDATION

Canadian Rugby Foundation News and Views

November 3, 2026

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GREETINGS!

On behalf of the Canadian Rugby Foundation Board of Directors and leadership group, I am pleased to present our October 2026 Newsletter, ***"News and Views".***

This provides an update since our last Newsletter in February 2026, and our 2025 Annual Report.

Despite continued market uncertainty around the globe and closer to home as well, rugby in Canada enjoyed a very successful year, highlighted by our Canadian Sr. Women's recent ***HISTORIC WINS*** *over the reigning world champion England women, and the Men's 3rd-place finish at the Pacific Nations Cup.*

*Our performance at the Canadian Rugby Foundation continues to be excellent, with assets growing from $25.3 million to $****32.3 million*** *between January 1, 2026 and September 30, 2026 , largely due to Fletcher's Fields Limited's second major donations in January and June..*

As well, we continue to expand our footprint across Canada with ***96 funds in 8 provinces.***

By December 31, 2026, we hope to close in on our ***100th fund*** *and build on our* ***$32+ million in assets.*** *This growth is only possible through the efforts, good will and confidence of our existing fund representatives and club executives, our current and future donors, and the increased interest and commitment to long-term sustainability within the Canadian rugby community.*

Here's hoping the balance of 2026 is successful on the pitch and on our books, and prosperous off the pitch for all!

Cheers,



Chief Executive Officer
Canadian Rugby Foundation

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2026 YTD DASHBOARD



	12/31/25	YTD 9/30/26*
ASSETS	$25.3M	$32.3M
FUNDS	90	96
DONATIONS	$3.2M	$8.4M
GRANTS	$2.1M	$2.1M
ADMIN EXPENSES*	$0.12M	$0.11M

***ADMIN**

- Accounting & legal
- Bank fees & interest
- Office & sundry
- Contractors
- Telephone & utilities

* Treasurer's Report follows on next page

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THIRD QUARTER TREASURER'S REPORT

Canadian Rugby Foundation
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October 23, 2026

Third quarter ending September 30, 2026 shows great results with $8.43MM in year-to-date donations, $7.7MM of which from our partners at Fletcher Fields. Treating this contribution as extraordinary our donation revenue is $734k and on pace to reach $1MM in day-to-day donations. Total investment revenue comes to $1.08MM as of quarter-end with market values decreasing ($367k) month-over-month. This leads to $9.52MM in total revenue over three quarters year-to-date performance.

$2.05MM has been disbursed through the year for grants to qualified donees. Administration costs including events and sub-contractor wages are $222k with Leith Wheeler investment fees of $81k and sub-contractor fees of $97k making up most of our overhead. Wages have increased year-over-year as we have two more personnel to manage the workload of our increased asset base and number of funds. Annualized administration remains in line to 1% of our asset base. Overall, a sum of $2.27MM in total expenses leading to a net surplus of $7.25MM through three quarters of 2026.

Looking at the balance sheet, the Foundation's asset base is $32.27MM as of September 30th with $1.097MM held in GICs for capital projects expected to be disbursed in the near-term. The investment portfolio carries a balance of $31MM given fair market value as of September 30, 2026.

In summary, great results largely from the FFL contribution, but also from steady day-to-day donations in line with historic revenue, and investment returns including dividend, interest, and some realized capital gains on sale that offset a drop in market values over the month of September. Expenses continue to be well managed as my predecessor would say, we run a tight ship!

Thank you to everyone that has helped achieve these results. I look forward to speaking with you at our upcoming AGM and seeing those who plan to attend the McTavish Cup.

Sincerely,

Jason Thomson
Treasurer

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CRF FOOTPRINT EXPANDS TO 96 FUNDS IN 8 PROVINCES

,net of the closure of one inactive fund.



6 NEW FUNDS IN 2026 (as of October 31, 2026)



Doug Tate University Coach of the Year Award Fund

Cowichan RFC Larry Thibideau Memorial Award Fund

Cowichan Rugby Club Legacy Capital Fund

(Rugby Ontario) Accelerator Fund

St. Albert Rugby Legacy Fund

BC Elite U20 Development Fund

An additional **8** potential funds are in the discussion stages.

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COMPLETE LIST OF 96 FUNDS (OCTOBER 31, 2026)

Accelerator Fund
Ancient Nor'Westers Endowment Fund
Aurora Barbarians RFC Development Fund
Aurora Barbarians RFC FFL Fund
Bayside RFC Clubhouse Campaign Fund
BC Elite U20 Development Endowment Fund
BC Grassroots Rugby Fund
Brampton RFC Fund
Brantford Harlequins RFC
Brock Green Space Capital Fund
BU RFC Alumni Endowment Fund
Burlington Centaurs Fund
C.O.R.E. (Central Okanagan Rugby Enthusiasts)
Captain's Fund
Castaway Wanderers RFC Fund
Clansmen Legacy Fund
Colette McAuley NSWT Award Fund
Courtenay Taaffe Award Fund
Cowichan RFC Larry Thibodeau Memorial Award
Cowichan Rugby Club Legacy Capital Fund
Cowichan Valley Rugby Funds
Crimson Tide Junior Fund
Dave Huang Memorial Award Fund
David Burnett Memorial Award Fund
David Robinson Memorial Award Fund
Deacy, Browne, Parfrey Fund
Dennis Crawford Memorial Award Fund
Dick Ellis Memorial Fund
Don Ennis Rugby Fund
Don Whidden Memorial Award Fund
Doug Tate University Coach of the Year Award
Fletcher's Patrons Fund
For the Love of the Game Fund
George Jones Award Fund
Gerald McGavin Coaching Award Fund
Green and Gold Legacy Fund
Guelph Gryphons Women's Rugby Award Fund
Hamilton Hornets Rugby Fund
Hong Kong 7s Fund
Jack Patrick and Nick Mather & Tillman Briggs Family Awards Fund
John Cannon Award Fund
John Jones Memorial Award Fund
Judy Seddon Memorial Award Fund
Kevin 'Lunk' Wirachowski Award Fund
LeadHerShip Fund
Leprechaun Tiger RFC Legacy Fund
Les Voyageurs Fund
Liam Geddes Memorial Award Fund
Lone Oak Legends Capital Fund
Lone Oak Legends Fund
Loyalists Legends Legacy Fund
Manitoba Rugby Endowment Fund
Marina and Howard Gerwing Award Fund
Markham Irish MICRC Legacy Fund
Men's Age-grade Rugby Fund
Men's High-performance Financial Assistance Fund
Meraloma Rugby Endowment Fund
MGRP Capital Fund
Montreal Irish Capital Fund
Montreal Irish Fund
Monty Heald Senior National Women's Fund
Niagara Old Boys RFC Capital Fund
Oak & Palm Sport Club Society COMING HOME Capital Fund
Paul 'Koby' Kobayashi Memorial Award Fund
Peterborough Rugby Endowment Fund
Quinn Lauridsen Memorial Award Fund
Ravens Ripper Fund
Red Deer Titans RFC Capital Fund
Red Deer Titans RFC Endowment Fund
Rick Bourne Rugby Award Fund
Rugby Alberta Endowment Fund
Rugby Ontario FFL Fund
Rugby Rumble Fund
SABRFC Alumni Endowment Fund
Saint John Trojans RFC Fund
St. Albert Rugby Legacy Fund
Stampede 7s Award Fund
Steven Batie Memorial Award Fund
Strathcona Druids RFC Fund
Thomas Family Award Fund
Thunder Indigenous Rugby Fund
Tillman Briggs (JBAA) Capital Fund
Toronto Nomads Rugby Endowment Fund
Toronto Saracens Alumni Fund
Toronto Saracens Legacy Fund
Toronto Scottish FFL Fund
Toronto Scottish Rugby Football Club Fund
Twin Elm Rugby Park Renewal Fund
University Rugby Supporters Fund
Unrestricted Fund
Vikes Men's Rugby Supporters Fund
VIRU- Creighton Capital Fund
Western Mustangs Men's Rugby Fund
Western Women's Rugby Alumni Fund
Westshore RFC Fund
Women's Age-grade Rugby Fund

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UPCOMING KEY DATES

1. The next **CRF Board meeting** is November 20, 2026 in Langley, BC and on Zoom, in conjunction with the **2026 McTavish Cup.**

2. **The 2026 Annual General Meeting** is also scheduled for November 20, 2026 in Langley, BC and on Zoom. All voting members (Life Members who have donated over $25,000 lifetime, plus representatives of the CRF funds with over $100,000 in assets are welcome. The physical meeting will be held in the Sandman Signature Hotel's Murrayville Room in Langley, BC.

3. **The 2027 Unrestricted Fund** budget is currently in development through October and will be presented at the Board and AGM meetings. Budgets for the key discretionary CRF initiatives such as the Men's and the Women's High-performance Initiatives, new high impact strategic projects, as well as the long-term committed projects, discretionary grants, and expenses such as the interest returns for all funds, the matching contributions to newer funds, our investment management fees, and our administrative expenses. These are all part of our Unrestricted Fund operations.

   Disbursements for all of the **Restricted Funds** are managed by the Fund Representatives within the constraints of their disbursement quotas and the CRF Grant process.

4. **2026 Year-end.** The Foundation's fiscal year-end is December 31, 2026. This is the date on which each endowment fund's asset balance is determined for 2027minimum and maximum disbursements. Funds with remaining matching contributions will have their donations matched at 25% until their cumulative matches reach $20,000. To ensure any donations are captured in the 2026 year, please try to make these prior to December 15, especially if they require any manual processing (e.g., cheques, bank wires, securities donations).

   Preliminary financial statements will be reported with the 2026 Annual Report.

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RECENT & UPCOMING COMPETITION DATES

1. **Canada's Men's U20 Chile Tour for the World Rugby Challenge Cup**
   Oct 2: Namibia 6 vs CANADA 95
   Oct 7: Belgium 41 vs CANADA 14
   Oct 12: CANADA 26 vs Portugal 28
   Oct 17: 5th Place CANADA 64 vs. Brazil 21

2. **Canada Men's Pacific Nations Cup Results – Bronze**
   Sep 5, Japan 57, CANADA 12
   Sep 12 Fiji 49, CANADA 29
   Sep 19 CANADA 19, USA 16

3. **Canada Sr. Women WXV**
   CANADA 64, Scotland 26
   CANADA 26, England 26
   CANADA 5, France 21
   Oct 16: CANADA 24, England 21
   Oct 23: CANADA 31, England 22

4. **2026 U SPORTS Women's Rugby Nationals**
   Nov 4-8 at University of Guelph

5. **Canada Sr. Men Test Matches**
   Jul 4: CANADA 42, Spain 42 in Edmonton
   Jul 11: Portugal 38, CANADA 14 in Edmonton
   Jul 18 CANADA 23, Zimbabwe 19 in Winnipeg
   Nov 7: CANADA vs Georgia in Tbilisi, Georgia
   Nov 14: CANADA vs Hong Kong in Chambery, France
   Nov 20: CANADA vs Romania in Bucharest, Romania

6. **2026 McTavish Cup**
   (Canadian University Men's Rugby Championship)
   Nov. 17-21, Langley, BC

7. **Nov. 17: Premier Rugby Sevens (PR7s) All-Star Tournament**, in Portland, ME

8. **HSBC SVNS Series** opens in Dubai on November 28, 2026
   2027 Vancouver SVNS - March 6-7, 2027
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXSHxRaAPuk

9. **2027 Canada Cup/Coast to Coast Cup (Sr. Men)**
   May 2027 hosted by Rugby Ontario (details in development)

10. **2027 Men's Rugby World Cup in Australia**
    Pool C with Argentina, Fiji, Spain
    October 1 – November 13, 2027

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APPOINTMENTS & HIRES

1. Dara Parker Named Director of the Canadian Rugby Foundation



We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dara Parker as a Director of the Canadian Rugby Foundation. Dara was recently elected Rugby Canada's representative on the Foundation's Board of Directors at the Rugby Canada AGM. As Rugby Canada Chair Kathleen McGinn said in her notification to us,

"Dara is a seasoned social impact executive with more than two decades of leadership experience across philanthropy, the nonprofit sector, and purpose-driven organizations. She currently serves as CEO of Toniic, a global community of private asset owners stewarding their wealth and influence in service of a thriving world. Dara is widely recognized for her ability to guide organizations through growth, for her capacity to mobilize capital, talent, and community in service of lasting impact and for talent as a trusted strategist and systems thinker.

Previously, Dara held senior leadership roles at some of British Columbia's most respected organisations, including Vice-President, Grants and Community Initiatives at the Vancouver Foundation, where she oversaw a substantial annual grant making portfolio and led a large team across the foundation's community investment work. Earlier in her career, she served as Executive Director of SVP Vancouver and Executive Director of QMUNITY, BC's Queer, Trans and Two-Spirit Resource Centre. I have no doubt that Dara will make a lasting positive impact on the Foundation as you continue to grow and diversify your efforts."

More details on Dara's extensive governance background can be found on her LinkedIn profile **here.**

Dara assumes her new role with the CRF immediately and replaces Steve Swaffield, who has served as Rugby Canada's representative on our Board for the last two years. We thank Steve for his contributions and support during his tenure, and hope he'll continue to support the Foundation and our efforts in future as he moves on from both his role with the Foundation's Board and the Rugby Canada Board.

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2. CRF Fund Administrator – Olivia Henderson



We are pleased to welcome Olivia Henderson to the Canadian Rugby Foundation as our new Fund Administrator. Olivia is based in Toronto and joining the team with a strong administrative background and experience with financial reporting. In this role Olivia will be tracking donations, disbursements, issuing tax receipts, and preparing the 90+ fund reports. She will be taking over these responsibilities from Breann King, who, after 16 years with the Foundation, is focusing her time on our bookkeeping moving forward.

3. Marketing & Media Intern – Briar Barron

We are pleased to announce that Briar Barron has joined us as this year's Marketing and Media Intern. A Math and Mechanical Engineering student at Queen's University, Briar plays fullback and wing on the Queen's varsity rugby team, and was a member of Ontario's champion Men's CRC U19 teams in 2024 and 2025, was named the Rugby Ontario Junior and Senior Player of the Year in 2024 and 2025, and spent last summer playing in the professional Rugby Premier League for the Mumbai Dreamers. He came highly recommended by former CRF Board member Graham Brown and Fletcher's Field Limited Chair and Aurora Barbarians Co-President Steve Hall. Briar recently completed the Men's U20 tour to Chile for the World Rugby Challenger Cup.



NOTE: There are new email addresses for key contacts on the CONTACTS page

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UNRESTRICTED FUND

Discretionary Funding: 2026 Canadian U19 Rugby Championship

The Foundation made a $10,000 grant to support the 2026 Canadian U19 Rugby Championship held in Guelph, ON July 19 to July 26, 2026 and organized by Rugby Ontario.

Participating Regions were Ontario, British Columbia (BC Bears), Alberta (Wolf Pack), Quebec (Rugby Québec), and Atlantic (The Rock).

RESULTS
Men's Champions: Ontario Blues (defeated BC Bears 44–12 in the final)
Women's Champions: Ontario Blues (defeated BC Bears 17–7 in the final)

Monday July 20
Atlantic 12 vs Québec 19 (Women)
Atlantic 19 vs Québec 5 (Men)
Ontario 99 vs Alberta 5 (Women)
Ontario 73 vs Alberta 0 (Men)
Tuesday July 21
Atlantic 0 vs British Columbia 12 (Women)
Wednesday July 22
Atlantic 12 vs British Columbia 59 (Men)
Ontario 52 vs Québec 7 (Women)
Ontario 26 vs Québec 5 (Men)
Thursday July 23
Alberta 0 vs British Columbia 51 (Women)
Alberta 3 vs British Columbia 55 (Men)
Ontario 45 vs Atlantic 7 (Women)
Ontario 52 vs Atlantic 5 (Men)
Saturday July 24
Alberta 15 vs Atlantic 43 (Women)
Alberta 17 vs Atlantic 17 (Men)
Sunday July 25
Alberta 10 vs Québec 42 (Women)
Alberta 12 vs Québec 21 (Men)

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Discretionary Funding: 2026 Canadian U19 Rugby Championship

Men's Finals Photos by Jeff Chan

https://www.sportsphotoseh.com/Rugby/MENS-RUGBY/MRugby-CRCU19-Ontario-vs-BC-20260726



















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Discretionary Funding: 2026 Canadian U19 Rugby Championship

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AWARDS NEWS

AWARDS FUNDS

This is a reminder that the Foundation has **28 funds** that provide awards to young rugby players attending or applying to Canadian universities and colleges. These include funds that are managed by the Foundation's Awards Committee chaired by Hans de Goede, and funds that were established by local rugby clubs or individuals and are managed by their respective Fund Representatives. Details on these Funds and Awards follow:

FOUNDATION AWARD FUNDS (Managed by and presented through the Canadian Rugby Foundation)

- **Courtenay Taaffe Award Fund**
- **George Jones Award Fund**
- **Thomas Family Award Fund**
- **Quinn Lauridsen Memorial Award Fund**
- **Lt. Colonel W.D.C. Holmes University Awards (For the Love of the Game Fund)**

AWARD FUNDS (Managed and awarded by Foundation Award Funds - Click below)

- **Colette McAuley NSWT Award Fund**
- **C.O.R.E. (Central Okanagan Rugby Enthusiasts)**
- **Cowichan RFC Larry Thibideau Memorial Award Fund**
- **Dave Huang Memorial Award Fund**
- **David Burnett Memorial Award Fund**
- **David Robinson Memorial Award Fund**
- **Dennis Crawford Memorial Award Fund**
- **Don Ennis Rugby Fund**
- **Don Whidden Memorial Award Fund**
- **Doug Tate University Coach of the Year Award Fund**
- **Gerald McGavin Coaching Award (managed by BC Rugby Union)**
- **Guelph Gryphons Women's Rugby Award Fund**
- **Jack Patrick & Nick Mathers & Tillman Briggs Family Awards Fund**
- **John Cannon Memorial Award Fund**
- **John Jones Memorial Award**
- **Judy Seddon Memorial Award**
- **Kevin 'Lunk' Wirachowski Award Fund**
- **Liam Geddes Memorial Award Fund**
- **Marina and Howard Gerwing Award**
- **Paul 'Koby' Kobayashi Memorial Award Fund**
- **Rick Bourne Rugby Award Fund**
- **Steven Batie Memorial Award Fund**
- **Stampede 7s Award Fund**

Deadlines for the 2026 awards have passed in many cases, but 2027 award submissions are wide open, so please share this link with any deserving individuals or their coaches so they can submit their application for 2027.

AWARDS NEWS

C.O.R.E FUND

C.O.R.E. stands for Central Okanagan Rugby Enthusiasts, a non-profit organization focused on developing grassroots rugby in the Okanagan region of British Columbia. C.O.R.O. partners with local schools and clubs to establish player development pathways and provide financial support to young athletes through scholarships and bursaries.

The **C.O.R.E. Endowment Fund** continues to provide graduating Central Okanagan rugby players with funds to help them with their transition to post-secondary education. This year, $1,000 was awarded to each of five local graduates. The recipients are:

- **Grady Curran** (KSS) – attending University of Victoria next year to begin the path of becoming a lawyer. *"I'm determined to make the most of my opportunities at UVic and prove that your support is making a difference. Thank you for investing in my future."*
- **Everett Pinkoski** (RSS) – pursuing an Environmental and Forest Science degree at UBC or UBCO. *"Rugby has developed me as a person, player, and teammate and created an aspiration to play at the international level. Entering into post-secondary, I understand the demands of rugby and school but I am motivated to take on both."*
- **Kai Reynolds** (KSS) – pursuing a career in either engineering or nursing. *"I hope to continue playing and coaching rugby in the future, and I look forward to using what I have learned from the sport in my everyday life."*
- **Vann Richmond** (RSS) – pursuing a Bachelor of Science and a subsequent leadership related degree to work in the healthcare industry. *"I decided to fully commit myself to rugby after falling in love with the game through my school team. I joined the Kelowna Crows where I fell even more in love with the community."*
- **Carson Venning** (KSS) – attending University of Guelph next year to study criminology. *"I will be trying out for the Gryphons rugby team. This award will assist me greatly in meeting my educational goals."*

In addition, the **Courtney Walls Award** was given to **Grady Curran**, captain of the KSS team. He demonstrated many of Courtney's characteristics – a quality rugby player, a good leader, good grades, and respect from his teammates and teachers. In his thank you note, Grady wrote, *"Being recognized for this award means the world to me. I've been fortunate to have so many people support me, and now to be acknowledged feels like a dream come true."*

The C.O.R.E. Endowment Fund remains healthy, with more than $106,000 managed by the Canadian Rugby Foundation on our behalf. - *Doug Manning*

Additional donations to the Fund can be made **here.**

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DAVE HUANG MEMORIAL AWARD FUND

The second annual winner of the Dave Huang Memorial Award is George Owens.

Selected from a standout group of candidates, George excels in academics, music, and community leadership. His rugby career began in Grade 6 with the Capilano Rugby Club and has since taken him to the representative level with Vancouver North and Team BC. A natural captain, he was recently honored with the Bruce Bowman Spirit Award for his on-field leadership.



Mike Kilgallin, David Rae, and Aaron Mittler presenting George Owens with trophy and a $5,000 check.

George is just as impressive off the field, maintaining a 90%+ academic average through Grades 10–12 ahead of pursuing an Engineering degree. Deeply committed to giving back, he even built his Capstone project around a youth rugby initiative while coaching his school's bantam team all the way to the city championship final. We can't wait to see where George's future endeavours take him!

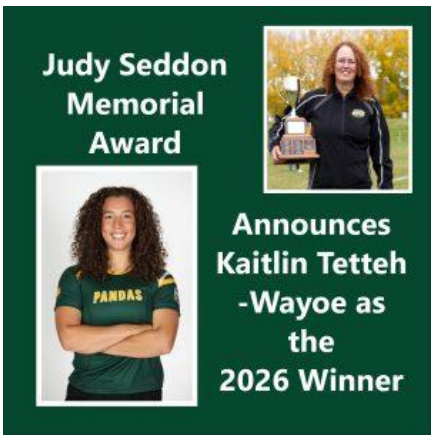
The Dave Huang Memorial Award Fund was established in August 2024 to honour Dave's legacy of excellence and high achievement in rugby, academics, music, leadership and community service. Dave Huang, aka "The Huang Express", was a rugby player who graduated from Lord Byng High School in 1995, and who represented British Columbia at the U-19 level. As team captain, he led the Lord Byng Grey Ghosts to a 5-2 record on their legendary and well-documented, "Tour '95" to Australia. Dave demonstrated excellence in all pursuits on and off the field… except his post-match speeches. Upon return from Australia, Dave went to Princeton on a full-ride academic scholarship, also captaining the Princeton rugby team. Graduating with honours from Princeton, Dave went on to medical school at Columbia University in New York City. Tragically, Dave passed away in 2003. Dave's quiet style of leadership 'by example' inspired those around him to new heights.

NOTE: 20276 applicants have until April 30, 2027 to submit their application as per the instructions found here.

AWARDS NEWS

JUDY SEDDON MEMORIAL AWARD FUND

Kaitlin Tetteh-Wayoe Wins 2026 Judy Seddon Memorial Award



We are pleased to announce the winner of the 2026 Judy Seddon Memorial Award, honoring the enduring legacy of Alberta's beloved "Rugby Mom." This year's award goes to Kaitlin Tetteh-Wayoe, a remarkable individual whose dedication to sport, education, and community embodies Judy's commitment to the sport of rugby and community service. As Kaitlin wrote in her own application, her goal is to give others the chance to find belonging, community, and happiness – "just as Judy's legacy gave that opportunity to me." A passionate athlete and mentor, Kaitlin returned to rugby with the University of Alberta Pandas this past year after taking a break from university basketball, quickly earning Rookie of the Year honors and helping the team to a U SPORTS bronze medal. She channels that same passion into coaching, mentoring young athletes at University of Alberta summer camps and co-coaching the Riverbend Junior High flag rugby team to a city championship, continuing Judy's tradition of nurturing future generations of players.

This past spring, Kaitlin was selected for the Canada U21 tour, competing with distinction on the national stage. Beyond the field, she has been an active voice for her sport off it as well: she volunteered on the University of Alberta Athletics Board, helping the student-led campaign successfully secure the 026 Legacy Fund and $2 million in continued funding for the university's athletics program, including women's rugby – leadership that reflects the values Judy championed throughout her decades of contributions to rugby in Alberta.

Academically, Kaitlin has qualified as a U SPORTS Academic All-Canadian, balancing the demands of elite athletics with strong performance in her Kinesiology – Sports Performance studies at the University of Alberta.

The Judy Seddon Memorial Award will support her continued academic, athletic, and coaching pursuits, enabling her to keep building the community and belonging that rugby gave her – furthering Judy's legacy for the next generation of women's rugby in Alberta.

Please join us in celebrating this outstanding recipient and the lasting impact of Judy Seddon's legacy.

AWARDS NEWS

STAMPEDE 7S AWARD FUND

This is the second we awarded scholarships from the fund. We were proud to support two student-athletes, one male and one female, who are continuing their educational journeys at the post-secondary level. Each recipient received a $1,000 scholarship.

We're excited to build on this momentum and look forward to another year of administering the fund and supporting even more deserving rugby student-athletes in the years ahead. – *Jamal Denny*



Nadia has played rugby for six years and captained her high school team to back-to-back provincial podium finishes. She has also represented Alberta at the provincial level. She coaches young players as well, and this fall she'll play varsity rugby while studying toward a career in nursing."



Neill captained his high school team to multiple championships and represented his region on the national and international stage. He coaches, referees and mentors younger players. This fall he'll play university rugby while studying human kinetics and coaching.

UNRESTRICTED FUND

2026 UNIVERSITY COACHES AWARDS

Five men's and women's Canadian university rugby head and assistant coaches comprised the 2026 cadre attending the Crusaders Global Academy Accelerator Coaching program from May 20 through May 31, 2026 in Christchurch New Zealand. Each had their program fees plus room and board paid, and travel costs and meals subsidized.

2026 Coaches Awardees

Selected by the Canadian Rugby Foundation and funded by its **Unrestricted Fund** and **For the Love of the Game Fund** are:

- Matthew Bouchard – Head Coach, Carleton MRugby
- Keegan Brantner – Ass't Coach, Lethbridge WRugby
- Janice Cougle – Head Coach, Saint Mary's WRugby
- Sean Tindall – Ass't Coach, Calgary MRugby
- Meaghan Wilson – Ass't Coach, McMaster WRugby



Matthew Bouchard



Keegan Brantner



Janice Cougle



Sean Tindall



Meaghan Wilson



Canadian University Coaches at Crusaders Super Rugby Game

UNRESTRICTED FUND NEWS

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2026 MCTAVISH CUP / CANADIAN UNIVERSITY MEN'S RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP (CUMRC)

Preparations are underway for the 2026 McTavish Cup hosted by Trinity Western University in Langley, BC on **November 17-21, 2026**. A founding sponsor, the Canadian Rugby Foundation supports the McTavish Cup with a minimum $25,000 annually, and up to $40,000 if required to break-even.







CUMRC LANGARA FUND-RAISING AUCTION COMING SOON

Our long-standing CUMRC sponsor - **Langara Fishing Adventures** – has once again donated a 3-4 day fishing trip for summer 2027. Our thanks go to Langara's Rick Bourne, a CRF Director.

The 2025 repeat auction winners of the Langara trip for two were David Adshade and Markus Schnorbus who took their trip in June 2026. An auction for this 2027 Langara Fishing Adventure will be posted during the 2026 men's university rugby season on Instagram and on CUMRC.com

PHOTOS FROM THE 2025 MCTAVISH CUP BY JEFF CHAN

NOTES FOR FUND REPRESENTATIVES

Regular Fund Reports

Our quarterly Fund Reports have now increased in frequency to Monthly. These will be distributed by our new Funds Administrator Olivia Henderson who welcomes enquiries, or just a Hello, from the fund representatives from our 96 current funds, especially our new funds.

UK and US Donors

If you have senior members or alumni living in the US or the UIK, please let them know they can now make donations to your fund and receive tax receipts for those countries through Chapel & York.

Fund's News

Our next newsletter will be published around the first of March 2027. If you have news about any fund or fund sponsor's achievements or events, or new award presentations, please forward them to **Jeff Chan.**

Fund Milestones

$20,000 – the minimum asset level to qualify as an official CRF fund, and the threshold to start receiving matching contributions, and earn returns on assets.

$100,000 – the asset balance that earns a 4.5% return or interest (assets between $20,000 and $100,000 earn 3.5%)

$500,000 - the level at which fund sponsors can opt to earn a market return (the return the Foundation as a whole earns) less an administration fee of 2%, but with the recognition that additional risk attaches to this higher potential return.

$2 million – the level at which fund sponsors can opt for a customized Investment Policy Statement as an alternative to the Foundation's IPS, that still reflects the Foundations overall philosophy of a conservative, asset preservation approach. The Foundation's IPS is **here.**

Frequently Asked Questions



Our FAQs have recently been updated. However, if you have a question not covered, you can direct it to the key people on the following page, and if this is a question that many people would benefit from, we will also add it to the FAQs at any time.

FUND NEWS

MEN'S AGE-GRADE RUGBY FUND

2026 U20 World Rugby Challenger Cup - Chile

With a **$60,000** grant from the Canadian Rugby Foundation, Canada's Men's U20 team travelled to Santiago, Chile from October 2 – 17. This was preceded by a week-long camp hosted at Guelph, ON.

RESULTS
Oct 02: CANADA 95 vs Namibia 6
Oct 07: CANADA 14 vs Belgium 41
Oct 12: CANADA 26 vs Portugal 28
Oct 17: CANADA 64 vs. Brazil 21 - 5th Place







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MEN'S AGE-GRADE RUGBY FUND

CHILE PHOTOS (from Rugby Canada & Briar Barron)



























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STRATHCONA DRUIDS RFC FUND

Strathcona Druids Rugby Club Advances Lynn Davies Rugby Park Redevelopment Following $699,508 Provincial Grant Presentation

Sherwood Park, Alberta – April 9, 2026 – The Strathcona Druids Rugby Football Club is moving forward with the redevelopment of Lynn Davies Rugby Park following the official presentation of a **$699,508 Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP)** grant from the Government of Alberta.

The cheque was presented on April 8, 2026, at Lynn Davies Rugby Park by the Honourable Nate Glubish, marking a major milestone in the Club's long-term plan to modernize facilities and ensure the sustainability of rugby programming in Strathcona County and the Greater Edmonton region.
The CFEP funding represents matching provincial support for the redevelopment project, which includes the **relocation and reconstruction of the clubhouse** and the **realignment of fields** within the Transportation and Utilities Corridor (TUC). These improvements will enhance the long-term use of the corridor lands while supporting the continued growth of one of Western Canada's most active and diverse rugby communities.

With funding now confirmed, the Strathcona Druids RFC will proceed into the implementation phase beginning in fall 2026, with construction and field work continuing into 2027.

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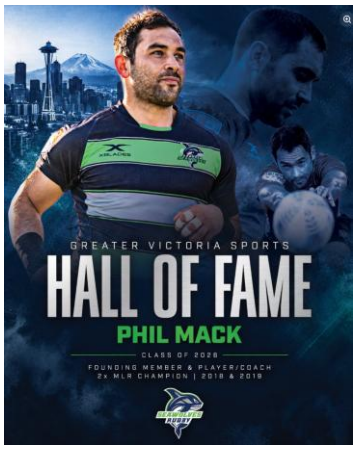




FUNDS NEWS

THUNDER INDIGENOUS RUGBY

Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2026



Mack joins seven other inductees in the Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2026, recognizing achievements and contributions across multiple sports.

The induction dinner and ceremony, presented by TD Bank, will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort.

A proud member of the Toquaht First Nation, Phil Mack represented Canada internationally for more than a decade.

Between 2009 and 2019, he earned 59 caps with Canada's Senior Men's XVs team and competed in the 2015 and 2019 Rugby World Cups.

Mack also enjoyed an accomplished international sevens career, appearing in 52 tournaments and becoming the most capped player in Canada's men's sevens program history.

His international achievements include gold medals at the 2011 and 2015 Pan American Games and selection to the HSBC World Sevens Dream Team following Canada's best-ever series finish in 2013–14.

Beyond his playing career, Mack continued contributing to Canadian rugby through coaching and player development. He served as Head Coach and Technical Lead of Rugby Canada's Pacific Pride Development Academy before being appointed Attack Coach for Canada's Men's National Team in 2024.

Thunder Rugby are proud to honour Phil Mack with its annual

PHIL MACK TROPHY

In recognition of an Indigenous rugby player who displays the following characteristics:

Athletic Ability
Commitment to Indigenous Culture
Self-Belief

FUNDS NEWS

TWIN ELM RUGBY PARK RENEWAL FUND

Fire destroys 50-year old rugby clubhouse. Twin Elm Rugby Park closed indefinitely….New Campaign to fund repairs and renovations



Ottawa Fire Services battles a blaze at Twin Elm Rugby Park on the morning of Aug. 28. PHOTO BY OTTAWA FIRE SERVICES /HANDOUT



A photo illustrates some of the damage caused by the fire at Twin Elm Rugby Park in Ottawa's west end on the morning of Aug. 28. PHOTO BY OTTAWA FIRE SERVICES /HANDOUT

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Twin Elm Rugby Park has been the heart of our rugby community for decades—and now it needs your support to thrive for generations to come.

Your donation to the Twin Elm Rugby Park Renewal Fund will go directly toward essential upgrades and improvements that keep this historic venue alive and strong.

Donate today: https://canadianrugbyfoundation.ca/index.php/twin-elm-rugby-park-renewal-fund/

Every contribution makes a difference - Donate today! #SupportRugby #TwinElmRenewal #GivingTuesday





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MONTHLY DONATIONS

CLICK HERE
Make a Donation
ONLINE

Our experience 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.

The funds' donation pages have been now set for monthly donations as the default, though one-time donations can still be easily made.



Here's where you or your Fund supporters can select your choice of Fund:

Monthly Donations by Credit card, Debit card, PayPal, Google Pay or Apple Pay

CanadaHelps

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

DONATION APPEAL

ONE-TIME DONATIONS

Go to the specific Fund page here and donate online through CanadaHelps.org using credit or debit card, PayPal, Google Pay or Apple Pay. Note there is an option for donors to contribute the cost of the CanadaHelps transaction fee so that 100% of the donation goes to the fund. OR especially for donations over $1,000 to avoid the CanadaHelps transaction fee, pay by:



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's name if it is written on a company cheque.

2) **E-transfer**: Send to payments@canadianrugbyfoundation.ca **AND** also send an email with the details of the deposit for tax and allocation purposes; i.e., Amount, Full Name, Address, Fund name, and Donor Name to Olivia Henderson at Olivia@canadianrugbyfoundation.ca

3) **Bank wire transfer** using the banking information and address below:

CIBC 3147 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C.
Account No. #05030-7605617, Canadian Rugby Foundation,
Bank No. # 010, Swift # CIBCCATT

AND an email to Olivia Henderson at Olivia@canadianrugbyfoundation.ca with the details of the deposit for tax and fund allocation purposes; i.e., Amount, Full Name, Address, Fund Name, and Donor Name.

UK AND US DONATIONS

We have now created Foundations within Chapel & York Foundation Limited for UK and US taxpayers to receive tax receipts for their charitable donations to the Canadian Rugby Foundation.

To make a donation in the US or UK, go here: https://chapel-york.com/directory/canadian-rugby-foundation/ and select either US Dollars or Pounds Sterling as the currency **AND** also send an email with the details of the deposit for tax and allocation purposes; i.e., Amount, Full Name, Address, Fund name, and Donor Name to Olivia Henderson at Olivia@canadianrugbyfoundation.ca The Chapel and York website currently has no way for donors to allocate to a specific fund within the Foundation.
Please pass this URL to any of your senior members or alumni in the event they can take advantage of these new international donation channels. We hope this will drive incremental donations from your UK and US supporters to your fund.

FUND-RAISING AND TAX RECEIPTS

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We are often asked for advice on club fund-raising activities including when and how charitable tax receipts can be granted.

First, the individual funds and fund sponsors such as local rugby clubs may not issue tax receipts as they are not registered charitable organisations.

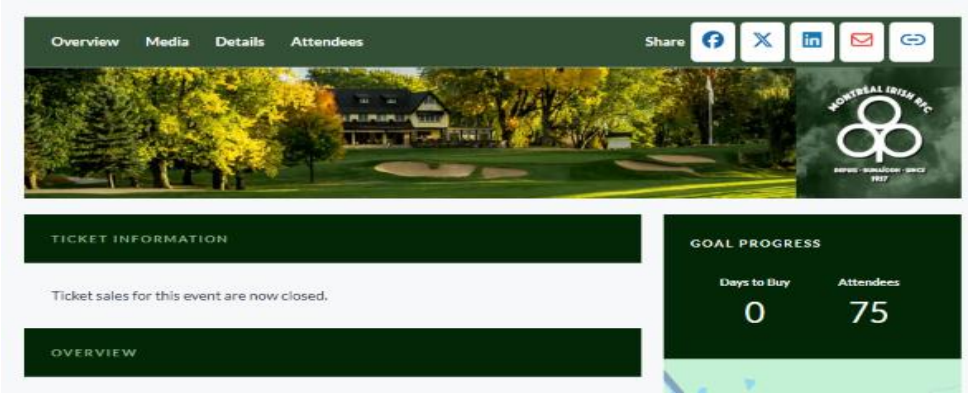
However, the Canadian Rugby Foundation does provide tax receipts for eligible donors to our funds. Additionally, and less common is the Foundation's ability to provide tax receipts to purchasers of tickets to a club's fund-raising activities…for the amount of the ticket MINUS the fair market value of the "benefit" that the purchaser derives from the ticket. This could include the value of a meal, drinks, and entertainment at a fund-raising banquet, the green fees and carts at a club golf tournament, the value of door prizes that come with the ticket, etc.

The CRA rules on how the fair market value is to be calculated and the definition of fair market value are **here.** Specifics are included for golf tournaments, auctions, and dinners.



Although labour intensive, the Foundation can provide assistance to clubs sponsoring a CRF fund by providing an online landing place for ticket sales that provides an email ticket pdf file, and automatic tax receipts.

In a recent example this past summer, we assisted the Montreal Irish RFC with their Annual Golf Tournament



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