



Community Development and Recreation Committee

“The Future of Community Recreation” Expert Panel

September 19, 2012



Background

- In May 2012, the Community Development and Recreation Committee requested that the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation organize a panel on the future of community recreation in the City of Toronto
- The Panel members will share their perspectives and best practices about how to achieve the Council approved principles of the Recreation Service Plan: equitable access, quality, inclusion and capacity building.

Recreation Service Plan

- The Recreation Service Plan will be on the Community Development and Recreation Committee Agenda in Fall 2012
- It is a 5 year plan (2012 – 2017) to guide the City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry & Recreation division in planning and setting priorities for recreation service delivery
- The plan is a policy framework that will direct improvements in how we deliver our services



Looking Forward

- Increasing Torontonians' participation in recreation and leisure
- Addressing barriers to participation
- Providing consistent levels of service throughout the City
- Defining our role and strengthening partnerships with other providers



Panel Members

- **Dr. Gina Browne - Professor, School of Nursing, McMaster University**
 - Dr. Browne is the Founder and Director of the Health and Social Service Utilization Research Unit and the principal author of *When the Bough Breaks*, a study of mothers and children receiving social assistance, documenting the return on investing in arts and recreation for children and youth 3 months to 24 years.



Panel Members

- **Mr. Elio Antunes - Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of Partnerships, ParticipACTION**
 - ParticipACTION is the national voice of physical activity and sports participation. Mr. Antunes is also the former Executive Director of the Ontario Physical and Health Education Association and the founder of Active Healthy Kids Canada, a national charitable organization focused on engaging children and youth in physical activity.



Panel Members

- **Dr. Bruce Kidd - Warden, Hart House and Professor of Kinesiology and Physical Education at the University of Toronto**
 - Dr. Kidd is the retired long-term Dean of the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education at the University of Toronto. He has played a pivotal role in the development of amateur sport in Canada and was a record-holding, middle-distance athlete.



Panel Members

- **Ms. JoAnne Doyle - Senior Vice-President
Community Impact, United Way Toronto**
 - Ms. Doyle provides leadership on the United Way's strategic initiatives, community investment and partnership building, research, evaluation and capacity building. She is also the former Executive Director of the Guelph and North Hamilton Community Health Centres.



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