



# NEWSLETTER

*August 13, 2020*



CASC continues to advocate for the science centre and science museum sector. We are committed to providing our members with the most up-to-date information to help organizations navigate a changing landscape.

## **Advocacy Updates**

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CASC submitted a [Letter to Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry and Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages on July 14, 2020](#). Thank you to the support of the CASC COVID-19 Recovery Working Group for their input and leadership.

We also coordinated an Op-Ed campaign to raise awareness of the critical role of our sector plays. Thank you to Tracy Calogheros, CASC Board President CASC Member Institution CEO's for their contributions to local and national news outlets. Please share widely!

August 15, 2020

[Tracy Calogheros and Mary Anne Moser: Doctor's orders: Take science with a giant dose of humanity.](#)

August 7, 2020

[Dr. William E. Baylis: Science has become more critical than ever in today's world](#)

August 6, 2020

[Tracy Calogheros: How museums can play a role in the fight against future pandemics](#)

July 25, 2020

[Tracy Calogheros: Critical thinking, science culture and Canadians' superpower](#)

July 22, 2020

[Tracy Calogheros & Dov Bercovici: Science centres are beacons to guide us in cloudy future](#)

## COVID-19 Recovery & Updates

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### > Government Announcements

**Changes to the Wage Subsidy (Bill C-20) passed on July 27:** Allowing the extension of the CEWS until December 19, 2020, including redesigned program details until November 21, 2020.

The steps to prepare for the new CEWS application were updated Aug 11, 2020 and can be found [here](#).

**Infrastructure program expands to support COVID-19 community resilience:** [August 5, 2020 Media Release](#)

**RESILIENCE: [August 27, 2020 Media Release](#)**

To be eligible for funding under the COVID-19 Resilience stream, the project's eligible costs must be under \$10 million, construction must be started no later than September 30, 2021, and it must be completed by the end of 2021 (or by the end of 2022 in the territories and in remote communities). The COVID-19 Resilience stream will fund the following types of infrastructure projects:

- Retrofits, repairs and upgrades for provincial, territorial, municipal and Indigenous buildings; health infrastructure; and schools;
- COVID-19 response infrastructure, including measures to support physical distancing;
- Active transportation infrastructure, including parks, trails, foot bridges, bike lanes and multi-use paths; and
- Disaster mitigation and adaptation projects, including natural infrastructure, flood and fire mitigation, and tree planting and related infrastructure.

### [Backgrounder](#)

**Ontario Trillium Foundation Resilient Communities Fund:** [This fund will help eligible nonprofits to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and to continue delivering vital programming.](#) Recipients can receive \$5k-\$150k to build and recover their operations.

What types of projects are eligible?

- Build supports to implement new approaches, prepare for change, and build resiliency
- Improve and increase ability to access financial resources and develop new and/or alternative revenue sources
- Adapt or re-imagine the delivery of programs and services
- Procure equipment or renovate spaces
- New approaches for organizations to work together to meet the needs of communities

What is the deadline to apply?

- This program will have two rounds. One will end on September 2, 2020 and one on December 2, 2020.

**Government of Ontario new \$1.5 M Tourism Economic Development Recovery Fund (TEDRF):** [Aug 6, 2020 Media Release](#)

The TEDRF provides funding to projects that encourage the development of innovative new tourism products, support tourism investment, or build the capacity of Ontario's tourism industry.

Who can apply?

- Municipalities and Destination Marketing Organizations

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- Indigenous Organizations
- Ontario Tourism Industry Associations
- Not-for-Profit Organizations (with a clearly defined tourism focus)
- For-Profit Tourism Organizations

How much funding is available?

- This program has a \$1.5 M budget. It will cover 50% of eligible project expenses.

When should your organization apply?

- Applications must be submitted at least four months prior to the project start date.

## Association Updates

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### > Who's open among CASC Members?

As the country begins to move into various stages of reopening, so are science centres, science and technology museums, aquariums, zoos, insectariums and makerspaces. We suggest you visit their website or give them a call to find out their current status and offerings. Many still continue to serve their communities by offering educational programming, resources and materials online. [Have a look here.](#)

**NOW OPEN!** (restrictions may apply to their offerings)

**AB**

[Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum](#)  
[TELUS Spark](#)  
[TELUS World of Science -Edmonton](#)

**BC**

[H.R. MacMillan Space Centre](#)  
[Okanagan Science Centre](#)  
[Science World](#)

**MB**

[The Manitoba Museum](#)

**NB**

[Science East](#)  
[Resurgo Place](#)

**NL**

[Fortune Head Geology Centre](#)  
[Johnson GEO Centre](#)  
[Petty Harbour Mini Aquarium](#)  
[The Manuels River Hibernia Interpretation Centre](#)

**NS**

[Discovery Centre](#)

**NT**

[Nunavut Research Institute](#)

**OPENING SOON:****ON**

[Ingenium: Canada Science and Technology Museum](#): August 14, 2020  
[London's Children Museum](#): August 19, 2020

**OTHER:****BC**

[The Exploration Place Museum & Science Centre](#): Spring of 2021

**QC**

[Armand-Frappier Museum, Biosciences Interpretation Centre](#) Fall of 2020

**ON**

[Entomica](#)  
[Ingenium: Canada Agriculture and Food Museum](#)  
[Ingenium: Canada Aviation and Space Museum](#)  
[Ripley's Aquarium of Canada](#)  
[Science North](#)  
[THEMUSEUM](#)  
[Toronto Zoo](#)

**QC**

[ASTROLab du Mont Mégantic](#)  
[Centre d'interprétation de l'eau](#)  
[Montréal Science Centre](#)  
[Musée de la nature et des sciences de Sherbrooke](#)  
[Musée de l'ingéniosité J. Armand Bombardier](#)  
[Musée minéralogique et minier de Thetford Mines](#)  
[Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium](#)

## **> SAVE THE DATE: CASC 2020 Annual General Meeting**

**Join us VIRTUALLY in shaping your CASC at the 2020 Annual General Meeting on September 22, 2020 at 2 pm EST.**

What to expect:

- 2019-2020 year in review
- Appointment of the 2020-2021 Board of Directors
- Sharing details of our 2020-2022 Strategic Plan
- Engaging presentations by stakeholders and industry leaders
- Opportunity to connect with your friends and colleagues from across Canada

**We're looking for new talent and perspectives to join our Board of Directors.**

Recently, we distributed a notice to all CASC Members with an invitation to submit nominations for our 2020-2021 Board of Directors. While not limited to these areas, we encourage applications from individuals with experience in government advocacy, strategic decision-making fundraising and DEAI Leadership. If you did not receive the notice and would like to submit a nomination please email [nominations@casc-accs.com](mailto:nominations@casc-accs.com) to learn more about the process and criteria.

**The deadline for Board nominations is August 24, 2020, 4 pm EST.**

[Your CASC 2019-2020 Board of Directors.](#)

## > Connecting our Members

**Video Discussion Groups:** As we all continue to navigate this rapidly-evolving global situation, CASC is here to help, support, and connect our community during these challenging times. Please contact us at [info@casc-accs.com](mailto:info@casc-accs.com) if you have ideas for how we can further support your organization.

### **Topic: Summer Camp and School Programming Strategies**

*Friday, August 14, 2020 11:00 AM EST*

Led by a group of Education and Programming staff from CASC member institutions this meeting addresses new challenges and opportunities with school programming and camps. Invitations are sent via email. Please contact [leduc@casc-accs.com](mailto:leduc@casc-accs.com) if you did not receive an invitation and would like to join. *Open to all CASC Members.*

### **Topic: CASC CEO Discussion**

*Thursday, August 27, 2020 2:00 PM EST*

CASC will continue coordinating a "CASC COVID-19 Response Discussion" for CASC Member CEOs and Executive Directors to address advocacy efforts, re-opening issues, long-term plans, etc. Invitations are sent via email. Please contact [mader@casc-accs.com](mailto:mader@casc-accs.com) if you did not receive an invitation and would like to join. *Open to all CASC Members.*

## News & Opportunities

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### OUR MEMBERS

- [Science World Announces New CEO](#)
- [Work begins at the Armand-Frappier Museum](#)
- [The Manitoba MUseum is Recruiting for Chief Executive Officer](#)
- [Mary Anne Moser aiming to put Calgary Science Centre in global top 10](#)
- [Toronto Zoo Celebrates 46 Years with a Virtual Birthday Party](#)

### COLLABORATORS & FRIENDS

- [\*\*The ASTIC Annual Conference is going virtual\*\*](#) October 19–21—with pre conference workshops October 13–16. Stay tuned for more details about the conference and registration, coming soon.
- [\*\*The 6th CSPC Youth Excellence Award competition is now open!\*\*](#) If you're under the age of 35 and have a compelling policy proposal you'd like to share, submit your application by Aug 28!
- [\*\*The 2nd CSPC Exceptional Contribution to Science Policy Award competition is now open!\*\*](#) Consider nominating an individual who has made important contributions to the shaping of science policy in Canada. Nominations by individuals and organizations are accepted. Nominations due Aug 28, 2020.
- [\*\*CSPC Conference registration is open!\*\*](#) Join the BIGGEST science and innovation policy conference from November 16-20 2020.

## **TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- [\*\*Registration for D&I Foundations certificate is now open!\*\*](#) The Foundations certificate is a bundle of three courses: Diversity and inclusion fundamentals, Introduction to unconscious bias and Respect in the workplace. It signifies the learner's knowledge of the essential topics which shape conversations and workplace policy on diversity and inclusion and the learner's ability to advance this knowledge to the next level.

This is a general audience certificate, provided to individuals with little or no background on these topics.

## **FUNDING & GRANTS**

- [\*\*NSERC's Promoscience\*\*](#)

**Apply by September 15, 2020**

The maximum allowable request is \$200,000/year for 3 years, and only one application may be submitted per organization or department per competition year. Funding supports initiatives that promote the natural sciences and engineering (NSE) to Canada's young people, particularly to under-represented and disadvantaged groups in NSE careers, including girls and Indigenous peoples.

## **PUBLIC SURVEY**

- [\*\*HAS COVID-19 Changed Your Life?\*\*](#) Help researchers understand how life has changed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The COHESION study, led by a multidisciplinary team of researchers from across Canada, is



led by a multidisciplinary team of researchers from across Canada, is looking for people to complete online surveys about their daily activities, social interactions and mental health during this time. Public health experts and decision makers will use this data to develop responses to community needs.

Please consider sharing this survey with your audiences.

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**Share your news!**

If you have an item of interest for the newsletter please contact [info@casc-accs.com](mailto:info@casc-accs.com).

**For recent member news click [here](#).**

**Host a webinar!**

Do you have a great suggestion for a webinar?

**[Go ahead and send us a webinar proposal!](#)**

**Make a DONATION!**

The Canadian Association of Science Centres is a registered charity (# 87543 9861 RR001).

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