



## National Training Centre and Facilities Strategy Update

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Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA) is pleased to provide an update to the membership and stakeholders on the National Training Centre – Request for Proposal process.

RCA launched a Request for Proposal for the 2020 National Training Centre (NTC) in May 2018. A total of five formal proposals were submitted to the NTC Project Committee in September as outlined in the [Request for Proposal \(RFP\)](#).

The NTC Project Committee reviewed all submissions, conducted site visits, and will manage the final selection of the primary site for RCA's National Training Centre. The process has been a collaborative and iterative process with continual dialogue between the committee and site teams.

“This process has reflected well our vision to be a leading nation in rowing, and our purpose to grow and develop through rowing,” said NTC committee chair Jennifer Walinga. “We truly are united by water. Through this process we have been reminded of what rowing can teach: discipline, challenge, partnership, understanding, and collaborative problem solving.”

The committee will make a recommendation to the RCA Board of Directors as to the selected site for final approval by the end of November with a final decision rendered by the board in December.

A formal announcement on the final NTC site selection will be issued in January 2019.

The NTC Project Committee includes the following individuals:

- Jennifer Walinga, Committee Chair and Director of the Board
- Peter McClelland, Athlete Director of the Board
- Terry Dillon, CEO
- Iain Brambell, High Performance Director
- Adam Parfitt, Director, Athlete and Coach Pathways
- Mike Walker, RCA Past President
- Dr. Jane Thornton, RCA Alumni



As background, the RCA Board of Directors shared its decision last spring to undertake a comprehensive process in selecting and implementing a primary NTC in Canada by October 2020. This process included a formal RFP process that provides the opportunity for all Canadian communities to submit proposals. [Click here](#) for all the background information and communications on the NTC and Facilities Strategy Review.

RCA would like to thank all participating communities for their efforts and engagement in this RFP process. Inquiries should be directed to the NTC Project Committee: Attention - Jennifer Walinga, [ntcproposals@rowingcanada.org](mailto:ntcproposals@rowingcanada.org).