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SDRCC Launches Independent Review to Shape the Future of Sport Dispute Resolution in Canada

Brossard (Quebec) - The Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) has launched a Request for Proposals and a Call for Expressions of Interest to support a comprehensive, independent review of its mandate, service delivery, sustainability and governance.

The review will examine how the SDRCC can strengthen access to timely, fair, independent and cost-effective sport dispute resolution, improve cost predictability and administrative efficiency, and ensure that its governance and expertise continue to serve the evolving needs of the Canadian sport system.

Through the Request for Proposals, the SDRCC is seeking a qualified consultant, firm or small team to lead the research, stakeholder consultations and analysis that will inform the review and its recommendations.

As part of the process, the SDRCC is inviting expressions of interest for seven positions on a nine-member Working Group that will guide the review, assess its findings and formulate recommendations for consideration by the SDRCC Board of Directors. The remaining two positions will be held by members of the Board.

> *"This review is an opportunity to help shape the future of sport dispute resolution in Canada and ensure that the SDRCC is positioned to meet the evolving needs of the Canadian sport system," said Francis Ménard, Chief Executive Officer of the SDRCC. "Bringing together independent analysis, meaningful consultation and a Working Group with diverse expertise will help us identify forward-looking, practical options to enhance access, service quality and long-term sustainability."*

The modernization review is one of several initiatives supported by new funding from the Government of Canada to strengthen and modernize sport dispute resolution and prevention services. It follows the recent launch of separate Requests for Proposals to assess internal appeal mechanisms within Canadian sport organizations and to revise the Canadian Sport Dispute Resolution Code. Together, these initiatives represent a coordinated effort to make sport dispute resolution more accessible, predictable, efficient and responsive to the needs of the Canadian sport community.

Proposals and expressions of interest must be received by **4:00 p.m. ET on November 12, 2026**.

Questions concerning the Request for Proposals may be submitted by email until **4:00 p.m. ET on November 5, 2026**.

View the full Request for Proposals and the Call for Expressions of Interest: https://crdsc-sdrcc.ca/eng/requests-for-proposals-and-calls-for-interest

Quick Facts

- The review is part of a broader series of initiatives supported by new funding from the Government of Canada to strengthen and modernize sport dispute resolution and prevention services.
- The independent consultant and nine-member Working Group will bring together research, stakeholder perspectives and diverse expertise to inform the review and its recommendations.
- The review will consider how the SDRCC can improve access to its services, strengthen operational sustainability and remain responsive to the evolving needs of the Canadian sport system.

About the SDRCC

The SDRCC is a not-for-profit corporation created by federal legislation and funded by Sport Canada. Its mission is to provide the sport community with a national alternative dispute resolution service and to strengthen the culture of fairness in Canadian sport by resolving disputes quickly and efficiently, and by providing expertise and assistance in this area.

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