

# Transcript

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□ **Robyn Skinner** started transcription

**JC** **Jimmy Coll** 0:03  
See.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 0:04

And I'll just get folks to mute their line.

I'm hearing some dishes maybe being done, not quite sure.

Thanks so much. OK.

So we're gonna get started.

I'm gonna share my screen.

Just a little slide deck, just to take us through.

Today.

OK.

Can everyone see my screen?

Great.

So thanks everyone for joining. As I mentioned, this is a hard, hard time across the country to get a time that's gonna work for everyone.

So I do appreciate everyone's time today and will be as brief as possible, but I thought it was a great idea to have everybody given the opportunity to meet face to face periodically throughout this funding opportunity and.

This is the first of those calls, so thanks everyone for calling in.

So first I just wanted to do a quick land acknowledgement.

So at Cycling Canada, we respectfully acknowledge that we're meeting today on traditional territory of the Mohawk Algonquin and Ishin Abbott aqui, people people's lands.

We acknowledge that the long history of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples and show respect the indigenous communities for making the acknowledgment to further demonstrate our commitment to work together as a Community and laying the foundation for reconciliation through sport.

Now this land acknowledgment is based out of our headquarters in Ottawa, so we'll

take an opportunity through introductions here.

Amongst the group on the call, to be specific to where you are, if you're comfortable sharing.

But I did want to start out today with just doing a quick round introduction of everyone.

Just so everyone can get an idea of the.

The spanse of folks we have on the call, where they're from and the types of projects everyone's working on.

So I'll start and if you're comfortable sharing, great.

If you're not, that's fine as well.

So my name is Robin Skinner. I'm with cycling Canada.

I am based out of Collingwood, which is just north of Toronto in Ontario.

And I am located on the traditional territory of the Ashin Nabak people of the three fires.

Confederacy.

And my favorite bike route is probably just here locally in Collingwood, with my family riding along the Great Lakes here in Collingwood where I'm based.

And I wanted to just highlight as well if you're comfortable sharing your pronouns.

I've included some resources on this page for those of you that may not be familiar with pronouns or land acknowledgements, and I'll talk a little bit later on about other resources.

We have for all of you to help with and guide these types of these types of projects within your groups, so I'll pass it off to my colleague Chris, who's also on the call from Cycling Canada.

**CT** **Chris Tabri** 3:34

Hello, Robin introduced me, Chris Tabri also with Cycling Canada.

I'm based out of Ottawa and Ontario and that you saw the land acknowledgement for the Ottawa region earlier.

My favorite bike route is some country roads out near my parents house.

It's nice. It's long.

There's no lights, no signs.

You don't have to stop.

It was freshly paved somehow.

All of those stars aligned for everything to happen.

It's a great ride.

And I will pass it over to the first name on my screen, which is Jeannie.

Oh, it's cut off your last name.

**JM Jeannie Mansell** 4:14

Probably genie mancel.

My name is Jeannie Mansell.

I am in Richmond, BC. I am actually from BMX background.

So my favorite bike route would probably be a BMX track somewhere in Europe.

Let's go for anywhere in the Netherlands.

The the town that I live in is.

Has a very long.

Traditional name.

I'll try to get them right.

The muscle. I know them.

Squamish or Slava tooth peoples.

Were the originators of our and caretakers of our land.

It is great to be here with you guys and it is early for me.

So thank you for inviting us in.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 5:09

Appreciate you joining Tini.

Thanks so much.

I'll pass it to Greg, who I know is in Saskatchewan.

**GL Greg Laroque** 5:19

Hi, my name is Greg Larocque.

I'm with Saskatchewan Cycling Association brand new in the last little bit. Previously have done other sports including canoe, kayak and horse.

Equine sports.

Just trying to figure out a favorite bike route to have been on a bike for a while.

Same as when I was moved into horse. Had men on there for a while.

So I'm just getting acquainted with new sport.

And getting back to things that you should do. When I was a kid.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 5:52

Thanks, Greg. Andy.

We can't hear you, Andy.

I can see you're talking, but we can't hear you.

We'll let you try and figure out your.

Your.

Sound, Morgan.

**M Morgan** 6:20

Hi, my name's Morgan hurdle.

I'm from Charlottetown PE.

My group is called wheels of change. We are.

We are a group that is working with people with mental health and addictions issues.

Getting them out on the trails and my favorite bike route.

Oh well, I've biked all over Canada and I'd have to say Whistler's my favorite.

Whole or mainland's pretty awesome.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 6:50

Great choice.

Thanks, Morgan. Appreciate it, Peter.

**D Dewar, Peter** 6:58

Hey, Peter Dewar. I live in Kentville, NS.

I run Valley Devo which is a a youth cycling program youth race team, and event organizers.

My favorite place to ride is Brookvale, Prince Edward Island, where the last stop of the Canada Cup will be this year.

Very excited about that and I live in Mingmong territory in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 7:28

Thank you, Peter.

Great to have you, Thorsten. Throw it to you next.

**TN Thorsten (he/him) - Cycling NWT** 7:34

Thanks. Ellen Torres in here.

I'll also go by Thor.

What sounds much cooler?

My Jenna pronounced he and Tim.

I'm on the land of the Dega Gutier First Nations was also known As for Providence.

They identify as a river people.

What is in norther territories?

My favorite bike Rd. will be in the fall where we do a cross country cross country run and it's right around the Mackenzie River and it's up and down and right and left.

And it's a beautiful scenery.

Blood will be my favorite route in the future.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 8:03

Love it.

Thanks Thorsten for sharing, Laura.

**LS Laura Shutiak** 8:09

Hi everybody.

My name is Laura Shudiak.

I am coming to you from Calgary, which is the three, seven Nations traditional territory in southern Alberta.

I'm the executive director of organization called Youth En Route and.

We teach kids in high schools, cycling programs and favorite bike routes out. My back door is in Fish Creek Park in Calgary is a really special.

Place for all different types of cycling.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 8:44

Thanks Laura.

Sometimes the the best ones are right outside your back door, James.

**JK James Kendal** 8:51

Good afternoon every or good morning everybody. I'm James Kendall.

I'm executive director of the Alberta Bicycle Association.

I'm also a race organizer and I coach U-17 and U15 roadies.

My nickname is Rhodey James on Instagram.

I live on the traditional territories of the stonia coda in Treaty 7. I'm just next to National Park.

My favorite bike routes, even though I'm a roadie.

Hi Rockies Trail on my mountain bike.

Or the Trans Canada Trail on South Vancouver Island from Shawningham Lake.

To Duncan, which is an old railway bed.

So yeah, and and I'm multitasking 'cause I have events this weekend, so I'm preparing race plates for our first mountain bike race. Thank you.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 9:33

Well, I'm glad we could entertain you here while you're doing your race plates. James. Thanks for thanks for joining.

**JK James Kendal** 9:37

Sorry, in a criterium on Sunday to boot.

So there we go.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 9:42

Not not much going on at this time of year for all of us. I know that.

I know that to be true, so I appreciate everyone's time.

**JK James Kendal** 9:45

Yeah.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 9:49

Liette.

**LP Liette Paulin** 9:51

Hi, I'm Leah Poland.

I'm a community development officer for the town of Shediac in New Brunswick and we're trying to get a hop on program.

We don't have a club in our town, we have a, but we do have a club.

It's more for building trails.

It's they're volunteers, all of volunteers, and we're trying to bring programming in our regions.

And my favorite bike hoop.

I'm not a biker, but I tried the trail that they're building and I really enjoyed them and dining on going.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 10:24

Right. So we have a new member for for Bella, New Brunswick here.  
Amazing. Thanks for sharing that, Maxine.

**MB Maxine Bergeron** 10:32

Hi. I'm Maxine in Bromont, Quebec.

I work as a head coach at the National Cycling Centre in Romant.

Have been working with the hop on programs for a few years now. Initiating kids in different areas.

More kids that have difficulty accessing biking.

So yeah, and my favorite bike route would be riding my back door too.

In Vermont, we have a lot of mountain biking trails, so that's what I enjoy to do.

And there is a lot of nice gravel routes also in the area.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 11:08

Thanks, Maxine. Mike.

Sorry I got you with a mouthful, apologies.

**MT Mike Todd** 11:18

It's lunchtime.

I am Mike.

I'm from cycling Nova Scotia.

I'm the executive director.

So I am helping with the Nova Scotia clubs that got the CSA grant.

I like biking all over the place.

I guess my favorite would be up in Wentworth.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 11:37

Thanks Mike.

Peg.

You're on mute as well, OK?

**PL Peg Maass Labiuk** 11:45

OK.

Hi, I'm peg lebuke.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 11:46

Come on. Gotcha.

**PL Peg Maass Labiuk** 11:48

I'm in, Vic.

BC the club I'm working with is tripleshot.

It's one of the largest ones and also the Greater Victoria Velodrome Association.

Favorite ride would be the Galloping Goose trail out to the velodrome and our traditional lands are songies, Esquimalt and where the velodrome is in Colwood is.

Teacher Mista?

And.

I think that's it. Thanks.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 12:23

Thanks, peg.

Appreciate it, Rob, if you're able to share with us.

**RG Rob good** 12:28

Good from kW Cycling Academy and Kitchener Waterloo ON and we've run a youth program for about 15 years or so.

Tuesday night, bright up.

Runs along the same lines as what hop on is kids from three to five years old, eight to 12 years old, 12 to 15 years old. And we've got a pretty solid race team on the track. Rd. and mountain bike.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 12:58

Thanks rob.



Thanks for joining Meg.  
Are you able to introduce yourself?

**MT** **Meg T** 13:04

Yep, Meg todd's.  
I'm in Truro, NS and I run Crazy Creek cycling club.  
We're in our third year.  
We do learn to ride and race team program and favorite bike route would have to be Wentworth as well.  
And yeah, we live in the Mig moggy territory.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 13:29

Thanks Meg.  
Heather, are you able to introduce yourself?

**HO** **Heather Ongo** 13:33

I am.  
Good morning, everyone.  
My name is Heather Ongo.  
I am from New Brunswick, Fredericton, the Capital Region, and I come from an association called River Valley Cycling.  
My favorite bike trail would have to be our very own built Williston Bike Park, which we just finished putting in here in the last year with the help of some provincial funding.  
And we are sitting on the unseated territory of the Williston people here in Fredericton.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 14:02

Wonderful. Thanks for sharing.  
Jan, are you able to introduce yourself?  
And if not, go ahead.

**YB** **Yann Bolomier** 14:12

Yes, Henry, yes, my my English is so bad, but I try it.  
My name is Yian.

I live in Tabon, Quebec.

I am a cycling project manager.

We are a new mountain biking club and we started the open program.

Three years ago.

We have a small team of instructor and catches.

We have developed several kilometers of trail and.

That's it.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 14:54

Thank you.

Appreciate it. Thanks for joining.

**YB** **Yann Bolomier** 14:56

Bye.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 14:58

Sue, we'll move on to you next.

**SL** **Sue Lawton** 15:02

Hi my name is Sue Lawton.

I live in Quispamsis NB which is just outside of Saint John.

I run a program called. You can ride 2, which I sort of transported here from Alberta.

It originated there.

In Edmonton, we teach kids with coordination challenges and disabilities how to ride A2 wheel bike.

And we're just in the middle of this program this spring week three of six and it's going great.

My favorite bike route.

I haven't been a cyclist myself for a long time.

I used to do triathlons, but now I just teach kids how to ride.

So my favorite trail is the trail we made-up 'cause we don't have really good bike trails where we are. So on the last night of our bike program we do a trail ride.

In quotation marks, we ride around a few different schools and make our own trail, which is lots of fun for the kids to celebrate their new skills that they just learned.

And I on the MEK MA territory.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 16:02

You appreciate it.

Lister and Joanna, if you're able to share.

You folks are on mute.

**L Lister Farrar & Joanna Fox (Victoria BC)** 16:15

I knew that.

Hi, we're we're with Peg with Chipplshot Cycling Club and.

The in Victoria, BC and.

My she's my favorite bike route is riding to the ferry to Vancouver and then riding from Vancouver to our daughter's house.

And I feel pretty fortunate being able to do that on a bike.

Not when it's raining, though.

It's pretty crummy.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 16:50

Good choice.

**L Lister Farrar & Joanna Fox (Victoria BC)** 16:51

Hi my name is Lister and Jan. Your English is great. Keep it up.

Better than our French, I'm sure.

I'm also with tripleshot.

I'm the head coach of the youth program.

We have about 8 coaches and 30 kids a year year round.

We have some famous alumni, Riley Pickrell with Israel startup and Sarah van Dam with Sarah Tizzett. But we also have lots of kids who have basically started cycling with the group, some with pretty limiting disabilities that limited them from other sports.

And we make a point of welcoming them all, including some.

Children of immigrants, which we're looking forward to attracting to our program, Pegg.

Didn't mention it, but our our project is going to be called Girls Club. Troubleshot Girls Club aimed at girls around middle school age.

By the way, we're on the territories of the Kongan people, specifically Songhiz, isqui,

Malt and Saanich, and I just want to make a note about Wasanic and.

Reconciliation, we had a great experience with our fundraiser ride called the Triple Shot Cross Fondo, with the was Anish people, welcoming us to cross their land that they recently obtained back from.

Farmers and I found it a really amazing experience with their willingness to invite us onto their land.

Favorite bike route is any route that I'm riding on with kids.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 18:25

Thanks Joanna Lester for sharing. That's great.  
Roger.

**RK** **Roger Koert** 18:33

Yeah. Hi, my name's Roger. I'm with the hand cycling Club of Canada.

Personally, I'm based out of Stratford ON and so is the club.

I'm the president and but we identify as an online club and we're we're our goal is to increase awareness and participation in the sport of hand cycling.

That's handcycling.

Ca all one word.

My favorite bike route.

I have two.

They're both out my garage and one. They're both 24 kilometers.

One has hills and one is flat.

So depending what my mood is, that's my favorite one of that day.

And where I am part of the neutral out of wanderon people's.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 19:20

Appreciate it, Roger. Thanks so much.

Jimmy, are you able to introduce yourself today?

And we'll see if Jimmy can unmute.

But I'll move to Neil.

**MN** **MARCYNUK, NEAL** 19:36

Yeah. So I'm Neil with the Golden Horseshoe cycling hub based out of Hamilton, Hamilton ON.

We are a youth focused program so we use hop on as our foundation program.  
I don't know the reason, but we saw it.  
A massive explosion in hop on registrations this year, which was fantastic.  
We also do a recreational program and a competition program for our older riders.  
And we're doing.  
A lot of stuff as well within the community, sort of connecting with the different cycling organizations and kind of bringing everyone together to the table to support the sport.  
My favorite bike Rd.  
I would have to say is the route from Kayo Coco into the mainland in Cuba because it's flat, it's warm and there's a ton of cantinas to stop at along the way.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 20:31

Sounds awesome. I think that's the first tropical route ever anyone's mentioned with our Canadian weather not being ideal for most, that's sounds pretty great.  
Neil, thanks CJ.

**CY C.J. Young (Cycling B.C.)** 20:46

Hi. Yeah, my name is CJ young.  
I'm W Cycling BC out of Victoria and I help support with the events and hop on programming pronouns. Are he and him?  
Kind of the traditional lands of the salespeople today known as Songhizes squa malt and the Saanich nations.  
Favorite rides? I think someone else mentioned just outside their house.  
Mine is kind of the same. If it's Rd. it's on the waterfront.  
If it's gravel, it's trying to get as far up the island, maybe around help they come back and that's why it was a little late this morning.  
'Cause I was peddling.  
So sorry about that. Thanks.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 21:18

Will allow it. Thanks CJ.  
Jade, if you're able to introduce yourself.

**JK Jade Koide (she/her)** 21:25  
Can you hear me OK?

**RS Robyn Skinner** 21:26  
Absolutely.

**JK Jade Koide (she/her)** 21:28  
I'm Jade Koide pronouns.  
Are she her?  
I'm in Vancouver, which is the Coast Salish people's musquium, Squamish and this I previously mentioned.  
I'm representing the lower mainland cycle cross organization, which is recently resurrected and trying to bring back some kids.  
Skills clinics for the for the really young ones, we're calling it Kinder Cross this year.  
And my favorite bike routes is probably out the door. A gravel ride up in the North Shore called Fisherman's and Spur for Loop.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 22:06  
Super thanks Jade for sharing, Janet. Have we have you introduced yourself yet, Janet?  
Still unmute.  
Let me see if I can unmute you for you.  
No, I can't.  
If you can unmute yourself, Janet, that'd be awesome.  
We'll give you a moment. But Andre, did you want to introduce yourself?

**AC Andree Crepeau** 22:27  
Sure. So my name is Andre Crapo and I'm a she. Although many people have tried to make me a he because of my first name.  
And I'm the president of Velo, Cape Breton.  
We're working with cycling Nova Scotia. This is the first year that we have hop on.  
We we have sessions coming up this weekend.  
It's been pretty exciting because we're also working.  
Velos in the past has been basically a road cycling and and cycling advocacy group.

But there's a surge in interest in mountain biking here on the island.  
And we're having some, some some luck.  
Developing trails with the municipality that that we're in which.  
Just Cape Breton regional municipality.  
And so it's it's I'm on Cape Breton which is.  
Part of the migma.  
Nation, I guess the word to use.  
That's about it.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 23:51

Wonderful. Thanks Andre. Janet.

**JL Janet Lauzon** 23:54

Hi sorry Janet Lauzon, Victoria Prince, Edward Island and I'm the provincial coordinator for hop on.

We live on migma territory and my favorite ride on mountain bike is one a lot of people don't know of is in eastern PEI the cardigan trails, so it's really, really fortunate here on PEI to have great trails and for Rd. cycling.

I love leaving my house and riding the old road.

To Borden, which is great, especially in June.

So that's what I have to say.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 24:31

June's coming up. So your favorite favorite route is about to explode.

**JL Janet Lauzon** 24:32

Tune's coming up, yeah.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 24:35

Love it.

Thanks for sharing Janet. Patrick, are you able to introduce yourself?

**PM Patrick Mimeault** 24:41

Yep, my name is Patrick Mimo.

I'm President of bike club here in Quebec City called.

And I partnered with the Hop on program not too long ago and with Christine, I don't know if she's gonna be online today. But yeah, my favorite bike route is I'd say anywhere in the region of Quebec.

It's just blowing up. In the past years for mountain biking, so there's a lot of really nice trails and centers, so.

Yep, here I am.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 25:08

Thanks for sharing, Patrick.

One of my favorite spots around Quebec is Sentient du Millenn going back shortly.

**PM** **Patrick Mimeault** 25:13

Oh yeah, that's awesome. Yep.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 25:14

Yeah, love it.

Thanks for sharing, Stephanie.

**SS** **Stephanie Sutton** 25:20

Hi there. My name is Steph Sutton.

I'm from Dundas ON Canada.

The group that I'm with is golden horseshoe cycling hub.

Our fate.

My favorite route is headwaters. In the Dundas valley.

My pronouns are she and her, and we are located on Six Nations of the grand and the whole new shoni.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 25:42

Wonderful. Thanks, Stephanie.

Andy, have we got you?

Are you able to share?

Still can't hear you, my friend.

Did I?

Did I miss anybody?

It's hard to keep track.



I didn't realize there was a whole other screen of folks on this call until I saw there was 29 people here. Sorry, who's that?

**A** **Andy** 26:03  
Did this work?  
Did that work?  
Can you hear me now? Oh, wow.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 26:07  
I gotcha.  
I can go ahead, Andy.

**A** **Andy** 26:10  
Sorry to interrupt you.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 26:11  
OK.

**A** **Andy** 26:13  
I'm Andy Poole.  
I'm in Glovertown, central Newfoundland.  
Our group is now called the Adventure Biking Project, was a school based program, but we've since peeled off into a not-for-profit community program.  
My lot of people said their favorite bike Rd. is right at the door and mine is too. In Newfoundland you can easily get lost in wilderness, you know 5 minutes away from most towns and we have a lot of dirt roads and old forest roads, so those those.  
Are my favorite trails.  
What else was I supposed to tell you?  
Of course, Labrador is Inuit and Newfoundland with Migma and and the Biafic.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 26:58  
Thanks Andy.

**A** **Andy** 26:59  
You're welcome.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 27:00  
Heather, were you able to introduce yourself?

**HO** **Heather Ongo** 27:05  
I already myself.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 27:05  
OK, then you already did.  
Sorry, Heather. Was there anyone I missed?

**HO** **Heather Ongo** 27:08  
Yep, no worries.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 27:09  
Was there anyone I missed because I am toggling back and forth, I think I got everybody, but if I've missed you, I apologize please.  
Speak up.  
I appreciate us taking 28 minutes to introduce everybody.  
It would have been nice to to keep it a little shorter, but.  
I appreciate hearing where everyone's from.  
I feel like we need to put a csai bike route.  
Little document together to share because there was some really great routes that we should probably all and I love that majority of them are here in Canada, which is great.  
So thanks everyone for for taking time to do that. I thought was really important.  
We won't necessarily do that every time.  
We'll take an opportunity to highlight a few projects when we do these calls again, but I just wanted everyone to get a picture of the volume of programs and projects we're working with and the diversity of those projects.  
So thanks everyone for taking the time.  
So I just wanted to briefly talk about Cycling Canada and what our strategy is and how this funding opportunity.  
Fits into what it is we do at Cycling Canada.  
So Cycling Canada is a national sport organization where the the national governing

body for cycling in Canada not too dissimilar to Tennis Canada or Rugby Canada. If there's other sports you're involved with, there is national sport organizations in Canada for all sports.

Most of them anyway.

And we are cycling's national governing body, so we're beholden to some funding partners within the Government of Canada, specifically Sport Canada. And that's where this funding, the Community sport for all initiative funding has come from. And the big reason why we apply for this type of funding is to fund Community level programming.

And you'll see. This is our virtuous cycle, which is part of our strategic plan.

And community is right at the center of our strategy, which is all of you that are on this call and something that we're really trying to target with our strategy, which is a 10 year strategy from 2020 to 2030 is to build membership and build commun.

Within cycling in Canada, so I just wanted to give you a very brief.

Overview of of the why and this is the what this is what we're trying to achieve by 20-30.

We want to grow to 100,000 members.

And we want to get 300,000 kids on bikes.

You'll see here on the screen, sort of where we're at currently.

So we've got a ways to go.

We're halfway through, but it's programs and projects like this that are going to help us.

Bring bring, hop on and programming like this further across the country and really be able to give more tools to our our province's territories and clubs.

So I just wanted to give you a very brief overview of sort of where we're at with Encycling Canada and and the why.

So Community sport for all funding. This is our third year.

Applying and being approved for Community sport for all funding.

This particular year was a really difficult application year. A big reason why we didn't get approval for for for quite late. And we'll talk a little bit about why that is here later. But I just wanted to talk a little bit about the impact on of the program.

The last two years in particular. So we've given out over \$700,000 to clubs and provinces and territories.

To launch and help build and sustain a program.

Pop on, which is a really exciting thing to be able to do.

And you can see here on the screen the numbers that we've been able to achieve from a participation and an instructor perspective and the instructor program is something that's really important to this program and leaves legacy.

Once these types of funding opportunities are gone.

Not that.

Not that we were hoping that these funding opportunities remain, but I think everyone knows, especially the the current financial climate.

Sometimes we are.

We are unsure as to whether or not these programs will continue, but what's really exciting about this cohort is that it's a two year funding cycle.

Usually we just find out year after year. So I think what's great about this group is we have two years of funding to be able to benefit from, learn and improve upon.

So when it comes to this cohort of funding 24 through 26, we have approved 27 projects across Canada, which happens to be the exact same amount from two years ago.

So there's 29 of you on this call, but I suspect there's probably some groups that are missing.

But this gives you a little bit of a picture of the amount of money that we've distributed across.

The country this year, and I think the thing that's really exciting.

About this program is we're able to get more funding into more provinces and territories.

I've highlighted Alberta and Northwest territories in this list because they are new to the hop on program and without this funding, it's unlikely that we'd be able to get programming into these provinces and territories.

So that's what's another great thing about this program is we're actually able to expand our program with this funding.

And bring hop on to to new new places and territories.

So this year we're targeting around 2700 participants to be affected by all of this programming and specifically targeting underserved groups this year.

One thing that was really great to see is and it was a priority which you all would have seen in the application for persons with a disability. That is a a strong focus of this particular programs this year and this is that's one thing that I want to.

Be able to to focus on these calls moving forward as.

Is how folks are working with the the partnerships in their communities to benefit or

underserved groups and be able to share some ideas on how we can.

How we can work through any challenges and talk about successes as well.

Does anyone have any questions thus far?

I tend to talk quickly.

And it's hard to see all the faces at the same time.

But if you do have a question, please interrupt me, because I'm just going to keep on going.

Great.

So we just wanted to talk briefly about some frequently asked questions.

And these are these are just from emails that we've received.

And questions from our province and territories, I think what's really important at the beginning is just to talk a little bit about our provincial territorial sport organization.

So we've got a few of those folks represented on this call today.

So they are your provincial cycling offices.

So Ontario cycling, cycling, BC, Saskatchewan cycling those are our key partners to deliver this programming across the country.

So you've already obviously put your applications through your PTSO offices. We want you to continue to communicate with them on your activities, your successes, any questions you have. Certainly you all have signed an agreement with Cycling Canada because we are the recipient of the funding.

But truly, your provincial, territorial sport organization.

Are key to the success of your projects and one reason I wanted to bring us all together here is so we have an opportunity to share sort of outside our province and territory. But certainly I want to be sure that you understand when you have questions, keep your.

Your province and territorial sport organization in the loop as well because projects are a little different, a lot different across the country.

And the strategy and approach from your province and territories.

Going to be different from another. So if you come directly to us, we will turn you around to your your province or territorial cycling association or CC them on the communication.

So absolutely feel free to reach out to us, but just keep your your province and territories office in the loop as well.

**MT** **Meg T** 35:25  
OK.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 35:30

Why did we sign documents that said 2024?

That's a great question and one that came up quite a bit.

I spoke earlier about the the funding cycles and and how they work and I we've got a couple groups on here that are funded in year one.

We we found out, you know well ahead of time. Three years ago, the funding allocation for that year. But it was so late this year based on government timelines, funding timelines.

That it's the even though the documents say 24 to 26.

The activation of that funding will be for the following season, so.

You're 24/20/24 funding will be used for 2025. Your 2025 funding will be used for the season of 2026.

So even though the documents say one thing, we're actually activating it later.

So I know that was probably quite confusing for many of you when we went through this process.

All of a sudden you start seeing these, these dates that were bumped backwards.

That is government funding for you and.

We're we're trying to navigate that with you as well, but that's that's why those dates are sort of Askew, a little bit.

Is there any questions about that in particular?

**L** **Lister Farrar & Joanna Fox (Victoria BC)** 36:50  
I do, Robin.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 36:51  
Sure. Yeah, of course.

**L** **Lister Farrar & Joanna Fox (Victoria BC)** 36:53  
We've been doing budgets based on having to finish spending the money by March or February of 2026.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 37:00  
That's right.

**L Lister Farrar & Joanna Fox (Victoria BC)** 37:00  
Does that change now?

**RS Robyn Skinner** 37:00  
Yep, Nope, not at all.

**L Lister Farrar & Joanna Fox (Victoria BC)** 37:01  
To later in 2026.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 37:04  
Nope, not at all.  
So the the based on that contribution agreement that you signed, everything does need to be spent by March 31st. If it's a little bit later we we can talk about that and we know realities that it might be.  
So just make us aware of that and and support Canada's aware that some of that funding might get spent, you know, a month or two later, but we.  
We had to sign that.  
Everything had to be out by the end of March 30.  
First fiscal.

**L Lister Farrar & Joanna Fox (Victoria BC)** 37:34  
Thanks.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 37:35  
Thanks for the question.  
Anyone else have any other questions on that?

**HO Heather Ongo** 37:42  
I do just to clarify.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 37:43  
Course.

**HO Heather Ongo** 37:45  
We got our year one funding just recently, so that would be our 24 funding that we are now needing to spend in our year one.  
So when we go back to apply for year two, are we needing to have spent year 2 by March 31st, 2026?

**RS Robyn Skinner** 38:00  
Yes, that's right.

**HO Heather Ongo** 38:01  
OK.  
Thank you.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 38:03  
Great question.

**HO Heather Ongo** 38:04  
And we'll know what our year 2 funding will be before that.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 38:08  
Yes.

**HO Heather Ongo** 38:09  
OK.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 38:11  
Also a great question.  
So we don't know.  
Cycling Canada doesn't know when we're getting our second payment, so we've obviously gotten our first payment because you all have received your funding by now. And if you haven't, please put your hand up because you should have.



Great. I see some thumbs up. Amazing.

So.

Once we find out when we're going to receive that money because it's a a block of \$300,000, we don't that kind of money sitting around to send out based on not knowing when Sport Canada will give us.

Our money.

So it's a cash flow situation. Once we find out when we're going to get the money.

We'll be sure to let all of you know.

And the reason why your contribution agreement it's to be confirmed with the amount is.

Saskatchewan didn't participate in year one.

They are going to participate in year 2, so currently what had happened and part of the reason why all of you got a little bit more than what you asked for was to reallocate some of that funding.

So.

So that will come back into the pot next year and then based on deliverables and obligations that you know, ensure that are fulfilled.

Your your allotment may change as well, so we will let you know as soon as we can as to what the second round of payments will look like.

OK, if you have any questions about your budget, you'd intended to spend money on ABC, but now you want to spend on ABCD or shifting money around. Certainly have those discussions with your ptso partners. And keep in mind that, you know, we're we're certainly open to budget sh.

We all know that that's a reality. As long as your requests are in line with what?

The application and spirit of the funding opportunity is.

And that is increasing sport participation and decreasing barriers for access.

So just keep that in mind when you're thinking about pivoting funding or putting it elsewhere.

That's the focus of the funding and and your request should be within that parameter.

And then the last piece on here from a social media perspective, one thing I neglected to send out to all of you a couple weeks ago is the approved wording for your social media posts that's probably going to be quite helpful for all of you to to write.

Your social media posts so that something that Chris and I have worked on creating

a bit of a home page for all these resources which I'll show to you at the end of the end of the call.

So it's going to be a one stop shop for you to get all the information you need and not.

To sift through emails and forward files to people.

It's all gonna sit in one place, so I'll show that to you here in a moment.

Does anyone have any questions about any of the FAQ's here on the screen Lister Joanna.

**L** **Lister Farrar & Joanna Fox (Victoria BC)** 41:13

My question it was about the targets in the previous slide for participation.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 41:20

Sure.

**L** **Lister Farrar & Joanna Fox (Victoria BC)** 41:21

I was wondering if you planning on talking about kind of how we measure.

Participation I know in the past.

Hop on hasn't had any kind of criteria for joining a club or an event, or the provincial association, and I know CJ has been working on this just recently and got 125 kids to enter a novice, cross race or enduro race.

Which I think is a big step forward in terms of growing participation in the organization.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 41:56

Sure.

**L** **Lister Farrar & Joanna Fox (Victoria BC)** 41:57

Versus just offering lessons and then seeing those people disappear.

So I'm wondering if we're going to talk about some step to integrate the kids that we're reaching out to.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 42:01

Yep.

**L** **Lister Farrar & Joanna Fox (Victoria BC)** 42:08

I don't.

I don't talk.

I'm not thinking here about a performance pipeline or anything.

I'm just thinking about.

Can we all aim to have them join somehow?

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 42:18

Yep. Yeah, the conversion piece is really important, Lister. And I think you've been involved in that conversation for quite some time.

There's certainly going to be some groups on this call that.

That that not, not that they necessarily aren't.

Don't have your knowledge and background, but this is gonna be a new conversation. So I think the important part would be that if we have kids participating in your program.

And this has always been.

A.

An ask for all of our provincial and territorial sport organizations that when youth, when participants are in your program, what what comes next.

If they finish their 345 week program with you, what's your offering to them to come next?

Are you partnered with a local club? I had heard a couple folks talk about.

A club that they're partnered with so they can send kids to those programs after theirs are done.

And you know, talking to your your ptso S about a strategy on how to help with that conversion is is what I would encourage Lister.

There isn't going to be a one stop solution here for everyone on this call.

Our programs are very, very different and and operated in a different space.

We're we're working with a lot of persons with a disability programs too, so they aren't necessarily all youth programs.

But that link to a club in your province or territory is really important and if there isn't a club which is a an issue when a lot of places, especially youth clubs in Canada.

Can we start having a conversation about what creating a youth club looks like?

Like what is an after school program look like and and and talking about what sort of

things we need to have in place to support kids. After this all of you would have also seen in the application process a hop on bridge program which is something we're working.

On which is to to explain it as simply as I can.

It's it's hop on 2.0, so it's programming for kids that finish.

A hop on program which is a skills based games.

Based program to integrate them into club Rogramming Causeway. A lot of the times the the clubs that we have in existence.

Are pure race right out of the gate and there isn't sort of the recreational, more community, grassroots minded programming. So instilling some of that hop on bridge programming within this group is gonna be really important to that. And that's gonna be something that will be focused on more.

In year 2.

So when it comes to.

Our second round of funding.

I'm hoping we set the the the basis for some really great youth.

Hop on programming and then to build on that.

Some hop on bridge programming and I'm gonna hopefully get Andy to talk a little bit about his project out in Newfoundland, which is set up with that in mind that we'll be able to figure out how to retain more kids after these top one introductory programs.

Go ahead, Andy.

**L** **Lister Farrar & Joanna Fox (Victoria BC)** 45:31  
Thanks.

**A** **Andy** 45:33  
Forgive me, but as you know, I'm at a work conference as well, so we could do that sooner than later I got about.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 45:36  
Yes.  
Let's do it right now.  
How about we just tell what we do it right now, Andy?

A

**Andy** 45:40

I got about 15 minutes left. All right. Sorry to take over.

So yeah, that's a perfect segue into what I do.

So I should explain.

I know you guys got my introduction earlier and I am involved in my PSO. I am gonna be.

I am involved with our youth provincial race team.

We're hosting the Canada Games.

This summer.

And all that kind of stuff. But I am not.

A community coach or whatever we call ourselves, who comes from a cycling racing background or even a cycling background for that matter.

I'm a teacher and I started my program in a very small very small school as a non traditional sport.

Get kids outdoors, but also a way for me to interact with with kids and.

And things like that.

So my program started as a school program. I'm going to give you the short version because it's been like 15 years of growth.

But we started.

I started with teenagers and worked my way down to five year olds.

So essentially, we started with teenagers with a, you know, broad group.

We didn't have any bikes. We stole them from garbage piles.

I live in a community that would gladly give a child a \$15,000. Scoot will not buy a bike or a quality bike.

Or people just don't have the funds for it anyway.

So I started applying for funding and and getting club bikes and then those club bikes needed to be maintained.

We don't have a bike shop within the three hour drive of us.

And all that kind of stuff.

So everything that we've done have come out of necessity.

So we then took those youth started, got them used to cycling, then they became the leaders as we move down the program.

So my programs are run by yes Community volunteers.

And things that but our teenagers run the programs.

So again, I'm trying to paraphrase a lot of it.

Go look at our website after it's all done, you'll see a bit more, but a couple years ago, two years ago now, we started. We left the school program title and and formed a not-for-profit and it's called the Adventure Biking Project.

There's a lot of reasons why that's our name, but again, some other time. So essentially we run youth programs within the community.

Within the schools, but now instead of me, I still run them. But instead of me just running them my group we we partner with the Community and the schools and things and we offer our youth offer leadership.

So I train those youth in programs.

We've used for our kids in the past.

Now there's a plan for using hop on as well.

We offer consultation to other communities that want to.

Set up.

Program. So when I get invited to another community to do a consultation, I bring a teenager or two or three or whatever with me.

So that's the work the kids are doing in the winter. Those bikes that I told you that we bought and we now because of a lot of fortune and a lot of hard work, we now have three fleets of bikes, but they have to be maintained so we.

Do a winter mechanics program when we're not riding kids.

Learn to maintain bikes.

So essentially our program provides leadership.

Leadership opportunity. We still ride together.

We still do.

We do a couple bike packing trips in the summer.

We do just recently we've started doing a couple of races and stuff, but those are almost like those are the rewards for the teenagers and they also get to use some very sweet bikes that that we stack up. And if you're a volunteer, you get to use the. Bike for your season or your time or whatever.

So what we've built our organization around.

Found we have kids programs, but we're now so they start in at five years old.

They go through a learn to ride mountain bike program they go into, we call it adventure biking, junior.

Now it's like a it's a longer distance riding program, but they do also, you know, bike packing skills, camping fires, food and all that sort of fun stuff.

But once they leave grade seven, sorry. Grade seven. I talk as a teacher.

Once they leave grade seven, we didn't have anywhere for them to go.

So rather than just starting another program like you know.

Hop on for seniors.

We decided to start an organization that give these kids, you know, a way to use cycling.

So my town is not a traditional cycling community.

It's not a place where you well before this, before we started, you didn't see a lot of people out on bikes.

It wasn't even like when I grew up and we used our bike to ride, you know, to wherever we were going. Kids just weren't using bikes.

But now we're finding that's because of what we're doing.

More kids are riding bikes, but also adults are starting to ride.

Seniors are starting to ride. We're seeing a lot more E bikes coming into our community, so our next step for our project, we're actually getting a building that's going to be put up.

This fall.

And that building is gonna become a bike shop that the kids are gonna be preparing to essentially operate a full a bike shop where we repair for the community. We we do whatever, but it also becomes a community youth center centered around cycling. So we've used cycling and forgive me again because my focus has never been things like.

I shouldn't even say it, should I membership?

Getting them into B&L and all that kind of stuff. 'cause that'll come.

That'll come along with getting them on bikes, but we are truly grassroots.

So what we do is if you put them on a bike, you know a kid just text me this morning with his new, very, very nice bike that he he just purchased and his plans for racing like he's taken that path on his own.

But we give him we give him.

Literally, we give him the base of the pyramid.

So then they they find their way.

This will be our second summer.

Now, where we're going to hire a student, and that student's job will be to offer, they go around to other community groups like summer rec programs and off recycling.

They offer bike rentals for adults and for teens and all that kind of stuff. So as we

develop.

And and again, this has been over 15 years.

The last couple years.

We got pretty lucky with funding and things have developed a lot in the last three years, so our website and our name and all that stuff is fairly new. But we've been working on this for a long time and it's been very organic where instead of I didn.

Have a plan? We've responded to the needs of what, what the youth have. So in your community that might be racing.

**MT** **Meg T** 52:52

It.

**A** **Andy** 52:57

There's a round racing.

You may have more access to racing than I do, Newfoundland.

You know, I have to travel a great distance to go do a race, but you know, it happens.

We got some kids doing enduro and and one of my students is going to be sorry again. Teacher, one of my kids is going to be racing at Canada games this summer on Team NL. Like when that happens we we support them because that's their path that they.

Chose so the whole idea of the adventure biking project is that whatever adventure.

These kids go on then.

We support, however we support.

So if a kid comes and says, look, I want to ride across Newfoundland, 1000 kilometers on the trail way and all this stuff, OK, how we gonna support you?

This is what we're gonna do for you.

Or if they come and say, look, I wanna start a cycling one of our youth now are considering starting their own business where she goes around to communities and offers, you know, essentially bike clubs.

So the plan would be, for example, to train her.

To go do these things on her own. So we're gonna.

Empower them to do it.

I'm working with a very small population.



**HO Heather Ongo** 54:12  
We lost.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 54:13  
I think we lost him.

**HO Heather Ongo** 54:15  
Him.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 54:17  
Maybe he's got to go back to his conference and cut him off.  
One thing I was going to mention about Andy's Andy's program and he mentioned it.  
You know, his focus isn't certainly on growing membership for BNL.

**A Andy** 54:30  
We get.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 54:31  
Oh, are you back, Andy?

**A Andy** 54:32  
So yeah.

**RS Robyn Skinner** 54:33  
You. You dropped off there for a second.  
I was just mentioning that, you know, you'd mentioned your priority isn't certainly.  
Membership with BNL.  
But it's certainly something we've talked about. You know, how can your program help us create, you know, a membership within BNL that's going to work for, for these kids?

**A Andy** 54:43

So.

Right. Yeah, and and that's going to be one of.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 54:50

So that's that's a that's a.

That's a good piece.

Let's we only got 5 minutes left here.

Andy, I know you gotta go.

**A** **Andy** 54:56

Yeah, for sure. No, no.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 54:57

I don't mean to cut you off, but James, did you have a question?

Oh, you're on mute, James.

**JK** **James Kendal** 55:05

My apologies, Robin.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 55:07

OK.

**JK** **James Kendal** 55:08

I just I had.

I wanted to add on to Andy and just where my head's at. With development from hop on to to clubs because we have a fundamental disconnect in many areas in my problems between hop on and the intro to actually programs like what Lister does in in vict.

We have a program at Cam more that I do for Rogue.

We have mountain biking, but in Calgary with Laura, for example, with what she's doing, she.

Going to be delivering hop on programming to thousands of kids, but I do not have a single club that can can step forward.

So as a PTSO, I'm looking at the option of using a summer jobs grant and hiring coaches to actually do a program that would be an ABA program and and then

hopefully that will help not guilt clubs into it. But say hey, because it's an. Existential crisis. If you don't have kids coming up the pipeline, these clubs aren't going to have members in the future. And when I look at the amount of kids that.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 56:03  
Yep, Yep.

**JK** **James Kendal** 56:06  
Like U17U15 outside of mountain biking.  
It's like less than 10. So yeah, that's what I would like to share.

**A** **Andy** 56:14  
Low cost membership and accessibility is the is the key.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 56:14  
Appreciate.  
Yeah.

**JK** **James Kendal** 56:18  
Yeah.

**A** **Andy** 56:19  
But I'm sorry to take more time than I should have. And thanks everyone.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 56:21  
No, no, no, no, thanks.

**A** **Andy** 56:22  
Thanks for the comments.  
That's awesome.  
People will talk more later.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 56:25  
Yeah, I dropped.  
You know the link to your club just in the chat.

So Bren wants to check out Andy's project, but I think what also is going to be really helpful is for me to create a document to share all of your programs amongst all of you. So you can see what some of what all the other project.

Across the country are doing it's something that Chris and I are building on the hop on website.

So everyone can see it.

But you know, just based on Andy's sharing, I think it's really important that it's something we we build for all of you to see.

I just want to go through a few upcoming deadlines for all of you, and I know some of you probably got to go in 2 minutes, so let's get through this and then I can stick on after if you guys have any more questions.

So this is the the last piece of the puzzle here, which with some upcoming deadlines.

And Chris, if you wouldn't mind sharing the that information page on the hop on website for this, this group, it's certainly something I'll send out.

In e-mail to the group.

But what we've done is we've created this page on the hop on website.

You just need the URL for it.

Chris has just dropped it in the chat.

So what we're gonna do with that page is is post all the e-mail updates that we've sent to all of you as well.

Well, as the logos.

All the hop on branding information. Any more updates we require it would be great that we could have.

A Google Drive or a SharePoint drive, but people always seem to have differing abilities to access that. All you need is a URL to access this page and everything you need is gonna be on it.

So this is where we're gonna keep putting a lot of the content for all of you.

So Chris has shared the URL with you.

I'll send it out via e-mail.

But one thing I wanted to mention before the call is over. There's just a couple upcoming deadlines.

So June 30th, we're asking for a project summary and photo from your club so we can post this publicly on the hop on website. So it doesn't have to be lengthy like a very small paragraph, just talking about your program.

With a photo that's representative representative of the funding.

Thing that we're asking for or the funding targeting underserved groups in particular and then before March 31st of next year, sharing with US1 social media post that you're going to share on your channels. And I've sent out the templates to all of you as well as.

Our logos and I added also to this page, which would have been helpful probably a couple weeks ago.

Added the language that is approved by sport.

Canada to use. So that's something that's on this page as well.

Again, I'll send all this out via e-mail.

So all of you have it, one thing that we have yet to send to all of you is what your reports are gonna look like. Surveys for the participants as well as an inclusion and accessibility guide. I've got just a picture of the inclusion accessibility guide here that. Gonna help when working with.

**MT** **Meg T** 59:41

Two more minutes.

**RS** **Robyn Skinner** 59:43

Underserved groups.

So that's something that's that's coming as well.

It's 1:00.

I know most of you have probably got to get on to something else, so I want to be Cognizant and respectful of that.

Appreciate all of your time today and there's probably a lot more questions.

I'm happy to stick around to answer them, but also recognize that some of you have probably got to go or have already left.

So happy to stick around and answer any questions anybody has, but thanks so much for your time today.

And we'll next call will be in August.

Probably not the ideal time for everybody.

That never will be, but will send out another doodle poll to try to get the best date for everybody.

Reach out anytime if you have any questions, happy to answer them and really excited to hear more about your projects as a season proceeds.

- **Robyn Skinner** stopped transcription