

THE EDGE EFFECT: Bringing Research to Life

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WHO WE ARE

• OUR VISION

-Become a world leading nation by 2022

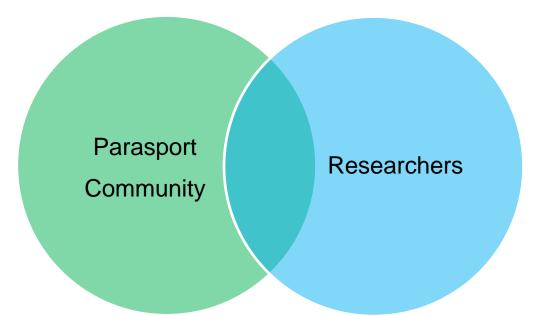
• OUR MISSION

 Lead the development of a sustainable Paralympic sport system in Canada to enable athletes to reach the podium at the Paralympic Games



An Edge Effect: Community of Research & Practice

Edge Effects are changes in community structures that occur at the boundary of two or more *habitats* and influenced by different landscape elements.





How do we meet in the middle?

CPC & Parasport Community

- Funding
- Quality & equitable sport opportunities
- Sport specific pathways
- High performance outcomes
- Classification
- Sponsor and partner engagement
- Systemic approaches

Sustainable Paralympic sport system

Research

- Intellectual Property
- Funding
- Social Impact
- Barriers & Facilitators to sport participation
- Positive health
 outcomes
- Communications & messaging
- Accessing participants and information





Using Research to Inform Our Work

 Tools & Frameworks Program Data -Understanding Quality -Talent ID Event: Participant Participation Data Quality Participation Location Impairment Quality Experiences Sport & **Building Blocks** Experience Training **Foundational Strategies**



Challenges (and ideas of how to address?)

- Touch points for quality engagement
 - Once a year face to face
 - Sharing resources
- Knowledge mobilization to our stakeholders
- Assessing Impact What can we do on our own?



Looking Ahead

- Emerging areas of importance and priority in the Paralympic sport system
 - -Talent Transfer
 - -Diversity and Inclusion
- Planning ahead
- Maintaining strong relationships with researchers



THANKS! MERCI!

QUESTIONS?