

Are harassment, abuse policies falling behind?

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The Canadian Press

Sheldon Kennedy's sexual abuse case against hockey coach Graham James rocked Canadian sport in the late 1990s, and Canada stepped up, writing one of the strongest sexual harassment and abuse policies in the world, experts say.

But 20 years later, most believe Canada has fallen asleep on the job. When it comes to protecting its athletes, the country now lags behind the U.S., Australia and the United Kingdom, according to a recent report. The ongoing trial of gymnastics coach Dave Brubaker plus high-profile cases in Alpine Canada and the Canadian Olympic Committee are proof.

What's going on when the lights of Canada's arenas and gymnasiums are dimmed? And why have people remained mum about it?

"What we had was really progressive in the mid-90s to early 2000s, and it's just become stale," said Peter Donnelly, a kinesiology and physical education professor from the University of Toronto.

"Now we know a lot more about the way abuse occurs in sport, we have a much better sense of how tracked the athletes are once they're in the system, when their parents have committed so much money and time to it,

when very often the abuser has groomed their parents, kids and young adults feel trapped, they're getting closer to their dream, and this is happening to them."

Brubaker is the former coach of the national women's gymnastics team. He's pleaded not guilty to sexual assault and invitation to sexual touching at a trial that will resume next month in Sarnia, Ont.

In June, Canada's Sport Minister Kirsty Duncan announced that national sport organizations (NSOs) would lose their funding if they didn't immediately disclose to her office any allegations of abuse or harassment. She also said having an independent third party investigate all allegations of abuse will be a requirement of government funding.

In their recent paper, however, Donnelly and fellow U of T professor Gretchen Kerr say those policies have been in place since 1996, as part of the Sport Canada Accountability Framework. They're just not being adequately applied.

In "Revising Canada's Policies on Harassment and Abuse in Sport," Donnelly and Kerr found that of the 42

NSOs and their provincial counterparts (PSOs) they interviewed, only 13.9 per cent of NSOs, and 10 per cent of PSOs (provincial sport organizations) identified a harassment officer. None of them identified the officer as third-party or "arms length."

Kerr and Donnelly say sport has to get away from self-regulation.

"That's what we've had since 1996, and between our research and the high-profile cases that have emerged, it's clear evidence that self-regulation is not working,"

Kerr said, noting the other major sectors of society — the Catholic Church and Boy Scouts, for example

— that have moved away from self-regulation.

Kerr, who's volunteered with Gymnastics Canada as an athlete welfare officer for 30 years, said the problem is multifaceted. It's difficult to find volunteers to perform a highly-specialized job. Some cases are incredibly time-consuming. And often, the job falls to an NSO staff member, "often times their own CEO," she said.

"Which is just crazy, it's a huge conflict of interest," Kerr said.

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Canada forward Sarah Fillier moves the puck against Finland during third period of 2018 Four Nations Cup preliminary game in Saskatoon, Friday. Canada defeated Finland 3-1.

Maschmeyer solid as Canada advances to play U.S. again

DONNA SPENCER
The Canadian Press

SASKATOON Canadian goaltender Emerance Maschmeyer exercised a painful memory in helping her country advance to the final of the Four Nations Cup women's hockey tournament.

The 24-year-old from Bruderheim, Alta., posted a 14-save shutout in Canada's 3-0 win over Finland on Friday.

It was Maschmeyer's first international start since giving up three goals on 11 shots and getting pulled in the second period of a preliminary-round game against Finland at the 2017 world championship.

Finland beat Canada for the first time in international women's hockey that day in a 4-3 decision.

"For me personally, the last time I played them it was not the outcome I wanted and so

for me it was a little bit of redemption today," Maschmeyer said Friday.

"It kind of closes that door and it's kind of onward and upward now."

Canada (2-1) wants to wrest one women's hockey title away from the United States (3-0) when the two countries clash for the gold medal Saturday at the SaskTel Centre.

Finland (1-2) meets Sweden (0-3) for bronze.

The Americans have won three straight Four Nations titles. They're also the reigning Olympic and world champions.

Hannah Brandt had a goal and an assist and Melissa Samoskevich scored a short-handed goal for the U.S. in a 5-1 victory over the Swedes earlier Friday.

Daoust and Rebecca Johnston scored in the first 4:55 and Laura Stacey had an empty-net goal for Canada.

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In 2017, we reached out to the public with two open houses, a trade show booth and a public survey. We wanted the community's help in creating a plan for the future, so that Riverside stays a great area in which to live, work and spend leisure time.

We were happy to see hundreds of 'Hatters attending the engagement events, and the high level of survey response and lively discussion. Analyzing your feedback, City staff have drafted a 78-page Riverside Neighbourhood Plan, which is now available to view* at www.medicinehat.ca/riverside.

■ Attend a session:

The draft Plan will be discussed at the following sessions which are open to the public. You are invited to attend:

Municipal Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2018
starting at 2:30pm
City Hall Council Chambers

City Council Meeting (Public Hearing)

Date to be announced.
For updates, check:
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*Paper copies of draft Plan available upon request.



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RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION

COLLECTION DAY CHANGES

There will be **no residential waste collection on Monday, November 12, 2018** due to the Statutory Holiday in lieu of Remembrance Day.

Waste collection zones will advance as follows:

DATE	CITY ZONE
Monday, November 12	No Collection
Tuesday, November 13	Zone 1
Wednesday, November 14	Zone 2
Thursday, November 15	Zone 3
Friday, November 16	Zone 4
Monday, November 19	Zone 5

Download the MyWaste App, refer to medicinehat.ca/collectionschedule or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176 for more information.

CART COLLECTION TIPS

- Carts must be out by 7 a.m. on your collection day.
 - Waste carts are collected separately with collection times that vary throughout the day.
 - Make sure carts are accessible with 3ft (1m) clearance on all sides.
 - Ensure cart lids are closed to avoid litter or collection problems.
 - Contaminated blue recycling carts as well as yard waste material in plastic bags will not be collected.
- Reminder – Yard Waste Collection ends on Friday, November 16**
- Yard waste material in plastic bags will not be collected.

To prevent theft or damage to your cart; remove carts off roadways, sidewalks, back lanes etc. and return to private property within 24 hours of collection.

WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

The City of Medicine Hat Waste Management Facility will be closed on **Saturday, November 10, 2018**.

Residents are reminded that the City of Medicine Hat Waste Management Facility operates on winter hours from November 1 to March 31 as follows:

- Monday through Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Closed on Sundays

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