

The Drowning Prevention Research Centre Canada and Canadian Drowning Prevention Coalition join forces

March 02, 2021 – The Drowning Prevention Research Centre Canada (DPRC) is pleased to announce that the Canadian Drowning Prevention Coalition has amalgamated its operations with the DPRC as of January 2021.

The coalition's mandate to recommend high-impact solutions to reduce drowning aligns seamlessly with the DPRC's role of providing the facts – the who, what, where, when and why of water-related incidents and injuries. As a coalition stakeholder and partner, the DPRC understands and recognizes the coalition's contributions to evidence-based, water-rescue advocacy and drowning prevention strategy development.

“This collaboration will further increase our ability to deliver timely, evidence-based data as we build Canada's water-incident database on fatal and non-fatal drownings, and significant water-related injuries,” says DPRC Senior Research Officer Barbara Byers.

This consolidation of resources bolsters the research capacity of the DPRC with the addition of the coalition's multi-sectoral experts, collaborators and partners across Canada. The work of the coalition's steering committee and the activities of its technical working groups and shared leadership model will continue: as a unified entity, this work will be amplified by the DPRC in Canada and internationally.

Stephen B. Beerman, MD will continue to lead and chair the coalition and Lisa Hanson Ouellette will continue to provide support in her role as project manager.

About the Drowning Prevention Research Centre Canada

The Drowning Prevention Research Centre – an independent, registered charity – is the lead agency for drowning and water-incident research in Canada. The Centre conducts research into fatal and non-fatal drowning, significant aquatic injury and rescue interventions. Ongoing research and analysis supports evidence-based water-rescue training and drowning prevention education.

About the Canadian Drowning Prevention Coalition

The Canadian Drowning Prevention Coalition was formed in response to a call to action from the World Health Organization. The purpose of the coalition is to establish and implement a long-term, multi-sectoral plan to reduce drowning in Canada.

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