

## History of CAPP

- First meeting(s) spring 1999, organized by Roger Williams
- First “official” board of directors meeting August 12, 1999
  - OAPSC, Ontario Association of Playground Safety Consultants
  - Roger Williams, Playcare Inc.  
Ken McAdam, City of Toronto, Children’s Services  
Jim Scarlett, Kompan  
Jule Mycan, Municipality of Peel  
Jim Sanders, APE Inc.
  - Election of officers ... Roger = Chair
- Established Goals
  - An organization of individuals, agencies, and companies who are involved in the promotion and identification of safe practices and methods of making playspaces free of hazards and accessible to all.
  - Establish ourselves as a fundamental link between the playground safety service providers and the playground owners, operators and users.
  - Keep our membership informed and up-to-date with regard to changes, and demands within the Playground Industry through strong and direct networking.
  - Provide accreditation to memberships “third-Party” status through an enforceable Code of Ethics.
- Continued to meet and slowly add new members, yet frustrated with lack of industry and public (consumer) support.
- Changed to CAPP, March of 2001
  - New membership revised the association’s structure and broadened our goals, thus name change from Ontario to Canada
  - New members included:  
Peter Kells, Grace-Kells Consulting  
Rolf Huber, Canadian Playground Advisory  
Phil Petz, Henderson Recreation  
Chris Morand, City of Windsor  
Pat Daley, Kim Allerton
  - Roger Williams, position of Chair
- Further Milestones:
  - November 2001
    - Elected new officers:  
Peter Kells, Chair-President  
Jule Mycan, Secretary  
Chris Morand, Treasurer
  - January 2002
    - officially registered and incorporated
    - obtained Directors and Officers Insurance
    - established website
- Meanwhile, maintaining ongoing discussions of playground issues
  - CSA, ASTM, IPEMA, Ministry of Community & Social Services Policy, ADA, CCA, OPA, CPRA, CPSC, and ongoing jobsite and industry issues of concern !!!!!
- Notable changes in 2004:
  - January 2004
    - Elected new officers:  
Jim Sanders, Chair-President  
Jule Mycan, Secretary  
Chris Morand, Treasurer
  - Recognized continued frustration with industry and public support. Changed to a more pro-active membership drive by offering free one-year memberships to “general” (non-voting) members. Thus our presence at this meeting and show. Very encouraged and optimistic regarding the future of this valuable association.
  - Launched (finally) website complete with discussion forum, and networking member connections.