

NAGA ADVOCACY SUMMARY

Issue	Jurisdiction	Lead Associations	Status	Investments	Success Factors
Pesticide Legislation: To restrict cosmetic use of pesticides	New Brunswick	NGCOA CANADA; CGSA; Plant Health Atlantic	Ongoing	Staff time	Golf exemption from restrictions – IPM Certification as an acceptable standard
Pesticide Legislation: To restrict cosmetic use of pesticides	Prince Edward Island	NGCOA CANADA; CGSA; Plant Health Atlantic	Ongoing	Staff time	Golf exemption from restrictions – IPM Certification as an acceptable standard
Pesticide Legislation: To restrict cosmetic use of pesticides	Nova Scotia	NGCOA CANADA; CGSA; Plant Health Atlantic	Ongoing	Staff time	Golf exemption from restrictions – IPM Certification as an acceptable standard
Pesticide Legislation: To restrict cosmetic use of pesticides	Newfoundland	NGCOA CANADA; CGSA; Plant Health Atlantic	Ongoing	Staff time	Golf exemption from restrictions – IPM Certification as an acceptable standard
Pesticide Legislation: To restrict cosmetic use of pesticides	Quebec	QCG, RCGA, NGCOA Canada	Success	Staff time	Provincial standards for golf exemptions
Pesticide Legislation: To restrict cosmetic use of pesticides; Bill 64	Ontario	NGCOA CANADA; RCGA; OGSA; CGSA; CSCM; (OAGA)	Success	Staff time	Golf exemption from restrictions – IPM Certification as an acceptable standard administered by IPM Council of Canada
Pesticide Legislation: To restrict cosmetic use of pesticides	British Columbia	CGSA; NGCOA CANADA; BCGSA; WCTA, Plant Health BC	Ongoing	Staff time	Golf exemption from restrictions – IPM Certification as an acceptable standard
Pesticide Legislation: To restrict cosmetic use of pesticides	Calgary, Alberta	AGSA; CGSA; NGCOA CANADA; AGA; (AGIA)	Success	\$30 000	Golf exemption from municipal bylaw; or IPM Certification as an acceptable standard – <i>Result: Bylaw terminated by Council Dec 2009</i>
Water Use and Conservation: Permits to take water; Section 34 of Ontario Water Resources Act	Ontario	NGCOA CANADA; RCGA; OGSA; CGSA; (OAGA)	Ongoing	Staff time	To avoid unreasonable water charges and conservation practices
Source Water Protection: Committees to Identify & protect threats to quality & quantity of water supply	19 Ontario Regional Committees	NGCOA CANADA; RCGA; OGSA; CGSA; (OAGA)	Ongoing	Golf Owner & Staff time to monitor 7 of the 19 committees	To avoid unreasonable conservation standards & practices to safeguard water supply
Nutrient Management: Restriction on use of phosphorus in fertilizer	Manitoba	CGSA; MGSA, NGCOA CANADA	Ongoing	Staff time	Allowance for reasonable restrictions on proximity to water
Nutrient Management: Restriction on use of	Prince Edward Island	CGSA	Pending	Staff time	Allowance for reasonable restrictions on proximity to water

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Nutrient Management: Manage the use of nutrients on golf courses	Ontario	NGCOA CANADA; RCGA; OGSA; CGSA; (OAGA)	Pending	Staff time	Allowance for reasonable practices to manage fertilizer (mainly nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium) proximity to water
Re-Entry Time: PMRA guidelines on length of time necessary before re-entering areas treated with various pesticide product applications	Canada	CGSA	June '09 and ongoing	Staff time	Have PMRA adopt more realistic and consistent requirements
Property Taxes: Current value assessments increased due to unfair valuations	Edmonton	CSCM Alberta; NGCOA CANADA	Ongoing	Staff and golf course owner time \$1.2M	Improved methodology for assessing 11 golf courses; 25% reduction in valuations; Protect rest of Alberta from precedent; <i>MRB Meeting January 2010</i>
Property Taxes: New current value assessment methodology by SAMA to increase to unfair valuations	Saskatchewan	NGCOA CANADA	2009 implementation-Success	Staff time	Avoided new methodology yielding unfair increases
Property Taxes: Current value methodology by MPAC caused increases to unfair valuations	Ontario	NGCOA CANADA	2000 and ongoing – ARB Hearings in progress	Staff time; \$600,000	Revised income approach methodology to yield 40% reduction in average valuations; Protect other provinces from precedent
Property Taxes: Inequality in methodology used to calculate 'for profit' and 'not-for-profit' courses	Nova Scotia	NGCOA CANADA	Ongoing	Staff time	Amended methodology for 'for profits' to match 'not-for-profits'
Fuel Taxes: Golf courses paying road tax on fuel despite not licensed as road vehicles	Manitoba	NGCOA CANADA	Ongoing	Staff time	Golf courses to be exempted from paying road tax on their fuel purchases
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Cart & Equipment Licensing: Golf carts and equipment required to be	British Columbia	NGCOA CANADA	Ongoing – March to June 2010 campaign	Staff time, \$20,000	ICBC to reduce or eliminate license fees, as per all other provinces

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licensed as motor vehicles similar to cars even though not traveling on roads, \$250/vehicle per year					
Harmonized Sales Taxes: New budget to collect 8% PST on golf in addition to 5% GST, effective July '10	Ontario	NGCOA CANADA	Mar '09 to Jul '10	Staff time	Advocate a withdrawal of policy prior to implementation by Ministry of Finance
Harmonized Sales Taxes: New budget to collect 7% PST on golf in addition to 5% GST, effective July '10	British Columbia	NGCOA CANADA - BCGA	May '09 to July '10	Staff time	Advocate revisions of policy prior to implementation by Ministry of Finance
Entertainment Expense Allowance: Golf not permitted as a tax deductible business entertainment expense	Canada	NGCOA CANADA	Aug '08 ongoing	Staff time, \$30,000	CRA to amend legislation to allow 50% deduction for businesses entertaining clients on the golf course
RInC: Golf not eligible for matching grants to stimulate construction projects in recreational sport industries	Canada	RCGA; NGCOA CANADA	Unsuccessful	Staff time	All golf courses to become eligible – declined
Weather Network: Weather forecasting & reporting discourages play	Canada	NGCOA CANADA	Oct '09 ongoing	Staff time	Create a favourable golf index; improve weather symbols; ongoing golf industry consultation