



THE OUTSIDE

Sport Leadership Forum 2.0

Slam Poetry by Tim Merry



The future of sport
will not be caught
in the status quo.

We are seeking to grow
break away from the pack
amplifying what is working
seeking to rectify
where there is lack.

As we sit here by the ocean
we ain't coastin'
we've got the thirst
to get to future first.

Here's what you had to say
about our bright future 5 years away, that is starting today.

Shifting funding to reward partnerships
to uplift us all.
Create an access card
from cradle to grave
to enable participation and money distribution.

Sport as a birth right
is in sight.

Sports in school
working together
would be clever.

A quizzical question
if participation is the aim - get sport on the street
then why is the elite athlete the focus?

Five year legacy of reconciliation
built by the games
a shift in historic relations.

All children with access to physical education
in the sports system
no more gym!

Physical educators
beyond volunteers
gotta change gears
cause it's not sustainable.

Valuing children's physical development
makes common sense
this is about the true
value
impacts.

The room reflective
of the population we serve
truly reflective
of the collective
that is Nova Scotia.

Naming the hard, deep issues
that we are working through
harassment, abuse named
claimed
and overcome.

Shining a light
where there has been none.

Parents watching their kids
but let's take care of the lid
get them moving too.

We must have room
for a family on social assistance
to be able to join in
breaking down barriers of participation.

Expected and embrace
all kids
30+% of seniors
recognized
and involved
to solve the stress on the health system
there's some wisdom.

Organizations
working together

the only way we'll
make it is by
being collectively
clever!

We will be leaders in sport
leaders in thought
who have brought
the potent future into today
now to live what we say.

Dare to pave
the way
we will not stay
we will rise up
and play
in good relation
for our future Nova Scotian
generations.