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Re: Letter of Support for the Outdoor Ice Oval Society of Prince George's Grant Application for an Outbuilding

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Prince George, I'm writing this letter in support of the Outdoor Ice Oval Society of Prince George's application to the BC Destination Development Fund for an outbuilding.

The Outdoor Ice Oval Society of Prince George (OIO) is a volunteer-run not-for-profit society that establishes and maintains a 400m outdoor ice oval in Prince George. The organization's purpose is to provide an inexpensive outdoor recreation opportunity for local and regional community members. The society also hosts local to regional events such as speed skating meets, a winter triathlon, and fund-raising events for local charities, as well as promoting skating as a sport for all ages.

The OIO is applying for a grant from the BC Destination Development Fund for construction of an outbuilding on the current outdoor oval site. The purpose of this new building would be twofold:

1. To provide much needed adequate space for the storage and easy access to important ice-making/maintenance equipment. For example, fire hoses, snowblower, snowplow and other attachments for machines used for snow clearing. This new building would alleviate some current safety and operational issues enhancing the ability of volunteers to provide efficient ice making and ice maintenance activities and would result in more sustainable operations.
2. With the ability to be converted into a change facility, this new building would help with the existing challenge of hosting large events, especially local, regional & provincial speed skating meets.

The City of Prince George is proud to provide its continuing support to the OIO. We hope that their grant application will receive favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Simon Yu
City of Prince George