

OUTDOOR ICE OVAL SOCIETY OF PRINCE GEORGE



Outdoor Ice Oval Society
c/o 3075 Island Park Drive
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Mayor and Council
City of Prince George

Dear Mayor Yu and Members of Council

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 and a winter triathlon, and fund-raising events for local charities, as well as promoting skating as a sport for all ages.

There are few outdoor skating ovals in Canada and the oval located in Prince George attracts people from the region - both for recreational skating and to participate in events. The oval provides a winter activity, strengthens tourism opportunities during the winter season and contributes significantly to community vibrancy as it is a popular and accessible location for recreational skating.

The OIO is applying for a grant from the Northern Development Initiatives Trust for the purchase of a new water truck, water tank and water spray system for flooding the oval ice. This equipment is essential for making ice. The Society's current water truck is a 1983 GMC with a heavy outdated spray system. The truck has had many mechanical issues and fluid leaks over the years and is at the point of being unusable.

We are applying for a \$100,000 grant under the "Recreation Infrastructure" program. This program "focuses on the construction, rehabilitation, or material enhancement of recreational infrastructure, excluding routine maintenance. The program supports community efforts to create jobs and generate new revenue. It also supports recreational infrastructure that encourages resident attraction and retention, along with increased opportunities for recreation and sports tourism."

The application requires a resolution from City Council with the following suggested wording:

THAT, the City of Prince George supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from the Outdoor Ice Oval Society of Prince George for the purchase of a water truck and spray system.

We hope that you will support our application. I would be happy to present to City Council or answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely

Kathy J. Lewis
President, Outdoor Ice Oval Society of Prince George