

Municipality of North Cowichan
Regular Council
ADDENDUM AGENDA

Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 1:30 p.m.
Municipal Hall - Maple Bay Meeting Room

Pages

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Request by the Maple Bay Rowing Club for a Letter in Support of Their 2019 Gaming Grant Application

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Purpose: To consider providing a letter supporting the Maple Bay Rowing Club's 2019 Gaming Grant application.

Recommendation:

That Council provide a letter of support to the Maple Bay Rowing Club for their 2019 Gaming Grant application.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Request by Councillor Sawrie Re: Flying the Rainbow Flag From May 14th through June 30, 2019

Whereas 50 years ago, on May 14, 1969 homosexuality was decriminalized in Canada through the the Criminal Law Amendment Act which received royal assent on June 27, 1969;

And Whereas May 17th is International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia and June is recognized as Pride month;

Therefore be it Resolved that the District of North Cowichan show its support for the LGBTQ2S+ community by flying the pride flag from May 14 – June 28, 2019 and from May 17 for the month of June thereafter.

Karen Robertson

Subject: FW: Maple Bay Rowing Club - Letter of Support
Attachments: LF Mayor.docx

From: Penny Lehan
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2019 3:21 PM
To: Al Siebring
Subject: Maple Bay Rowing Club - Letter of Support

Dear Mayor Siebring, I am on the Board of the Maple Bay Rowing Club and am in charge of writing the Gaming Grant. It is beneficial to our grant application to obtain letters of support. Last year we received the attached letter from Mayor Lefebure and I am hoping that you are willing to provide a similar letter this year. We plan to have the application in by mid-May. I would be most appreciative if you or an assistant could let me know if you can provide such a letter. Thank you.

Penny Lehan
Director, MBRC

March 26, 2018

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Victoria, BC V8W 9T6

Re: Community Gaming Grant, Maple Bay Rowing Club

Dear Sir/Madam

It is with pleasure that I provide this letter of support for the Maple Bay Rowing Club's community gaming grant application.

The Maple Bay Rowing Club has been serving the Cowichan Valley for over 40 years, providing our region with important sport/recreational rowing programming and serving as a hub of activity in the Maple Bay community.

The Club's rowing program provides important benefits related to recreation and sport. These include opportunities for physical activity and competition/achievement as well as supportive social networks rooted in a shared interest. Physical activity is an important aspect of healthy living for all North Cowichan residents. By providing engaging opportunities to get fit and have fun, the Club contributes to healthier lifestyles in the community. In addition, participation in sport is associated with increased confidence, self-efficacy, and long-term wellness outcomes – particularly for youth. In addition to the 50 adults served by the Club, approximately 100 youth (12-18 years of age) access the rowing program each year.

Learn to Row sessions and partnerships with local schools ensure that the Club's rowing program is highly accessible to rowers of all ages and skill levels. The Club also facilitates important rowing events in the Cowichan Valley, improving the visibility of our community and encouraging visitors to our region. These events include Regattas, outreach events (i.e. Autism Row), and collaborations with elite sports organizations (in 2017 the Club hosted the Canadian Men's Olympic Rowing Team and in 2018 the Club will be serving as the organizing committee for rowing the BC Summer Games in Duncan).

As a community hub, the Club provides Maple Bay with a number of important annual events. These include the Polar Bear Swim, the Canada Day Celebration, and Carol Ship Parade. The community of Maple Bay is rural and relatively isolated, with very little infrastructure. These events provide opportunities for community cohesion and socialization – particularly for young



families and elderly residents in the area that may not be willing or able to travel to other events a distance away.

The Club is an integral part of the Cowichan Valley and requires funding to carry out its important sport program. The program's growth over recent years requires additional revenue to sustain operational costs and upgrade key capital items (e.g. replacing one of the double boats). I hope that the Gaming Branch agrees to increase the Club's Community Gaming Grant allocation in light of this demonstrable community need.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the first name 'Jon' and the last name 'Lefebure' written in a cursive style.

Jon Lefebure
Mayor