



June 9, 2015

Executive Committee of Council  
City of Burnaby  
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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to seek support for a community initiative that has offered local Burnaby boys with an opportunity to play elite soccer outside of school.

We have been working with this group of boys in South Burnaby for over 4 years to give them an opportunity to participate in a high-level soccer program. Participants comprise of 15 and 16 year old students from Burnaby schools. The objectives are to provide high-level training, strong competition, and a comprehensive schedule that is affordable for our community. It fulfilled the need for a fun, structured, and skill-building activity that are so critical for growing boys. The program has been a great success.

This year, the SBMC U-16 Strikers has competed very successfully with teams in 4-Districts. We have progressed through various competitions to the Provincial Championship in Penticton from July 9 – July 12, 2015. The journey has taken us to games on the North Shore, the Sunshine Coast, and in Victoria. This has been a tremendous learning experience; but has contributed greatly to the financial demands for our boys and their families. We are encountering difficulties in making our program affordable for all team members.

The boys are eager to proudly represent the City of Burnaby in Penticton. It would be of great help to if your committee would consider some way to support this community initiative by providing some funds to offset a portion of our travelling cost for the 14 players on the team. We are hoping that you may supplement our fund-raising with a grant to help with our transportation.

Any support that you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Gordon Li  
Head Coach  
U-16 Strikers  
South Burnaby Metro Club