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Commission Agenda

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Mr. Nick Volkow, Chair
Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission - City of Burnaby
Suite 101 – 4996 Canada Way
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 4H7

Dear Mr. Volkow:

On behalf of the Burnaby Minor Hockey Association, I am writing to you and the Commission to request that the arena rental costs for our upcoming Christmas hockey tournament be, once again, waived. This season we will celebrate the 53rd year that our Association has hosted this event and it promises to be more exciting than ever. In working closely with Tourism Burnaby and other sports partners, we are honoured to introduce our new branding as the "Pat Quinn Classic", in celebration of a legendary hockey figure in British Columbia. It is planned that the games for the tournament will all take place at the Bill Copeland Sports Centre and Kensington Park Rink from December 27-30, 2015.

As you know, the Burnaby Minor Hockey Association was established in 1964 and continues to provide a healthy source of recreation for hundreds of athletes annually. As well, more than two hundred volunteers work very hard to keep our organization functioning. The small profit realized by our annual tournament helps to offset the rising costs of our sport and also goes toward helping families that may not normally be able to afford the costs of registration. We continue to be a true "community" organization, and are very proud that we accept children/youth of any athletic ability, families in any financial situation. Because our City is such a preferred location for many immigrant families, it is interesting to note that we have accepted new players from countries such as China, Russia, Korea and the United States this season. We are all truly proud of the community legacy that we continue to build.

As it has for decades, the new "Pat Quinn Classic" tournament will be one of the highlights of our season, as teams from throughout Canada and the United States come together to vie for hockey supremacy. Our new tournament format has already garnered a great deal of interest in the local and international hockey community and we are thrilled at the prospects of having this event return to its rightful place as a preferred hockey destination. We again wish to acknowledge the excellent support provided to us by the Commission, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department and the City of Burnaby throughout the years. It is truly appreciated by us all.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and I look forward to hearing back from you in the near future. If you require any further information at this time, please contact me.

Yours truly,

Larry Hayes
Executive Administrator

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A report on this subject will be submitted at a future meeting