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City of Burnaby Executive Council
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Subject: Request for Grant to Offset Fees

Dear City of Burnaby Executive Council Members,

The 2016 WTF World Taekwondo Junior Championships will take place on November 16-20th at Bill Copeland Sport Centre in Burnaby. During this time, it is anticipated that over 800 male and female junior athletes (14-17 years old) and 500 coaches and team support members from over 100 countries will join us in Burnaby to compete for top honours in the sport of taekwondo.

Taekwondo is the world's most-practiced martial art, with over 60 million participants worldwide. It first became an Olympic sport at the Sydney Olympics in 2000. In Canada, it is estimated that 20,000 people practice taekwondo, and there are 1,000 taekwondo clubs.

This will be the first time since 1998 that Canada hosts a world championships taekwondo event. The 2016 WTF World Taekwondo Junior Championships is expected to generate a \$4 million economic impact for Burnaby and BC. This event will be hosted by Tourism Burnaby, and key partners of the event include the World Taekwondo Federation and Taekwondo Canada.

On behalf of the 2016 World Taekwondo Junior Championships Society, I would like to request a Grant to Offset Fees, to eliminate the costs of the Bill Copeland Sports Centre venue rental and staff. This support would be extremely valuable to the Organizing Society, and would help us to realize the event and stay within our budget. The quote provided by Bill Copeland Sports Centre on May 18, 2016 detailed \$13,359.04 for the venue rental, and \$6,696.39 for staff costs. The daily hours for the event during the competition are estimated to be between 7:30 AM and 9 PM, for a total of 67.5 hours over five days.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Nancy Small
Executive Director, Tourism Burnaby
Marketing, Sales & Sponsorship Lead, 2016 WTF World Taekwondo Junior Championships