



U16/U18 NATIONAL TEAM
ÉQUIPE NATIONALE U16/U18

DRAGON BOAT CANADA
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2017 IDBF WORLD NATIONS DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS
2017 FIBD CHAMPIONNAT DU MONDE DE BATEAUX DRAGON

Mayor Derek Corrigan and City Council, c/o Administrative Officer I, Office of the City Clerk
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2

June 5, 2017

Dear Mayor Corrigan and Council,

It is our pleasure to contact you to let you know that Daniel Wang and Jeffrey Lai, young paddlers both from Burnaby South Secondary School, and residents of Burnaby, have been both named to the Dragon Boat Canada U16 and U18 National Teams, representing Canada this July in Divonne-les-Bains, France at the 2017 World Nations Dragon Boat Championships.

The Dragon Boat Canada U16 and U18 National Teams brings together Canadian paddlers under 18 years old from across the country in the spirit of teamwork and competition. Team Canada's mission is to select and train paddlers to represent Canada at the IDBF World Championships, and also lead programming in their home communities that allows anyone to experience the positive benefits of paddling dragon boats.

These two young Burnaby residents qualified for Team Canada by undergoing DBC U18's most competitive selection process ever. We hope that the community can join us in congratulating, recognizing, and supporting these two paddlers on their amazing achievement.

We are requesting that City Council directly support these two athletes through the City Grant for Recreational Sport for athletes at an international level. Funds from Burnaby directly will go towards offsetting part of Daniel and Jeffrey's travel costs and Championship registrations.

Participating in sport is expensive after adding up training costs, race registration, equipment, and travelling to the competition, not to mention the time pressures of studying and training for an experience like this. Burnaby's support for both Daniel and Jeffrey eases the financial burden of representing Canada on the world stage, and makes it possible for both of them to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

We know you will join us in congratulating the exceptional achievements of these young members of the Burnaby community, and now, the newest members of Team Canada.

Sincerely,

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