



BURNABY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Chair
Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission - City of Burnaby
Suite 101 – 4996 Canada Way
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 4H7

Dear Councillor Dhaliwal:

It is with regret that I am writing you and the Commission to formally advise that a decision has been made to cancel this year's "Pat Quinn Classic" tournament due to the restrictions that we are all facing with the COVID-19 pandemic. This season was to be a celebration of the 58th year that our Association has hosted this type of event, most likely one of the longest running and successful youth hockey tournaments in North America ... if not the world! As you know, we have continued to work closely with Tourism Burnaby and other sports partners to create the "Pat Quinn Classic" tournament in celebration of a legendary hockey figure in British Columbia. The launch of our "rebranded" event in 2015 proved to be an amazing success, and we knew that the 2020 edition would have built on this excitement.

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. Some of the profit realized by our annual tournament has gone to the Burnaby Minor Hockey Association and helps to offset the rising costs of our sport and also toward helping families that may not normally be able to afford the costs of registration and also to the "Pat Quinn Legacy Fund". 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, every year we accept players from a variety of both traditional and non-traditional ice hockey countries who want to be a part of the "Canadian" experience. We are all truly proud of the community legacy that we continue to build.

Even though we will not be experiencing the excitement on and off the ice with our tournament this year, we are committed in working with Tourism Burnaby, the Canucks Alumni and other community partners to highlight the tournament's commitment to education and giving back to the community. This will involve a continuation of the tournament's "Canucks Alumni Scholarship" program and a planned food/toy drive in mid-December. We also want to highlight the tradition of this event, especially the past five years as the "Pat Quinn Classic".

As always, we greatly appreciate the support that we have continued to receive from the Commission, the Mayor and Council, the Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Culture Department, the City of Burnaby and all of the amazing staff and management of each City facility. We look forward to returning in December 2021 with an even bigger and better "Pat Quinn Classic" tournament and know that you will all be as supportive as ever in our efforts. It is truly appreciated by us all.

Yours truly,

Larry Hayes
Executive Administrator/Secretary
Burnaby Minor Hockey Association