



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:

On behalf of the Burnaby Minor Hockey Association, I am writing to you and the Commission to request that the arena rental, extra staffing costs and related costs for our upcoming "Pat Quinn Classic" tournament be, once again, waived. Despite having the pandemic prevent us from holding the on-ice tournament during the 2020 season, we were able to keep the "magic" alive with the awarding of tournament scholarships. With that, this season will see us celebrating the 59th year that our Association has hosted this 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/Sport 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 know that the 2021 edition will build on this excitement! It is planned that the games for the tournament will take place at the Bill Copeland Sports Centre and Kensington Park Rink from December 27-31, 2021.

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 goes 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.

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, the United States, Asia and Europe have come together to vie for hockey supremacy. Our updated tournament format has already garnered a great deal of interest in the local and international hockey community, and we are thrilled that this event has returned to its rightful place as a preferred hockey destination. This season we will be increasing participation in the tournament to six divisions, which include our U15 AAA Elite, U15 AAA Flight 1, Female U15 AAA, U13 AAA Elite and Female U13 AAA divisions. We continue to be thrilled to help "grow" the female game with our two Female Hockey divisions! 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/Secretary
Burnaby Minor Hockey Association

Note:

Item 5.1 of the Director's Report refers to this correspondence.