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Dear Burnaby Members of Council, Parks Recreation and Culture Committee, and City Staff,

On behalf of the Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Club (BMLC), thank you for the generous \$5,000 grant toward the 38th Annual Jack Crosby U11 All-Star Tournament, taking place July 3–6, 2025.

Each year, we are honoured to host what is widely regarded as the most prestigious U11 Minor Box Lacrosse Tournament in British Columbia. This year's event will welcome 35 U11 teams, bringing approximately 650 athletes and their families to Burnaby. Beyond the competitive spirit and community pride the tournament fosters, it also delivers meaningful economic benefits to the city through hotel bookings, restaurant visits, local tourism, and concessions at our arenas.

Last year, we proudly introduced a female division to the tournament, underscoring our commitment to advancing gender equity in lacrosse. Building on that success, this year we have expanded the female division to include both A and B divisions, creating even more opportunities for female athletes to participate and thrive.

The tournament honours the legacy of Jack Crosby, a passionate advocate for lacrosse, for whom a covered outdoor box in Burnaby is named. His impact on lacrosse is celebrated each year through this beloved community event.

For the past 37 years, the City of Burnaby has generously donated all the floor time for the tournament, with BMLC covering only arena staffing costs. We are sincerely grateful for this long standing support, which has made it possible to host this prestigious tournament, often considered the unofficial U11 provincial championship.

Under the City of Burnaby's revised grant policy, BMLC submitted a formal application this year requesting the equivalent value of the historically donated floor time. While we greatly appreciate receiving a \$5,000 grant, on June 4, 2025, we were invoiced \$11,957.97 for floor usage (excluding staffing costs). After applying the grant, BMLC is left with an unbudgeted shortfall of \$6,957.97 equating to 58% of the facility rental costs which now must be covered by our non-profit lacrosse club. The invoiced amount reflects approximately a 25% increase to BMLC's overall annual floor budget. The invoice was dated June 4, 2025 with a due date of June 1, 2025, which has created additional challenges for us. We kindly request the City's consideration for either a payment extension or the option of a payment plan to help us manage this unexpected financial impact.

This unexpected policy change poses a significant challenge to our ability to continue hosting the Jack Crosby Tournament. The event draws teams from across British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario, and is a major highlight of the summer for hundreds of young athletes and their families. Without sustained support to offset these facility costs, BMLC may be forced to reevaluate the future of this event, a loss that would impact the National Summer Sport of Canada and the Burnaby community alike.

We remain committed to working collaboratively with the City of Burnaby to find sustainable, long term solutions that will preserve this valued tradition for years to come.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Susan Kirkby  
President – Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Club  
Jack Crosby U11 All-Star Tournament Coordinator