



Mayor and Council
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Dear Mayor and Council:

Several months have now passed since the Tri-Region played host to one of the most successful Games in Alberta's history. However, the work of the host committee has continued and we are pleased to announce that we are nearing the end. Our committee has now determined legacy projects for our communities. In keeping with the spirit of cooperation and open communication, I would like to advise Council as to the direction our Board would like to take.

Legacies have been divided into two categories. The first will be funded through a Legacy Grant provided by the Province of Alberta upon the submission of our audited financial statements. Although these projects are at the discretion of the Board and do not require formal Council approval, we want Council to be informed and in support of the projects we choose. The municipalities have been great partners throughout the entire Games experience and we value your input and support.

The second category is the use of surplus funds. These are the funds that remain at the conclusion of the Games and are a result of corporate fundraising and municipal support. We appreciate that each Council has agreed to allow the Board to suggest the direction for these funds. We would now like to bring our proposal forward to receive Council approval so that funds may be disbursed and that we can then "wind down" the 2012 Alberta Winter Games Society.

We have chosen three projects to be funded through the Legacy Grant. The first is the construction of monument to celebrate the spirit of athletes and volunteers during the Games. As many of you are already aware, a large granite stone has been sourced and will be the feature in a monument that will

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have the lyrics of the Games theme song carved into the granite. Through the partnership we forged with TransAlta Utilities, we have been able to leverage their support and estimate the project to cost no more than \$ 20,000. The monument will be constructed at the Heritage Pavilion in Stony Plain with the hopes that several thousand residents and visitors will be able to view the cultural legacy each year.

We have also chosen to support a second cultural legacy; a legacy created by the Parkland Potters Guild. During the Games, potters had many of the athletes and volunteers create clay tiles that were later fired and compose the front façade of the Crooked Pot Gallery. Although the Potters Guild have self-funded this project, we feel that a small monetary donation to help offset costs will be well received and will allow them to call the project a true 2012 AWG legacy. We will be offering \$ 1,500 in support.

The balance of the funds (\$ 28,500) will go to a very worthy local organization – KidSport Parkland. KidSport is designed to provide opportunities to participate in sport for those under financial constraint. We have many great facilities in the area, including the TransAlta Tri-Leisure Centre, but many do not have the financial means to enjoy them. By supporting KidSport, we hope that many more of our area youth will have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of sport and recreation.

As a Board, we have come to agreement and made a motion for the use of surplus funds. We would like to see the monies be directed to the TransAlta Tri-Leisure Centre. In consultation with Darren Badry (TLC Board Chair), we understand that there is a growing need for capital projects within the TLC. We would like to direct the remaining \$ 100,000 (approximate) to the TLC and in exchange would ask for recognition within the TLC. The suggestion has been made that the current play structure within the leisure pool will be replaced in September of 2013 and signage depicting the new structure and/or improvements to the TLC as a legacy of the Games may be possible.

Ultimately, the TLC could spend the funds as needed. We would only ask that signage depicting a legacy from the 2012 Alberta Winter Games would be highlighted within the TLC to illustrate the contributions of the Games and the resulting benefit to the community. We would work together with TLC Executive and Board to forge an agreement on appropriate signage and recognition.

In addition to the surplus funds, a *Fingerprint Tree* was also created by the athletes upon their arrival. This has become a great piece of artwork that we would like to see hang in the TLC. While working on recognition details with the TLC, we would hope to find a home for this great reminder of the Games.

Although not integral to the legacy items above, I would like to make note of a few of the other contributions that were made throughout the communities as part of hosting the Games.

- Financial assistance in obtaining camera and video equipment for viewing of the “house” at the Westridge Curling Club in Stony Plain
- Financial assistance with obtaining new ice maintenance equipment at the Spruce Grove Curling Club
- Financial assistance in completing repairs to the Boxing Ring for the Spruce Grove Boxing Club

- The Games Society replaced and repaired many of the targets for Biathlon at the Edmonton Nordic Centre
- The Games Society purchased an ice cover for the leisure ice surface at the TLC allowing greater flexibility in hosting events and gifted the cover to the TLC
- The creation of the clay tiles by athletes and volunteers that now hang on the front of the Crooked Pot Gallery in Stony Plain; we will further support the Gallery with a donation as noted above
- Dozens of waste / recycling bins remain at various venues throughout the community as part of our effort toward sustainability
- The involvement of over 2500 volunteers from the three communities will continue to drive organizations for years to come

I would like to thank the councils of all three municipalities for having the vision and resolve to put the Tri-Region forward to host the Alberta Winter Games. I would also like to thank you for placing your faith and trust in our Board. We now ask for each municipality to consider and approve the donation of surplus funds to the TransAlta Tri-Leisure Centre as we see this as a fitting end to a remarkable experience.

I have also attached a copy of the draft financial for the host society. The audited financials should be finalized shortly and can be forwarded to each municipality upon their completion. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. It has been a pleasure to serve as Chairman and I thank you for your kind consideration of our request.

Yours truly,



Brad Schneider,
Chairman

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cc: Mayor and Council Stony Plain
cc: Mayor and Council Spruce Grove