



Mayor and Council
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March 1, 2012

Dear Mayor Shaigec and Council:

Almost three weeks have now passed since the Tri-Region hosted the Alberta Winter Games. By all accounts, the Games were an incredible success. The region hosted over 2000 of Alberta's best young athletes plus a few hundred coaches and officials. Add in a few thousand spectators and we earned the distinction of hosting one of the best attended Games in the history of the province.

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 me to build the committee responsible for this wonderful event. It was a remarkable experience that will provide me with inspirational memories for years to come. Making the weekend truly extraordinary was the commitment and contributions of the citizens and volunteers of the Tri Municipal Region.

The job of cleaning up after Games is now well under way. We are working toward finalizing the financial piece as the numerous invoices find their way in for payment but it may be a few more weeks until we get an accurate financial picture. Further to my written request of September 29, 2011 and subsequent presentation at council, I would like to request that the municipalities each submit \$ 67,000 to the Tri-Region 2012 Alberta Winter Games Society. As I conveyed at council in October of 2011, it was our hope that we could not only raise the \$ 1.1 million required in sponsorship but to also raise the \$ 200,000 tagged as municipal support in the bid budget. Unfortunately, we were unable to raise the additional dollars required to cover the portion marked as municipal support.

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While we are confident that we will not require the full \$ 200,000 to cover expenses, we wish to pay our vendors in a timely manner. Throughout the Games, our vendors were quick to react to our changing needs and we wish to extend the same courtesy with paying their related invoices. We would greatly appreciate if funds could be forwarded to the Games office by the 15th of March.

Our Board fully appreciates the municipality's responsible approach to the use of tax dollars and we intend to approach the use of those funds with the same prudent discretion. Once the majority of the outstanding invoices have been accounted for, we would work with the municipalities to determine the right course of action before determining legacy projects. We have always felt that a legacy is an important aspect of the Games but financial restraint should still be shown and could mean excess monies are directed back to each municipality. We would like the opportunity to work with the councils of the Tri Municipal Region once we have an accurate financial position to debate.

Spruce Grove, Stony Plain and Parkland County are continually recognized for long standing commitments to cooperation and partnering. Hosting the 2012 Alberta Winter Games was a challenging and exciting endeavour and could not have been achieved without the amazing cooperation of each municipality.

I know that the three municipalities acknowledge the efforts and contributions of the individuals, businesses, community groups and associations that have already contributed to the success of the Games. I now ask for your support to ensure that the Tri-Region is recognized as the host of the most successful Alberta Winter Games in history.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BS', followed by a large, stylized flourish or loop.

Brad Schneider,
Chairman

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