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Mr. Jason Lum, Chairman
Fraser Valley Regional District
45950 Cheam Avenue
Chilliwack, BC V2P 1N6

Dear Mr. Lum:

RE: Letter of Support for Indoor Aquatic Facility: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

The District of Kent (District) is seeking a letter of support from the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) to accompany the District's application for an Indoor Aquatic Facility through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), due on January 23, 2019.

For more than a decade, the District of Kent has been exploring the viability of an indoor aquatics facility to serve Kent residents, Harrison Hot Springs, surrounding areas and our Indigenous communities. Due to the aging infrastructure of the Ferny Coombe Pool, which is now 40 years old and well past its lifespan, an indoor pool would replace the outdoor pool infrastructure and services.

Conceptually, a new indoor aquatics facility would be connected to the south side of the Community Recreation and Cultural Centre and be operated by the District of Kent in conjunction with existing recreation facilities. The proposed amenities would include an accessible 25 metre, 6 lane tank, zero depth leisure pool, hot tub, changeroom/shower area and lifeguard staff room. The existing administration area would be enhanced to service both the pool and community centre public access. Photos of a similar indoor pool design, nearing completion is attached.

On October 22, 2018 Kent Council approved the District's application of an indoor aquatic facility to the ICIP grant funding program. The District will be applying through the Community, Culture and Recreation Stream in both the main application program (up to 73.33% of costs) and the Rural and Northern Communities Program (up to 90% of costs).

A recent Indoor Aquatics Facility Preliminary Analysis Report, provided by RC + PERC to the District, outlines that a medium sized indoor aquatic facility constructed with the aforementioned amenities would cost approximately \$15 million dollars.

Such a significant community wide initiative would not be possible without the support of our surrounding communities; therefore, the District is seeking a letter of support from the FVRD to demonstrate the strong desire for an indoor aquatic facility in our region.

During the application process with ICIP, our staff will be proceeding with finalizing the architectural design, consulting with communities, and firming up costs for the future.

For more information, please contact Ms. Jennifer Thornton, Director of Community Services and Projects at jthornton@kentbc.ca or 604-796-2235.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pranger". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sylvia Pranger
Mayor

Pc: W. Mah, Chief Administrative Officer
J. Thornton, Director of Community Services & Projects
J. Lewis, Director of Finance

Vanderhoof Aquatic Facility – Pool Photos *(for conceptual purposes only)*

Photos of Vanderhoof Aquatics Centre, nearing completion. District of Kent Indoor Aquatic Facility would be of similar design and amenities including 25 m, 6 lane main tank, leisure pool and hot tub.



Below is the lazy river at the end of the Leisure Pool.

