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Peace River Regional District
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RE: Grant Application Request

Dear Regional District Board Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for funding through your grant application program. We are writing to request any assistance you are able to provide with funding for a “fogger” applicator that will allow us to clean our dressing rooms to the provincially recognized standard that Northern Health and the City of Fort St. John require due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The approximate cost of one “fogger” unit is \$2500.00.

Many of our participants are from the surrounding regional district electoral areas and travel into Fort St. John to access our facilities and play on our teams. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, the City of Fort St. John has limited access to their facilities (i.e. dressing rooms and showers) for our participants because enhanced cleaning protocols need to be established in order to access these areas to prevent the spread of the virus. We currently have parent volunteers present at each practice and game who are cleaning diligently to assist the City staff so that these protocols can be met, but without the use of a “fogger”, the City is reluctant to allow access to the dressing rooms and showers. The showers are an essential part of our facility, especially for our older players who attend the morning Hockey Academy program with Phil Hiscock. Players are not able to shower after their ice times, and are asked to sit through the remainder of their school day without having had one. A shower is necessary to ensure basic hygiene measures are being met for the players; with a fogger, we could properly sanitize dressing rooms and allow players to shower after ice times.

We are doing our best to accommodate our players while operating within the guidelines given to us by BC Hockey, ViaSport; and the City of Fort St. John, the use of a fogger would greatly assist our players by allowing them to shower after their ice times while ensuring the safety of the next group arriving. Any assistance you could provide would be greatly appreciated as we try to navigate this “new normal” we are experiencing. We believe that access to sport and

physical activity are key to maintaining positive mental health of youth in our city, and surrounding communities.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request, we look forward to hearing from you.

With regards on behalf of Fort St. John Minor Hockey,

David Batten, President