

Dawson Creek Sportsman's Club

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Dear Members of the Board,

The Dawson Creek Sportsman Club (DCSC) has a detailed and comprehensive 10-year plan for expansion, capital acquisitions and renovations of the current facilities located near Riley's Crossing. This plan includes site security, increased accessibility, and family inclusion. Through the execution of this plan, we intend to enhance our current amenities and broaden the usability of our recreational facility year-round. Our mission is to be the premier shooting facility serving northeastern British Columbia and northwestern Alberta. Specifically, the plan highlights the following upgrades or acquisitions in order to achieve these goals:

1. Indoor shooting range
2. Upgraded living quarters for on-site security
3. Certified playground to enhance family activities
4. 15-site RV park for weekend events
5. Creation of a competition-level biathlon course
6. Upgraded clubhouse, including wheelchair accessibility and covered deck for multi-season use
7. Large tracked skid steer for trails grooming, snow removal, etc.
8. Surveillance cameras for 24-7 security of property, users, and assets
9. A 200 yard rimfire range
10. Relocate the clay target ranges complete with a lead control net
11. Construct an archery pole building
12. Create a sporting clay shooting range
13. Provide training programs, by certified Instructors, for all members (women and youth)

At this time, the DCSC is seeking a letter of support from the Peace River Regional District to assist us in securing grant funding from the **NDIT Recreational Infrastructure Grant**, to construct the planned indoor (40' x 200') pistol and rimfire shooting range. This range would permit the residents of Dawson Creek, Fort St John, the Peace River Regional District and surrounding areas, to enjoy and participate in shooting sports year-round.

The approximate cost of Phase 1 of the project will total \$600,000 and be attributed to the building envelope, including heating and electrical. Our Phase 2 grant application will be related to equipment necessary to ensure the safe operation of firearms in an indoor facility. It will be targeted towards the Capital Gaming Grant, opening in June 2021.

The DCSC is currently renting our facilities to the Dawson Creek and Fort St John Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) detachments, the Canadian Rangers, and the BC Conservation Officers for training and ongoing certification.

In addition to providing facilities for these professional services, the building will allow the DCSC to expand our youth program. It will include their participation in the British Columbia Rifle Association Winter Postal Competition. Your support would also allow us to put together a team for biathlon and target shooting.

We are requesting that the Board provide a blanket letter of support for any future grants if that is ok .

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request for a Letter of Support.

Regards,

Joe Delawsky, Director
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