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Attn: Derek Edstrom, Divisional Director, Partnerships & Investments

Dear Derek,

The Redevelopment of the Parkinson Recreation Centre and Campus is working to achieve Rick Hansen Foundation (RHF) Accessibility Certified Gold. This rating system is designed to measure and certify the level of meaningful access of buildings and sites.

As an RHFAC Professional, I have worked alongside the design partners within the project team to provide feedback on design decisions that impact accessibility. A preliminary RHFAC Rating Survey v4.0 was developed during Validation to confirm within the project team a pathway to certification and identify priority accessibility features including:

- Accessible access to all program areas and facility features
- Barrier-free entrances and exits
- Accessible washrooms and change facilities
- Clear and easy-to-read signage which incorporates tactile elements and Braille
- Elevators and ramps where necessary
- Wide pathways, corridors, and doorways to accommodate a variety of mobility devices
- Enhanced lighting levels at exterior lit pathways
- Sensory quiet rooms

As the design continues to develop, the Rating Survey will be refined to reflect these updates. Together, as a team, we are confident in the project's ability to achieve RHFAC Gold and the team's ability to build a facility and campus that exemplifies the City of Kelowna's dedication to creating an environment that is accessible, user-friendly, and accommodating to people of all abilities.

Thank you,



Caroline Inglis
Architect AIBC
CPHD, LEED AP BD+C®
RHFAC Professional

February 10, 2025

City of Kelowna
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Attention: Amy Johnston, Senior Project Architect

Re: Letter of Support for the Redevelopment of Parkinson Recreation Centre (PRC)

We are writing as Indigenous Collaborators working alongside the *Building a Stronger Kelowna* project team, with the approval of Westbank First Nation (WFN) and the Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA), to represent Indigenous perspectives and the syilx/Okanagan living history of the region.

We wish to express our strong support for the outstanding efforts in Indigenous integration, collaboration, and consultation that have been fundamental to the planning and design of the redeveloped Parkinson Recreation Centre.

Our collaboration with the City of Kelowna on this redevelopment has evolved from visioning workshops to a more formalized role as Indigenous Collaborators. Together, we are working to design a space that not only honors syilx/Okanagan culture but also fosters a deep sense of belonging for all community members.

From the project's inception, the inclusion of Indigenous perspectives has been integral in shaping a facility that is both respectful and reflective of the rich cultural heritage of the syilx/Okanagan people. This collaborative approach has been essential in fostering unity and mutual respect, which are key to the project's success and long-term sustainability.

The consultation process has been rooted in meaningful dialogue with Indigenous leaders, Elders, and community members. Their invaluable insights and traditional knowledge have been thoughtfully incorporated into the design and functionality of the facility.

Key elements of the redevelopment include:

- **Creation of Culturally Inclusive Spaces:** Thoughtful design ensures that the facility includes spaces for cultural ceremonies, storytelling, and educational workshops, making it welcoming for all community members.
- **Commitment to Environmental Stewardship:** Reflecting Indigenous values, the redevelopment prioritizes sustainability and environmental responsibility.
- **Incorporation of Indigenous Art and Symbolism:** The facility will feature Indigenous art and symbolism, creating a connection to Indigenous ways of knowing and being.

The redeveloped PRC will serve as a vibrant community hub where residents can come together to connect, learn, and build stronger relationships. This state-of-the-art, sustainable facility is designed with a strong emphasis on accessibility and inclusivity, ensuring it meets the needs of individuals of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

We commend the City of Kelowna and all partners involved in this meaningful project and look forward to seeing the continued positive impact of this collaborative effort.

Sincerely,

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Llana Teichroeb
Westbank First Nation Elder

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Kim Kosik
Westbank First Nation Member

February 4, 2025

City of Kelowna
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Attention: Mariko Siggers, Community & Neighbourhood Services Manager

Re: Letter of Support for the Redevelopment of Parkinson Recreation Centre (PRC)

Dear Mariko,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the redevelopment of PRC. This project represents a significant opportunity to enhance the health and well-being of our community and region.

Interior Health's mission is to promote healthy lifestyles and provide needed health services in a timely caring and efficient manner, to the highest professional and quality standards. As a public recreation facility, PRC is a cornerstone in providing programs and services which address chronic disease prevention and management, maintenance of health and improved quality of life inclusive to all community members. The redeveloped PRC will provide Interior Health with a state-of-the-art space to program, in collaboration with the City of Kelowna, initiatives that will directly support community health and wellness. Specialized exercise classes like PWR!Moves for Parkinson's, FAME (Fitness and Mobility Exercise) for stroke survivors, and Minds in Motion for individuals with early dementia not only provide physical benefits but also foster a strong sense of community, offering participants a supportive environment to connect with others facing similar challenges. By combining exercise with social engagement, these classes empower individuals to improve their quality of life and create a sense of belonging in a positive and encouraging space.

Beyond the physical benefits, the redeveloped PRC will serve as a vibrant social center where individuals and families can gather, build relationships, and strengthen community connections. Social interactions within this space are crucial for mental well-being, as they help to reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness. By providing a welcoming environment for social engagement, the facility will play a vital role in nurturing a supportive and inclusive community.

Interior Health would like to recognize and acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Dākelh Dené, Ktunaxa, Nlaka'pamux, Secwépemc, St'át'imc, syilx, and Tšilhqot'in Nations where we live, learn, collaborate and work together.

In conclusion, the redevelopment of PRC is a transformative project that will significantly benefit our community. It will offer innovative programs, promote social connections, and contribute to the overall well-being of individuals and families in our region. I strongly support this initiative and look forward to the positive impact it will have on our community.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Laura Dyck BScPT
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On behalf of the coaches, swimmers and parents I would like to convey our full support for the redevelopment of the Parkinson Recreation Centre (PRC)

The redevelopment of the PRC presents an exciting opportunity for added growth for the Aquajets and offer more kids in the community the opportunity to improve their swimming abilities and move on to Local, Regional, National and Olympic level competitions.

The club motto, "Dedication, Determination, and Pride," is on the back of every KAJ t-shirt and reflects our commitment to developing well-rounded individuals, both in and out of the pool.

The new PRC would offer an expanded opportunity for KAJ to continue building a culture where commitment, teamwork and excellence are embraced, where every individual achievement is celebrated, and teamwork is promoted. KAJ believes swimming is a lifelong sport, recognizing that each swimmer's growth and development is individual, aiming to provide a path for each swimmer to keep their love for the sport and continue to swim for life and the new PRC will form an integral part of this legacy.

Beyond swimming athletes at KAJ learn confidence, leadership, and sportsmanship, while having fun and getting the technical and tactical skills needed to succeed as a competitive swimmer laying a solid foundation for their future built around patience, resilience and competition.

Regards

Grant Donnelly

President Kelowna Aquajets

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To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Redevelopment of Parkinson Recreation Centre



As Executive Director for PacificSport Okanagan, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for the City of Kelowna's redevelopment plan of Parkinson Recreation Centre.



PacificSport Okanagan works in collaboration with local, regional, and national partners to promote quality sport by encouraging practices that make sport programs more accessible, inclusive safe, and technically sound. Our organization provides dedicated support to more than 100 registered athletes and coaches, in addition to hosting community sport programs and event for youth to adults. Through partnerships with recreation departments, school districts, health authorities and local sport organizations, PacificSport Okanagan delivers programming for the Canadian Sport for Life movement, improving the quality of sport and physical activity in Canada.



PacificSport Okanagan has a long standing and collaborative relationship with the City of Kelowna with shared goals of increasing access to sport and recreation in creating healthy and active communities. We can see through our own programming the continued need to prioritize increased access to recreation facilities in Kelowna. It is our understanding that this planned development will serve to increase access to a variety of programming and support healthy and active lifestyles. The goal is to provide a safe, accessible, and inclusive space to participants in our community.



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Thank you for your time and consideration of this project.

Sincerely,



Michelle Webster, MBA
Executive Director, PacificSport Okanagan





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February 20, 2025

Doug Nicholas
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Re: Letter of Support for the Redevelopment of the Parkinson Recreation Centre

On behalf of Swim BC, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the redevelopment of the Parkinson Recreation Centre, including the much-needed expansion of the aquatic facilities. This project represents a significant investment in the community, ensuring greater access to aquatic programming and strengthening Kelowna's ability to support both grassroots and competitive swimming.

The planned expansion from a 6-lane, 25-metre pool to a 10-lane, 25-metre tank will offer enhanced training and development opportunities for local athletes, including members of the Kelowna AquaJets Swim Club. This increased capacity will allow for more efficient training sessions, better accommodating the needs of both competitive and recreational swimmers. Furthermore, the upgraded facility will provide Kelowna and the broader Interior region with the infrastructure required to host Provincial Divisional-level competitions—an important step in growing the sport of swimming outside major metropolitan centres.

Swim BC strongly supports investments in high-quality aquatic infrastructure that enable swimmers of all levels to develop their skills, pursue excellence, and participate in a sport that fosters lifelong fitness and well-being. This redevelopment will not only benefit local athletes but will also contribute to the broader swimming community by expanding competition opportunities and increasing engagement in the sport.

We commend the City of Kelowna for its commitment to enhancing aquatic sport opportunities and urge all stakeholders to support this important project. Should you require any further information or support from Swim BC, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ken Radford
Executive Director

Swim BC acknowledges the financial support of the Province of British Columbia



Kelowna

Special Olympics
British Columbia



Kelowna City Council
1435 Water St, Kelowna BC

February 27, 2025

Dear Council Members

Please let this letter serve as our unquestionable support for the building of the new Parkinson Recreation Centre. Special Olympics Kelowna is the largest Local in British Columbia. We currently have 205 athletes, participating in 17 sports. Finding accessible and inclusive venues is challenging, and while the City Staff has always been fantastic at facilitating our needs, the proposed new infrastructure would make our programming/scheduling better, allowing us to continue expanding. Although our enrollment looks good on paper, we know we are only reaching a fraction of the Kelowna population that could benefit from our programs.

A new, larger, state of the art facility is desperately needed in our community. With the growing population, competition for the limited available rentals is becoming worse each year. We are the fastest growing City in Canada, and I feel that in order to keep up with the community's recreational desires, building new infrastructure is timely.

We hope that our City Council will provide the necessary approvals to keep this project moving forward. Our dream would be that the new Parkinson Recreation Center will be the training facility for Special Olympics Kelowna for years to come.

Respectfully

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February 23, 2025

Attn: Doug Nicholas
Sport & Event Services Manager | City of Kelowna

Re: Letter of Support for the Redevelopment of Parkinson Recreation Centre

On behalf of Tourism Kelowna, we are pleased to formally express our support for the redevelopment of Parkinson Recreation Centre (PRC). As Kelowna's destination marketing organization, Tourism Kelowna understands the significant impact that sporting events and sport tourism have on local communities and economies.

Sport tourism plays a vital role in Kelowna, significantly contributing to the physical, social, cultural, and economic well-being of our community. The redevelopment of PRC presents an excellent opportunity to enhance sports tourism, which is a \$7.2 billion industry in Canada, and to firmly establish Kelowna's brand reputation as a premier destination for major sporting events.

Kelowna has long been recognized for its active lifestyle and was named Canada's top mid-size city for sport hosting by Sport Tourism Canada in 2019 and 2020. The redevelopment of the PRC will bolster these strengths by providing state-of-the-art facilities that can accommodate local and regional tournaments, training camps, and special events.

We are confident that the redevelopment of the PRC will provide long-term benefits for residents and visitors alike, making Kelowna an even more desirable place to live, visit, and compete. Tourism Kelowna looks forward to continuing to support and promote initiatives that enhance our community's tourism and economic development.

Lisanne Ballantyne

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February 25, 2025

Doug Nicholas
Sport & Event Services Manager | City of Kelowna

Subject: Letter of Support for the Redevelopment of Parkinson Recreation Centre

Hello Doug,

I am writing to express my continuing support for the redevelopment of the Parkinson Recreation Centre (PRC). This initiative represents a transformative investment in the health and well-being of our community by providing an amazing space and place for physical activity, social interaction, and personal growth.

At UBCO Heat Athletics & Recreation, we are committed to championing sport, physical activity, and well-being as fundamental pillars to holistic development. Our mission is to foster a sense of belonging and community among UBCO students, student-athletes, faculty, and staff, while strengthening our connection to the broader Okanagan community. The redevelopment of PRC aligns seamlessly with this mandate, offering an innovative and inclusive space that will enhance opportunities for engagement in sport and recreation for people of all ages and backgrounds, inclusive of our campus community.

The new PRC will serve as a dynamic hub for Kelowna and the Okanagan, delivering substantial benefits in key areas, including:

- **Health and Well-being:** By promoting active lifestyles and wellness, the redeveloped PRC will empower individuals to achieve improved physical and mental health.
- **Community and Social Engagement:** This state-of-the-art facility will provide a welcoming environment that fosters meaningful social connections and inclusivity.
- **Youth Development:** With enhanced recreational and training facilities, the PRC will inspire the next generation of athletes and community leaders.

The redevelopment of the Parkinson Recreation Centre is a crucial step toward ensuring a brighter, healthier future for our community. As a central hub for recreation and engagement, the new facility will provide unparalleled opportunities for residents to thrive physically, socially, and economically.

We commend the City of Kelowna for its vision and leadership in advancing this vital project and strongly encourage continued efforts to bring it to fruition. Thank you for your dedication to the well-being of our community. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this redevelopment will have for years to come and collaborating as partners for the community.

All the best,

Tom (Huisman)
Director, Athletics & Recreation



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
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*We respectfully acknowledge the
Syilx Okanagan Nation and their peoples,
in whose traditional, ancestral, unceded
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Attention: Mariko Siggers, Community & Neighbourhood Services Manager

Re: Letter of Support for the Redevelopment of Parkinson Recreation Centre (PRC)

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support for the Redevelopment of PRC. The School of Health and Exercise Sciences at the University of British Columbia Okanagan (UBCO) want to express their enthusiastic support for the redevelopment of PRC, which promises to be a transformative asset to our community and students. The new PRC will serve as a vibrant hub for physical activity, social interaction, and personal growth, fostering a healthier, happier, and more connected community for all.

For over 10 years PRC has provided highly valuable and practical experiences for our students via a community placement. Students have been able to interact with community members and co-deliver a variety of programming alongside PRC and City of Kelowna staff. The new PRC will not only continue to provide such experiences but increased opportunities to partner on new programming to enhance the health and wellbeing of the broader community. More specifically, in 2022 we revised our curriculum to provide students with more competency-based skills and a community-based practicum where students commit up to 180 volunteer hours in the community. Thus, the redevelopment of PRC provides an exciting opportunity to work together to co-develop and co-deliver programming that is greatly needed in our growing City. We welcome the opportunity to have students complete their community practicums at the redeveloped PRC so that there is increased capacity to deliver a large variety of health and exercise focused and/or specialized programming for the community. In addition, in recent months our conversations with Interior Health have also recognized the extensive value the redevelopment of PRC will have in being able to provide the needed specialized exercise programming for individuals in the community living with chronic health conditions.

In conclusion, the redeveloped PRC is a project that will significantly enhance the quality of life in our community and we look forward to contributing to the success of this new facility in a variety of ways through student and faculty engagement. Its comprehensive approach to promoting physical health, social engagement, youth development, economic prosperity, and environmental sustainability will ensure a brighter and more cohesive future for all residents. We fully support the redeveloped PRC and look forward to the positive impacts the facility and campus will have on our community.

Sincerely,

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