



**Williams Lake Youth Soccer Association**

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**Cariboo Regional District**  
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Re: Letter of Support

To whom it may concern,

Williams Lake Youth Soccer Association would like to express our strongest support for the proposed road access upgrade for the Esler Sports Complex. This upgrade would not only improve access but, would also significantly improve safety.

When the soccer fields were initially built in the late 1980's it was done by the local men's soccer association and was meant to support 8 teams. Since this time, Men's, Ladies and Youth associations have been working collaboratively to continually improve the facility. With the combined usage currently, we have over 100 teams and 1,200 players participating.

The proposed upgrade will have multiple benefits including:

1. Safety of roadway- Hodgson road is narrow and windy. The road was never resolved for this level of traffic and the new route will be much safer.
2. Additional parking - The parking lot at the soccer facility can handle a maximum of 250 vehicles at peak times. This is not enough space to handle peak traffic flows resulting in overflow parking on the adjacent streets. The redesign and single direction traffic will allow us to create an additional 50 – 75 parking spaces.
3. Safety of traffic flow – Safety is always a key concern. Having a single direction traffic flow through the parking lot is ideal for reducing the hazard posed from vehicles turning around and moving in both directions. This is very important to our association as we have over 1,000 youth at the facility on some days.

We would be happy to answer any additional questions should you have any.

We thank you very much for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Brian Hansen - Director  
Williams Lake Youth Soccer Association