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Curl Chair

January 13th, 2020

Dear Ms. Wagner,

The Williams Lake Curling Club was formed in 1947 as a not-for-profit society to promote the sport of curling and contribute to the overall quality of life in Williams Lake and area. Our club enjoys strong support from the community and draws upon thousands of volunteer hours to host curling leagues for all skill levels, bonspiels, community events, and youth programs. In 2019, our board and club has prioritised making the facility and the sport of curling as inclusive and accessible as possible.

When our current building was constructed in 1977, accessibility for mobility restricted persons was not a major consideration. Our building was constructed with three levels; a main entrance area that houses our main office, junior curling program office, change rooms and washrooms; the ice surface for curling and summertime rentals; and an upstairs social gathering area which provides a view of the ice surface. Unfortunately, the three levels are only accessible by stairs making it very difficult or impossible for persons with limited mobility to enjoy the sport of curling and participate in the other community activities and events our club offers.

Aligning with the provincial government's commitment in making BC a truly inclusive province and the City Of Williams Lake's goal to reach a Rick Hansen Foundation gold standard of accessibility in some of the city's buildings, the Williams Lake Curling Club is undertaking an exciting capital project to install an elevator lift system that will provide people of all abilities an opportunity to fully participate and enjoy the sport of curling and attend community events held in the club. With the lift we will be more inclusive in our programming and events and it will enable us to begin offering wheelchair curling. In addition, for the first-time youth with mobility challenges will be able to participate in our already energetic youth program that we provide for elementary to high school students throughout the Cariboo.

As capital projects of this nature are quite expensive, the Williams Lake Curling Club is applying for grants and seeking community financial support to assist with the construction of the lift. To assist us with obtaining grant financing, we are reaching out to kindly request letters of support from organizations and the community by **January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020** (please email these to [wlcc@shaw.ca](mailto:wlcc@shaw.ca)). Any additional financial support you or your organization can provide would directly contribute to making the sport of curling and our club more accessible and inclusive for the benefit of our community. If you have any questions regarding this important project, please contact me at (250)305-5255.

Regards,

Mike Pedersen  
President – Williams Lake Curling Club