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Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission  
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To Whom It May Concern,

**Re: Rink upgrade letter of support**

On behalf of Bouchie Lake Elementary School, please accept this letter of support to Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission in their application for skating rink and court upgrades.

Our school sits in the centre of this community, and we currently enrol 146 students from K-grade 7 from the surrounding rural area. We serve a diverse group of families from a large geographical area. An integral part of our school improvement plan includes community partnerships and connections to the outdoor environment.

Many of our students live far from town, so time, transportation and registration fees are a barrier for families in accessing community recreation facilities and programs in town (Quesnel). In addition, fees for busing and school trips are a burden some families are unable to manage. The Bouchie Lake recreation complex is within walking distance from the school, which makes it ideal for teachers to include as part of their learning program. Bouchie Lake Elementary has a long tradition of walking over to the rink for skating. This year, the added restrictions due to COVID-19 have further reduced the opportunities for field trips and sports programs that we can offer, but outdoor walking trips to a location such as this are a safe way to get kids out and moving. The addition of basketball, volleyball or pickleball infrastructure would be an excellent addition to the facilities, both for school programs and for the community. Teaching lifelong physical activity habits is a key outcome of our educational program.

I am hopeful this letter of support assists with your decision. Please contact me if you require more information.

Sincerely,

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