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City of Prince George

Mayor Yu & City Council

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Subject: Support for Essential Upgrades to the CANFOR Leisure Pool

Dear Mayor Yu and Members of Prince George City Council,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express strong support for the Barracuda Swim Club's request for facility upgrades at the Canfor Leisure Pool. These improvements are essential to ensuring the continuation of club training and sanctioned competitions during the temporary closure of the Prince George Aquatic Centre.

As you know, the Barracuda Swim Club plays a vital role in the community—providing youth development, promoting active living, and representing Prince George at regional and provincial levels. With the Aquatic Centre unavailable, the Canfor Leisure Pool becomes the only viable venue capable of supporting the club's programming. However, its current configuration does not meet the basic requirements needed to host swim meets, which are critical for athlete progression, community engagement, and the club's financial sustainability.

The upgrades requested by the club are not enhancements of convenience, but essential measures to keep Prince George athletes training and competing locally. Without these temporary upgrades, the club will face significant challenges, including increased travel, higher costs, and a disruption to the athlete development pathway. Most importantly, the absence of a functional competition venue could result in reduced participation and the loss of opportunities for young swimmers in our community.

Investing in these upgrades ensures continuity for hundreds of local athletes and families during the Aquatic Centre's closure. It protects the long-term strength of the Barracuda Swim Club and demonstrates the City's commitment to sport, youth development, and community well-being.

Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing support of recreation and sport in Prince George. I respectfully urge the city to move forward with the requested upgrades so that the club can continue its important work without interruption.

Sincerely,

Elmar Heger

Executive Director