October 26, 2026

Re: Regional Recreational Centre

Thank you for meeting with us on October 9th, 2026, to discuss the conception of a proposed Regional Recreational Centre in Salmon Arm. We understand that, as Area C and G Directors, you recognize the value of a new recreational facility and believe that its services would benefit residents of Areas C and G.

The NSSCR has been serving the communities of Areas C and G since 2007. Over the past 19 years, we have gained direct experience in understanding the benefits of localized services compared to regional service delivery. We have also been strong advocates for ensuring that families have access to essential services within their own communities.

Through our work, we have established and supported a wide range of Early Years programs and initiatives, including South Shuswap Playgroup, South Shuswap Mother Goose, Sorrento Preschool, Blind Bay Kindergarten Immunization Clinics, Lift the Lip Dental Health at Playgroup, Early Years Fairs, Sorrento Playgroup, and Party in the Park. Our Children, Youth and Family services have also included NSSCR Swim Lessons, Babysitting Courses, Stay Safe Home Alone Courses, Kids' Cooking Classes, and Unplug and Play events.

Through these locally delivered programs and services, we have seen measurable, positive outcomes in children's social, emotional, and physical well-being, along with improvements in language, communication, and cognitive development. These experiences demonstrate the value of accessible, community-based services

in supporting the healthy development of children and strengthening families across Areas C and G.

We believe that relying on a Regional Recreational Centre located in Salmon Arm to address the identified gap in recreational services and activities would be a disservice to families living in Areas C and G. When surveying residents about their interest in a community pool, we specifically considered a facility located within Area C or G to ensure it would be accessible to local families.

We feel strongly that a regional facility in Salmon Arm would not adequately address the needs identified by local residents, given its location and the barriers associated with accessing services outside their communities. Travel distance, transportation challenges, and the absence of public transportation options can significantly limit families' ability to participate. A locally accessible recreational facility would better respond to the needs of residents and help ensure that children, youth, and families can equitably access recreational opportunities within their own communities.

At this time, we plan to continue exploring the feasibility of establishing a local pool by examining the not-for-profit recreational facility model. We hope the CSRD will recognize the value of a locally accessible pool for residents of Areas C and G and consider supporting this initiative to help facilitate partnerships, grant opportunities, and potential investments.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with us and for considering the recreational needs of our communities.

Sincerely,

NSSCR Board of Directors
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