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Request to Appear as a Delegation

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Name of Delegation: IRC Rowing Club
Name of Primary Contact Person: Wendy Chan
Name(s) of Delegation Member(s) in Attendance: Wendy Chan, Emily Seto
Purpose of Delegation: To request support from Port Moody City Council for Inlet Rowing Club's proposal to house the BC NexGen Performance Center.
Details of Request: Inlet Rowing Club, located at the Old Mill Boathouse at Rocky Point Park, is putting together a formal proposal to Rowing BC and Rowing Canada to bid on being the new home for the BC NextGen Performance Center. This center will provide a training environment for NextGen athletes – rowers who are typically 5-8 years away from a potential Olympic or ParaOlympic Podium. Rowing BC is seeking a permanent home for the Center starting September 2021 where NextGen athletes in BC can train full time. We believe Inlet Rowing Club would be the ideal location for this center. The waters off Rocky Point Park provides one of the best long-course waterways for rowing in the lower mainland, Port Moody is very centrally located with a well-rounded set of amenities and multiple transit options, and our club, along with Old Mill Boathouse, provides the perfect setting for training. In our formal proposal, we are seeking partners and organizations that will support our initiative to house the NextGen Performance Center at Inlet Rowing Club and who would be willing to work with the Center and it's athletes. We believe our proposal would be strengthened by having a letter of support from the City of Port Moody that we can attach to our proposal as it would signal the desire of the community to promote a culture of sport excellence and support NextGen athletes in their bid to become Olympic and ParaOlympic athletes. We also believe that having the Performance Center in Port Moody will not only raise the profile of Port Moody in the rowing community – showcasing the fabulous waterways available for the sport and the liveable, easy-going nature of the city – it will also highlight the sport of rowing to Port Moody residents and provide an economic boost as athletes would relocate to Port Moody to be a part of the Center, they will make use of various sport science and sport medicine practitioners and experts in the community as well as city recreational facilities. The vision for our proposal is to foster a positive, productive economic, social and cultural synergy between the NextGen Performance Center and the community of Port Moody, and in the process, create benefits for all parties concerned.
Additional Information in Support of Request: