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October 30th, 2014

Mayor and Council
Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
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Dear Mayor and Council,

I thank you for the consideration of supporting the annual Dragon Boat Festival; Fort Frances' fastest growing community event.

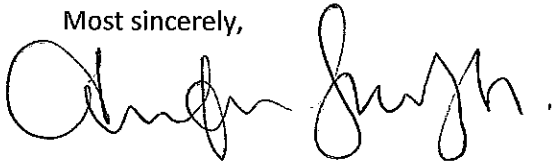
In the three short years since its founding, the Boundary Waters Dragon Boat Festival has played a major Town role since its creation and development. This past summer it was most unfortunate due to the local flooding and emergency situation that caused the event to be delayed until August 9th, instead of July 1st. However the Dragon Boat Festival Committee worked diligently with other local committees (Canada Day Committee, Fun in the Sun Committee, FF Chamber Events & Projects Committee the Town of Fort Frances and the City of International Falls,) to co-ordinate an event and provide a cohesive and inclusive family fun day. The Dragon Boat Club/Festival organized vendors, brought in 22 Dragons to assist with course and race day set up, and had 8 teams and 112 paddlers compete on the water and of course the race between the Town of Fort Frances and the City of International Falls was of particular interest to both communities, and also did make the Festival a unique international event, which will be of benefit to both communities in future years, while strengthening relationships in both communities.

A priority need for the Dragon Boat Club, which operates as a non-profit organization under the direction of a Board of Directors, is assistance with the costs associated with site preparation and race day maintenance, advertising, and promotion of the event. Although we did receive funding from the Trillium Foundation, these funds are specifically allocated, to items such as the purchase of a new boat, trailer, paddles, storage unit, and life jackets to help establish our Dragon Boat Club and annual Festival, with necessary reporting of all dollars spent.

As such, the Boundary Waters Dragon Boat Club is requesting \$ 2,500 from the Town of Fort Frances to support our effort to provide a local event that we can all be proud of, as well as an essential destination tourist draw to inject needed dollars into our local economy. A contribution from the Town of Fort Frances would assist us with the costs of hosting such a large scale community event that has shown great promise of growing substantially in the coming years.

We believe that the Dragon Boat Festival is consistent with the mission and economic interest of the Town, and we hope that you will find it in your budget to support this community event. If I can provide additional information to encourage consideration of our request, please feel free to contact me at (807) 274-0941

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Greenhalgh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "G".

Jennifer Greenhalgh

on behalf of: Boundary Waters Dragon Boat Club