



**RAINY RIVER FUTURE
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**
A Community Futures Development Corporation



To: Town of Fort Frances

From: RRFDC MAT Advisory Committee

December 13, 2021

Budget Request: Creation of Winter Skating Trail on Rainy Lake

The Fort Frances (RRFDC) Municipal Accommodation Tax Committee has made significant investments in the development of a tourism market in the Town of Fort Frances despite the limitations created by a global pandemic. The Committee has developed and packaged new experience-based products and offered several promotional events to neighbouring communities.

Responding to traditional higher vacancy periods, the MAT Advisory Committee has worked to create a winter focused program (www.wegotsnow.ca). We thank The Town of Fort Frances Council for the changes it has made to the snowmobile bylaw that will allow increased access to businesses for enthusiasts.

In February 2022 we will host the first annual Rainy Lake Drill and Chill Ice Fishing Derby, working with community partners including the Chamber and BIA we are excited to add several other winter activities through out Family Day weekend.

When the Municipal Accommodation Tax was introduced, Council committed to utilizing portions of its newly realized tax revenue to help grow the communities' economic interests. To that end, we are requesting Council to build an annually an ice-skating trail on Rainy Lake. Increasingly the most utilized park spaces are trails. We have experienced the success of this style of park locally with the high rate of use of the waterfront trail and 8th Street walking/ skiing trails.

We believe developing a Rainy Lake skating trail will not only assist with growing our tourism potential but will be very popular with Fort Frances citizens.

We are attaching examples of ice trails to this request.

Spray Lake, MB Skating Trail



Examples of Other Ontario Skating Trails: <https://www.todocanada.ca/coolest-outdoor-skating-trails-ontario>

Warroad, MN USA Skating Path



Portage La Prairie MB. Skating Path

