

Town of Fort Frances, Mayor and Council

In August of 2015, a number of avid community members came together and formed the **OFSAA 2017 Committee**. In January 2016 after many hours of work the goal of bringing the Provincial A/AA Boys Hockey Championships back to Fort Frances was attained. It has been 11 years since OFSAA was last in Fort Frances and as one of the premier hockey towns and programs in the province, the time has come for us to host the trophy in front of our home town fans again! In March of 2017, 16 teams, 320 players, 90 coaches, managers, and trainers along with many families of the teams will be traveling to the Rainy River District to compete for the 69th annual Ontario High School Boys Hockey Championship. The Committee is excited about the “**Boundless**” opportunities that await all of these teams and their families.

The committee expects that close to 500 people will be sleeping, eating, and spending time and money in Fort Frances in March of 2017. We estimate conservatively that during the 5 days of the Tournament over \$400,00.00 will be spent in Fort Frances and the surrounding communities by people coming from outside of our District.

Our all-in estimate budget, based partly on figures from 2006, is approximately \$66,000 to \$72,000.00 for a 16 team tournament. If the Tournament was to be expanded to a 20 team tournament (similar to 2006) we would expect a larger budget but also a higher return for Fort Frances. The committee's Sponsorship target is between \$40,000.00 and \$50,000.00.

In the 2006 OFSAA, the Town of Fort Frances generously committed \$5,000.00 towards the OFSAA 2006 Tournament. The money was put towards the purchase of ice rental at the Memorial Sports Center. The 2017 Committee would follow a similar path with any in-kind donation from the Town of Fort Frances.

We acknowledge the challenges municipalities face when providing funding for events such as OFSAA but we are encouraged by the fact that the Town of Fort Frances and the community have strongly supported community endeavors like this in the past. We believe that the benefits to Fort Frances to be, in your own words - **Boundless**.

Sponsorship Levels are explained on the following handout. Please take a look at the different levels and be made aware of what the Town will receive for their sponsorship along with what the Committee has shared about the many community benefits.

Tax receipts will be issued by the Muskie Blueline Club on Corporate or Personal donations.

For further information on OFSAA 2017 or to make a donation, please contact Bob Miller, Chair, OFSAA 2017 at 807-275-7125 or Mike Allison at 807-274-4023.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our proposal as we look forward to hosting Championship Hockey, and promoting Fort Frances and the area in March of 2017!

Sincerely Yours,

Mike Allison
Sponsorship Co-chair – OFSAA Boy Hockey 2017