



July 20, 2021

**Mayor June Caul
and Council**

Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances, ON
P9A 3P9

Dear Mayor and Council:

**RE: PICK UP AND DROP OFF PROGRAM – GYM RIDE N ROLL
248 SCOTT STREET, FORT FRANCES**

As you are likely aware, the Rainy Lake Gymnastics Academy (RLGA) will be opening our club at 248 Scott Street. Our plan is to be open for gymnastics commencing in September 2021. Given the downtown location of the gym, and limited parking, the RLGA Board has decided to adopt a Kiss N Ride type program, called Gym Ride N Roll. This program would run similar to the Kiss N Ride program that is run at most of the area schools.

The athlete would be dropped off at the front entrance where a coach will be waiting for them outside the building. The athlete will then enter the building for their class. Once the athletes have been dropped off for their classes, the main door to the building will be locked, therefore, no public access will be available to club during class. Once class is over, the parent or caregiver who is picking up the athlete, will have a sign in their window to indicate which athlete they are picking up. The athlete will be called upon and delivered to the vehicle.

Given the location of the building and its limited ability for parents/guardians to pick up the child, the RLGA decided that this would be the safest option for the drop off and pick up of the athletes. The safety of our athletes is our paramount priority.

All of that being said, we are requesting that the RLGA be allowed to use the space in front of the club for this purpose. This would include the parking space to the east of the entrance as well, to allow for the children to be dropped off in a safe manner. Please see below illustration. Classes start as early at 4:00pm and run until 9:00 or 9:30pm at night. After 5:30pm there would be limited impact to the downtown businesses.



We are aware there is a fire hydrant near the front entrance of the building. In the event of a fire, we have an alternate route for the athletes to leave the building through the back of the building. The athletes will be taken through where those exits are located at their first class and also periodically through the year, so we do not inhibit the use of the fire hydrant if it is needed for our building, or any other surrounding buildings.

The RLGA is committed to providing a safe, fun athletic experience to the community, and we would appreciate the Town's favourable consideration of our request to provide a safe drop off and pick up arrangement for the athletes.

Thank you in advance for reviewing our request. We look forward to your reply.

Yours truly,

Jessica Ogden
President, RLGA

Yours truly,

Stephanie Mann
Director, RLGA