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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please accept this request for financial support on behalf of the Border Figure Skating Club.

The Border Figure Skating Club has been an active organization in our community for over 40 years and is currently providing a range of programming for approximately 70 figure skaters. This year, our Club has been selected to host the Sunset Country Regional Skating Competition from January 29-31, 2016. We have the honor of being the host club for our region approximately every five years. This competition is sanctioned by Skate Canada and provides an opportunity for skaters from across Northwestern Ontario to showcase their skills and talents.

The competition will be hosting approximately 200 skaters and their families from communities across Northwestern Ontario, as well as 25 coaches, 8 officials, and 3 data specialists. Evaluators will be travelling to our community from Sault Ste. Marie, Sioux Lookout and Thunder Bay. These guests will be staying at local hotels, eating in local restaurants, and shopping with local vendors. This event will be of great economic benefit to the Town of Fort Frances and surrounding area, and will also promote our area as a potential future tourist destination.

We are working diligently to try and offset the cost of the competition so that it is accessible to all skaters. The total cost for hosting this event is approximately \$25 000. In addition to the administrative costs of running the competition and travel and accommodation expenses for our evaluators, we will incur \$5000 in ice rental fees for using the Ice For Kids Arena. We respectfully ask Mayor and Council to consider making a donation towards the cost of the ice.

Any donations for the Regional Competition will be acknowledged in the program for our Annual Ice Show in April, and sponsors will be given an advertising spot in the program. We also invite Mayor and Council to help us officially extend a warm welcome to our guests by attending our opening ceremonies, which will be held on January 29th; more details will follow at a later date.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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