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INTRODUCTION

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By Bob Smillie, Executive Director

Welcome to the 12th edition of the Sports Legacy Fund Annual Report to the community. It is published in conjunction with the Fund's 13th allocation of grants and marks the milestone of \$4 million in funding invested in the sport community since its inception. The original \$7.5 million fund resulted from the sale of the Kamloops Blazers Hockey Club franchise in 2007 and a contribution with the dissolution of the Blazers Foundation in 2008. The Society has operated independently from the Kamloops Blazers Hockey Club since the sale but has dedicated the Sports Legacy Fund to the history of the community support for the franchise since its inaugural season in 1984. The first grants were disbursed in 2009. With the completion of the fiscal year, the Fund distributions to the Kamloops and region sport community will reach an accumulated total of \$4.1 million. During this interval, 118 organizations have received grants.

These are challenging years for the local sport community faced with COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. The Fund is positioned to help the organizations weather the storm.

The Annual Report represents the evaluation and confirmation that the grants have been appropriately directed,

contributing to the sustainability of the recipient organizations, or meeting the expectations outlined in the application process. It recognizes that the Sports Legacy Fund is a community resource, and the reporting commits to the transparency of the allocation process.

Grant applications are accepted from October 1st to November 30th of each year and reviewed to evaluate the eligibility of the requests, following which an allocation process is used to determine the direction of funding for the following year. Follow up Community Impact Reports are submitted by the recipients in the December following the receipt of the funds.

The process and an oversight of the Sports Legacy Fund governance structure may be reviewed by accessing the website at www.kamloopsblazerssportsociety.com. Inquiries are welcomed throughout the year.

The 2021 allocation of \$334,296 is directed to 29 sport organizations. A number of the grants are leveraged or are matched, providing for the completion of capital projects, equipment and uniform purchases or coaching support. A summary of the grant history from 2009 to 2021 is documented within the report.

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| ORGANIZATION | GRANT \$ | COMMENTS |
|--|-------------------|--|
| Adaptive Sports at Sun Peaks | 5,000.00 | Coaching Development |
| Barriere Recreation Society | 10,000.00 | Capital Project: Facility Upgrades |
| First Nations Snowboarding Society Sun Peaks | 8,000.00 | Equipment Snowboard Gear |
| Kamloops Aquatic Club | 7,446.00 | Equipment: Training, Swimming and Timing |
| Kamloops Ball Hockey Association | 3,539.00 | Equipment, Jerseys, Coaching Development and Referee Certification |
| Kamloops Blazers Academic Awards | 1,200.00 | |
| Kamloops Broncos Football Club | 6,000.00 | Equipment: Shoulder Pads |
| Kamloops Canoe and Kayak Club | 13,000.00 | Equipment: Kevlar Racing Canoe and Voyager Canoes x2 |
| Kamloops Cheerleading Society | 8,200.00 | Equipment: Spring Flooring and Mats |
| Kamloops Collegiate Baseball Society | 6,000.00 | Equipment: Pitching Machine |
| Kamloops Gymnastics Trampoline Centre | 40,000.00 | Equipment: Air Pit Contribution |
| Kamloops Interior Dragonboat Society | 3,000.00 | Equipment: Pop-up Canopy |
| Kamloops Long Blades Association | 20,000.00 | Equipment: Timing System Contribution |
| Kamloops Minor Hockey Association | 5,000.00 | Coaching Development |
| Kamloops Minor Lacrosse Association | 8,200.00 | Lacrosse Equipment and Nets |
| Kamloops Sports Council | 13,445.00 | Computer Software |
| Kamloops Sunrays Synchronized Swim Club | 500.00 | Training Equipment |
| Kamloops Tennis Centre | 5,000.00 | Capital Project: Dome Door Replacement Contribution |
| Kamloops Therapeutic Riding Association | 3,360.00 | Training Fees |
| Kamloops Track and Field Club | 7,910.00 | Prioritized Equipment |
| Kamloops Tsunami Summer Swim Club | 4,240.00 | Swim Equipment and Uniforms |
| Kamloops Waterski Club | 3,373.00 | Equipment: Automatic Ski Jump Measurement System Contribution |
| Kamloops Youth Soccer Association | 5,000.00 | Coaching Development |
| KidSport Kamloops | 30,000.00 | |
| PacificSport Interior BC | 80,000.00 | |
| Spirit Warriors Society | 2,000.00 | Capital Project: Storage Shed |
| Thompson Blazers U15 AAA Hockey | 7,000.00 | Equipment: Skate Sharpener and Jerseys |
| Tournament Capital Derby Diversified | 2,883.00 | Equipment and Uniforms |
| TRU Athletic Scholarships | 25,000.00 | |
| TOTAL | 334,296.00 | |

GRANT ALLOCATIONS 2009-21

| ORGANIZATION | 2009 - 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | TOTAL |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Adaptive Sports at Sun Peaks | 53,970.15 | 1,256.05 | 5,000.00 | 60,226.20 |
| Ashcroft and District Tennis Association | 13,020.00 | - | - | 13,020.00 |
| Barriere Recreation Society | 14,750.95 | - | 10,000.00 | 24,750.95 |
| BC Summer Games 60+ Soccer Team | 1,664.00 | - | - | 1,664.00 |
| City Youth Special Needs Hockey Program | 2,786.24 | - | - | 2,786.24 |
| Cierra Fisher Jr. Curling Rink | 2,000.00 | - | - | 2,000.00 |
| Clearwater Youth Soccer Association | 3,354.40 | - | - | 3,354.40 |
| First Nations Snowboard Team Sun Peaks | - | - | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 |
| Greater Kamloops BMX | 48,039.99 | 25,200.00 | - | 73,239.99 |
| Harper Mountain Ski Club | 15,831.00 | 1,517.18 | - | 17,348.18 |
| Heffley-Rayleigh Slowpitch Association | 5,500.00 | - | - | 5,500.00 |
| Interior Grasslands Cycling Club | 2,426.45 | - | - | 2,426.45 |
| Kamloopa Club | 45,905.22 | 6,419.05 | - | 52,324.27 |
| Kamloops 2018 BC Winter Games Society | 13,946.00 | - | - | 13,946.00 |
| Kamloops 2020 Canada 55+ Games | - | 41,192.75 | - | 41,192.75 |
| Kamloops 55+ Curling Club | 200.00 | - | - | 200.00 |
| Kamloops Adapted Sports Association | 31,043.00 | - | - | 31,043.00 |
| Kamloops Aquatic Club | 83,744.32 | 7,250.00 | 7,446.00 | 98,440.32 |
| Kamloops Badminton Association | 5,900.00 | - | - | 5,900.00 |
| Kamloops Ball Hockey Association | - | 3,774.99 | 3,539.00 | 7,313.99 |
| Kamloops Beach Volleyball Club | 5,727.21 | - | - | 5,727.21 |
| Kamloops Bike Riders Association | 27,352.47 | - | - | 27,352.47 |
| Kamloops Blaze Under 16 Girls Soccer | 3,000.00 | - | - | 3,000.00 |
| Kamloops Blazers Hockey Club Academic Awards | 12,000.00 | - | 1,200.00 | 13,200.00 |
| Kamloops Canoe and Kayak Club | 44,166.02 | - | 13,000.00 | 57,166.02 |
| Kamloops Cheerleading Society | 33,684.00 | 4,700.00 | 8,200.00 | 46,584.00 |
| Kamloops Collegiate Baseball Society | 14,793.40 | 4,867.81 | 6,000.00 | 25,661.21 |
| Kamloops Collegiate Hockey Society - TRU Wolfpack | 42,138.58 | - | - | 42,138.58 |
| Kamloops Community Football Association | 17,000.00 | - | - | 17,000.00 |
| Kamloops Curling Club | 67,526.94 | - | - | 67,526.94 |
| Kamloops Dragon Boat Club | 20,694.04 | 7,750.00 | - | 28,444.04 |
| Kamloops Dragon Boat Festival | 9,302.29 | - | - | 9,302.29 |
| Kamloops Fencing Club | 9,376.00 | - | - | 9,376.00 |
| Kamloops Gymnastics and Trampoline Centre | 18,228.20 | - | 40,000.00 | 58,228.20 |
| Kamloops Heat Soccer Club | 5,728.60 | - | - | 5,728.60 |
| Kamloops Heat Soccer Club Women's Division | 3,468.00 | - | - | 3,468.00 |
| Kamloops Interior Dragon Boat Club | - | 2,576.13 | 3,000.00 | 5,576.13 |
| Kamloops Judo Society | 25,000.00 | 15,000.00 | - | 40,000.00 |
| Kamloops Jr. B Rattlers Lacrosse Club | 3,250.00 | - | - | 3,250.00 |
| Kamloops Jr. Blazers Adapted Hockey Team | 4,067.84 | - | - | 4,067.84 |

GRANT ALLOCATIONS 2009-21

| ORGANIZATION | 2009 - 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | TOTAL |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Kamloops Junior City Golf Championship Society | 3,500.00 | - | - | 3,500.00 |
| Kamloops Junior Football Association (Broncos) | 97,722.60 | 10,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 113,722.60 |
| Kamloops Long Blades Association | 17,165.95 | - | 20,000.00 | 37,165.95 |
| Kamloops Midget AAA Baseball RiverDogs | 5,266.80 | - | - | 5,266.80 |
| Kamloops Millennium FC | 1,250.00 | - | - | 1,250.00 |
| Kamloops Minor Baseball Association | 97,300.00 | - | - | 97,300.00 |
| Kamloops Minor Fastball Association | 7,787.00 | 3,000.00 | - | 10,787.00 |
| Kamloops Minor Hockey Association | - | - | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Kamloops Minor Lacrosse Association | 19,243.90 | 5,000.00 | 8,200.00 | 32,443.90 |
| Kamloops Mystix Bantam AAA Hockey - KMHA | 1,250.00 | - | - | 1,250.00 |
| Kamloops Performance Cycling Centre | 28,000.00 | - | - | 28,000.00 |
| Kamloops Pickleball Club | 30,294.30 | - | - | 30,294.30 |
| Kamloops River City Racers | 13,425.00 | - | - | 13,425.00 |
| Kamloops Rowing Club | - | 5,254.00 | - | 5,254.00 |
| Kamloops Rugby Club | 76,000.00 | - | - | 76,000.00 |
| Kamloops Sailing Association | 15,000.00 | - | - | 15,000.00 |
| Kamloops Senior Mens' Baseball Society | 1,810.00 | - | - | 1,810.00 |
| Kamloops Skating Club | 15,676.98 | - | - | 15,676.98 |
| Kamloops Special Olympics | 31,597.56 | 5,000.00 | - | 36,597.56 |
| Kamloops Sports Council | 107,000.00 | - | 13,445.00 | 120,445.00 |
| Kamloops Sports Hall of Fame | 90,000.00 | - | - | 90,000.00 |
| Kamloops Squash Association | 2,580.00 | - | - | 2,580.00 |
| Kamloops Sun Devils | - | 4,464.99 | - | 4,464.99 |
| Kamloops Sunrays Synchronized Swimming | 16,210.68 | 2,902.32 | 500.00 | 19,613.00 |
| Kamloops Target Sport Association Youth Program | 3,323.00 | - | - | 3,323.00 |
| Kamloops Team Handball Society | 1,139.39 | - | - | 1,139.39 |
| Kamloops Tennis Association | 60,000.00 | - | 5,000.00 | 65,000.00 |
| Kamloops Therapeutic Riding Association | 16,134.31 | 2,250.00 | 3,360.00 | 21,744.31 |
| Kamloops Track and Field Club | 112,526.22 | 4,686.82 | 7,910.00 | 125,123.04 |
| Kamloops Triathlon Club | 12,842.35 | 10,100.00 | - | 22,942.35 |
| Kamloops Tsunami Summer Swim Club | 22,067.49 | 2,625.44 | 4,240.00 | 28,932.93 |
| Kamloops United Soccer Club | 1,250.00 | - | - | 1,250.00 |
| Kamloops Venom Jr. B Lacrosse Team | 16,437.23 | - | - | 16,437.23 |
| Kamloops Waterski Club | 9,786.10 | 8,189.75 | 3,373.00 | 21,348.85 |
| Kamloops Youth Darts | 3,424.00 | - | - | 3,424.00 |
| Kamloops Youth Soccer Association | 17,000.00 | - | 5,000.00 | 22,000.00 |
| KATTS Competitive Team | 5,500.00 | - | - | 5,500.00 |
| KIBHT: Kamloops Minor Hockey Association | 15,000.00 | - | - | 15,000.00 |
| KidSport Kamloops Chapter | 270,000.00 | 15,000.00 | 30,000.00 | 315,000.00 |

GRANT ALLOCATIONS 2009-21

| ORGANIZATION | 2009 - 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | TOTAL |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| KMHA Coaching Conference | 55,000.00 | - | - | 55,000.00 |
| Kolle Hockey Dev. Society - Ice Pirates Hockey | 13,546.83 | - | - | 13,546.83 |
| McArthur Island BMX | 2,500.00 | - | - | 2,500.00 |
| McArthur Island Curling Club | 8,085.00 | 6,500.00 | - | 14,585.00 |
| McArthur Park Lawn Bowling Club | 18,076.60 | - | - | 18,076.60 |
| Navy League of Canada | 17,400.00 | - | - | 17,400.00 |
| NorKam Football Booster Club | 831.03 | - | - | 831.03 |
| North Shore Community Carpet Bowlers | 2,000.00 | - | - | 2,000.00 |
| Overlander Ski Club | 80,051.18 | - | - | 80,051.18 |
| PacificSport Interior BC (PSI) | 875,000.00 | 70,000.00 | 80,000.00 | 1,025,000.00 |
| ProHop Basketball Club | 3,258.99 | 1,428.36 | - | 4,687.35 |
| River City Racers Speed Skating Club | 11,144.63 | - | - | 11,144.63 |
| River City Squash Organization | 2,441.26 | - | - | 2,441.26 |
| Riverside Lawn Bowling Club | 8,600.00 | 7,740.00 | - | 16,340.00 |
| Royal Canadian Air Cadets | 7,470.75 | - | - | 7,470.75 |
| Senior Table Tennis Activity Club | 1,114.41 | 1,080.00 | - | 2,194.41 |
| Spirit Warriors Society | 6,598.78 | 1,280.00 | 2,000.00 | 9,878.78 |
| Sun Peaks Alpine Ski Club | 18,700.00 | - | - | 18,700.00 |
| Sun Peaks Hockey League | 1,000.00 | - | - | 1,000.00 |
| Sun Peaks Nordic Club | 27,254.29 | - | - | 27,254.29 |
| Sun Peaks Shares Kids Program | 9,000.00 | - | - | 9,000.00 |
| Team Brown Curling | 4,751.18 | - | - | 4,751.18 |
| Team Calhoun Curling | 2,000.00 | - | - | 2,000.00 |
| Team Hafeli Curling | - | 1,924.40 | - | 1,924.40 |
| Thompson Blazers Major Midget Hockey Club (U18) | 58,500.00 | 5,484.15 | - | 63,984.15 |
| Thompson Minor Midget Hockey Club (U16) | 5,000.00 | 5,484.15 | - | 10,484.15 |
| Thompson Blazers U15 Hockey Club | - | - | 7,000.00 | 7,000.00 |
| Thompson Nicola Triathlon | 1,800.00 | - | - | 1,800.00 |
| Thompson Okanagan Diving Training Centre | 2,320.59 | - | - | 2,320.59 |
| Thompson Rivers Interior Paddling Society | - | 8,900.00 | - | 8,900.00 |
| Thompson Valley FC | 1,250.00 | - | - | 1,250.00 |
| Tk'emlups te Sewepemc (First Nat. Snowboard Team) | 25,000.00 | - | - | 25,000.00 |
| Tournament City Derby Diversified | 22,400.62 | 3,476.76 | 2,883.00 | 28,760.38 |
| TRU Athletics Program | 23,899.11 | - | - | 23,899.11 |
| TRU Athletic Scholarships | 176,000.00 | 25,000.00 | 25,000.00 | 226,000.00 |
| Under 17 Select Girls Soccer Team | 1,250.00 | - | - | 1,250.00 |
| Valleyview Skating Club | 17,500.00 | - | - | 17,500.00 |
| Wailua Outrigger Canoe Club | 48,119.20 | - | - | 48,119.20 |
| Wells Gray Outdoor Club | 23,000.00 | - | - | 23,000.00 |
| Total | 3,538,210.62 | 338,275.10 | 334,296.00 | 4,210,781.72 |

GRANT RECIPIENT HIGHLIGHTS 2021

The Sports Legacy Fund is unique to Kamloops and the region and is envisioned to operate to perpetuity by way of a diverse managed investment portfolio.

The 2021 grants include funding for the Kamloops KidSport Chapter of \$30,000 and PacificSport Interior BC for \$80,000, which have been multi-year commitments as board initiatives and are not part of the application process. Support for TRU athletic scholarships was maintained at \$25,000, \$15,000 of which will be matched by the university, resulting in a total contribution of \$40,000.

This year, 25 organizations were selected from the applicants to receive grants totaling \$198,096. This ranges from \$500 for the Kamloops Sunrays Synchronized Swim Club to \$40,000 funding for the Kamloops Gymnastics Trampoline Centre to contribute to an airbag pit, which will replace the current foam pit and complies with the pandemic restrictions. The Capital Project Reserve Fund was not accessed for the 2021 grants.

The 2021 allocations are listed within the report and include contributions to capital projects, equipment purchases, uniforms and coaching development.

A number are contributions to larger undertakings and include facility upgrades to the Barriere Recreation Society of \$10,000, Kamloops Long Blades Speed Skating Association for \$20,000 to purchase a state-of-the-art timing system and \$3,373 to the Kamloops Waterski Club to complete the acquisition of an automatic ski jump measuring system. These will be complemented by additionally sourced grants.

Coaching development remains a key to organizational capacities and is supported

by grants of \$5,000 each to Adaptive Sports at Sun Peaks, Kamloops Minor Hockey Association and Kamloops Youth Soccer Association.

The local sport community will also benefit by the \$13,445 funding of the Kamloops Sports Council for computer software designed to provide multiple organizations activity registration and volunteer management.

Representative of the equipment grants is funding of \$8,000 to the First Nations Snowboard Team Sun Peaks for snowboard gear, \$13,000 for the Kamloops Canoe and Kayak Club to purchase canoes instrumental for their program and a grant of \$8,200 to provide lacrosse equipment and field portable nets for the Kamloops Minor Lacrosse Association.



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The 2020 grants were provided to 37 Kamloops and Region sport organizations for a total allocation of \$338,275. Annually measuring the impacts of the funding and revisiting the groups receiving them is an important component of the governance and oversight of the Sports Legacy Fund. The funds are strategically aligned with the recipient organization's goals to utilize the grants to strengthen capacity and maximize the benefit, whether purchasing equipment, completing a capital project, or developing coaching skills. The 2020 grants were not fully accessed due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the inability of the recipient organizations to complete the terms of the grant or deliver the allocated program. The original allocation was \$416,212 directed to 41 organizations.

The review provides a process to evaluate the grants and determine if the funds continue to be well invested and meet the expectations envisioned by the Sports Legacy Fund vision, mission, and guiding principles. The community impacts are reflections by the organizations based on the funding impacts for 2020.

ADAPTIVE SPORTS AT SUN PEAKS (ASSP)

(ASSP) is a volunteer based non-profit society. Established in 2008, it acquired registered charitable status in 2013. ASSP provides athletic and recreational programs to support the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of persons with disabilities. The 2020 Legacy Fund grant of \$1,256 was a continuation of support for the instructor certification program. The original allocation was \$5,000.

The goals of Adaptive Sports at Sun Peaks are:

- to provide opportunities for people of all

ages living with a disability to participate in adaptive snow sports and recreation programs at Sun Peaks Resort;

- to provide training and continued development of volunteer instructors to deliver these programs and facilitate a positive and safe experience for participants;
- the acquisition, loan, and supervision of adaptive equipment for use by participants as well as maintenance and storage of such equipment.
- coordinate fundraising and grant applications necessary to sustain the operation and growth of the program.

Volunteer recruitment and retention is a critical component to the success of the Adaptive Sports at Sun Peaks programming. A key element for recruitment and retention of the volunteer instructor along with the high quality of instruction/guiding provided is the commitment to training ASSP offers all instructors.

During the pandemic they are seeing an increased demand for their services and the recruiting efforts resulted in 23 new instructors joining the program in the Fall. Public Health restrictions in November significantly reduced their ability to train the volunteers, which resulted in the lesser funding.

Key highlights from the past year include:

- 64% retention rate for volunteer instructors.
- Highest number of students preregistered since inception of the program.

GREATER KAMLOOPS BMX SOCIETY

The Society received a grant of \$25,200 to pave the corners on the track surface, which enhanced the appeal to riders throughout BC, Canada, and the USA.

While the paving has made the track smoother and faster, it also alleviates some maintenance and allows volunteer efforts to be directed to other areas of the club.

Although activity this past year was limited due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the feedback has been positive. It is expected that upon returning to full programming the improvements, because of the grant, will draw new members and bring larger provincial and national events to the track.

HARPER MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB

The Harper Mountain Ski Club (HMSC) was established in 1973 as a not-for-profit society for the purpose of providing young children affordable exposure to alpine skiing and alpine ski racing. The grant of \$1,517 was used for the professional development of the coaches. The financial support helps to keep alpine ski racing accessible for local families.

One of the goals is to enhance program delivery through ongoing professional development for staff. By providing coaching certification opportunities through the National Coaching Ski Certification Program and the Canadian

Ski Coaches Federation, they were able to provide quality alpine ski coaching and racing experiences for the members. The 2020 season was successful with 43 athletes attending and supported by 7 coaches.

KAMLOOPA CLUB

The KamloopA Club is located at Shumway Lake as a legacy of the 1993 Canada Summer Games and is responsible for the management of the facilities. The three member organizations are the Kamloops Rowing Club, Kamloops Canoe and Kayak Club and the Kamloops Waterski Club. The \$6,419 grant was directed to:

- repurposing of an onsite trailer into a safe dock removal trailer;
- purchase of 4 new jacks to be used with the new dock removal trailer;
- purchase of 4 new docks from a local business in 100 Mile House, BC to replace a sinking safety boat/ launch dock.

Utilizing a KWSC engineered design & KRC fabrication skills, the derelict trailer that had laid in the venue field for over 15 years, was repurposed and turned into a safe functioning dock removal trailer. The annual financial cost of borrowing a trailer from



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a local business is now gone and annual maintenance of the trailer and jacks by the member clubs will ensure long term use and optimal/safe functioning to its users.

The 2nd project arising from the KSLF was the purchase, transport, and installation of 4 polyethylene docks to replace the original 1993 Canada Summer Games wood/fiberglass safety boat launch docks that were sinking and no longer safe for its users at the Shumway Lake venue. Because of their composition, these docks do not require protection from ice break up in the Spring thaw of our lake. Thus, no removal of the docks from the lake is required annually, which reduces some of the time needed to maintain the venue equipment.

All in all, this updating of all three clubs' operations will greatly support the recreational and competitive activities to come and growth opportunities that may occur at the venue. With a focus on physical literacy and movement as part of developing a healthy lifestyle for all Canadians, the KamloopA Sports Club member clubs provide first steps in watersports and "competitive training and sport for life" opportunities for all ages.

KAMLOOPS 2020 CANADA 55+GAMES

The Games were scheduled for late summer 2020 but were postponed to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Legacy Fund grant of \$41,633 was provided to support a number of local sport organizations prepare to host the individual competitions. This included horseshoes, lawn bowling, carpet bowling, darts and pickleball. In addition, the dragon boat community received funding for a special custom-built one-off trailer unlike anything in the marketplace. It is quite possibly the

best purpose built 4 boat trailer in Western Canada and is now the envy of many clubs.

KAMLOOPS AQUATIC CLUB

The Kamloops Aquatic Club (KAC), the non-profit society that underlies Kamloops Classic Swimming (KCS) directed the grant of \$7,250 towards the purchase of equipment to host swim meets at the Canada Games Aquatic Center. This support resulted in the club being designated to host the 2020 Swim BC Age Group Provincial Swimming Championships June 26 to 28, 2020. Unfortunately, due to COVID, this and all swim meets after March 16th, 2020 were cancelled. However, the purchase of these additional backstroke wedges now allow Kamloops to run swim meets with heats and finals using backstroke wedges during both sessions. This will significantly improve the performances of the swimmers in the backstroke events.

KAMLOOPS BALL HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

The Association was formally established in 2019 as a not-for-profit after existing as a men's competitive league for over 50 years. The goal was to expand awareness and offerings to the community as ball hockey provides a significantly more affordable alternative to the country's sport. The first ever Spring registration recorded over 100 youth registrants before being cancelled due to COVID-19.

Despite this, the \$3,775 grant has afforded them the opportunity to provide local youth with an authentic organized hockey experience for a fraction of the price. The Association purchased four sets of youth jerseys with logos and numbers, goaltender equipment, balls, and other equipment necessary for practices,

scrimmages and eventually league play. These contributions have directly lowered the cost of participation for the community's youth and will provide many with their first opportunity to play organized hockey and experience the excitement of putting that jersey on for the first time.

KAMLOOPS BRONCOS FOOTBALL CLUB

This year's allocation of \$10,000 provided the Kamloops Broncos with much-needed equipment by purchasing helmets and face shields. This year's allocation allowed the team to obtain special protective gear due to COVID-19 regulations as well as replace expired helmets.

The Kamloops Broncos were the first junior football team in Canada to meet all safety requirements as outlined by provincial and national health authorities.

The gear purchased with the funds were an integral part in receiving early approval and returning to the field and play football. The Broncos were able to run many practice sessions as well as camps from which not just the Broncos, but also minor and high school players benefited.

The splash guards enabled them to offer the program to over 50 players and they were able to equip many more players with the guards than just the Broncos. Although the season was abbreviated, this had a huge impact on football in Kamloops as without the guards, the team and additional players would not have been able to practice and play football.

KAMLOOPS CHEERLEADING SOCIETY

The Society grant of \$4,700 was primarily directed for equipment to comply with pandemic restrictions. It allowed the gym to

work on tumbling drills while maintaining social distancing. Both the inflatable barrel and launch pad were small enough to be stored but also be used safely to help the athlete's social distance during tumbling classes, working on beginner skills and progressions.

They also purchased a new replacement trampoline bed, which is easier to clean than the old one.

KAMLOOPS COLLEGIATE BASEBALL SOCIETY

The KCBS is responsible for the operation of the TRU Men's Baseball Team which competes in the Canadian Collegiate Baseball Conference. The grant of \$4,867.81 was used to purchase 17 dozen professional baseballs and 15 composite wood bats.

The COVID-19 epidemic had a significant effect on the TRU baseball season. While the winter indoor training regime and the annual trip to Arizona were completed prior to the shutdown in March, the league cancelled the spring regular season and May championship tournament. The team was able to start a summer and fall exhibition season against nearby rivals including Okanagan College, the University of the Fraser Valley, UBC and several others. It has again started the indoor training regime at Thompson Rivers University.

The 2020 grant was a continuum of long-standing support of the KCBS since the inaugural season in 1999-2000 with greatly needed assistance in the purchase of uniforms and equipment since the inception.

These grants have helped sustain the society in their mission of allowing Canadian born baseball players an opportunity to attend Thompson Rivers University and play baseball at a very high level.

KAMLOOPS DRAGON BOAT SOCIETY

With the \$7,750 in funds provided through the 2020 grant, the Kamloops Dragon Boat Club was able to repair and refurbish their four boats and have new storage saw-horses made. The boat repairs had been long overdue and will allow them to continue to paddle for years into the future.

The boats had been patched several times over, due to punctures in the fiberglass hulls. In addition, the wooden seats were loose and would at times shift while paddling. The boats have now had the fiberglass and seats repaired and a fresh coat of protective paint, making them look and function like new.

The old wooden sawhorses that the club store its boats on were many years old, very rotten and bordering on unsafe. The new sawhorses were made by a local vendor out of metal and are much sturdier and stronger. These greatly needed updates will allow them to continue to engage the diverse members of the community in the sport for many more years.

Having safe and functioning equipment will help with recruitment to the club and keep the community healthy and active. This will help to keep paddling active in Kamloops for years to come.

KAMLOOPS INTERIOR DRAGON BOAT SOCIETY

KIDS was created in March 2017 by a group of paddlers who were members of the Kamloops Dragon Boat Club. It was created to allow members to paddle against other teams in senior activities.

The \$2,576 grant was utilized to purchase a storage shed and install it on a platform in the dragon boat compound

at Pioneer Park. Unfortunately, COVID-19 restrictions resulted in the cancellation of the 2020 season of boating.

KAMLOOPS JUDO CLUB

The \$15,000 grant contributed to the purchase of a set of roll out mats. The new mats meet the criteria for the updated safety regulations set out by Judo Canada. For the past 2 years the club has relied on members to transport mats from Vancouver to host the BC Championships and other events. Their activities were also curtailed due to the pandemic.

KAMLOOPS MINOR FASTBALL ASSOCIATION

Kamloops Minor Fastball Association was granted \$3,000 to host 2 coaching clinics in the off-season and in part, because of this opportunity had enough coaches in the summer when fastball was able to resume under pandemic restrictions. KMFA held practices throughout June & July and come the fall had two U12C teams, two U14C teams, a U14B team and a U16C team. Despite many challenges, the season was a success.

KAMLOOPS MINOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Kamloops Minor Lacrosse Association was granted \$5,000.00 to contribute to the purchase of a rink divider board system for Memorial Arena. They were able to purchase the xHockeyProducts rink divider board system to split Memorial Arena into two playing surfaces for the youngest lacrosse players.

Following in hockey's footsteps, lacrosse in BC adopted the smaller area of play for the youngest players in Mini-Tyke (6U) and Tyke (8U). For a more engaging lacrosse

experience, they will run a 3 vs 3 game format, splitting the arena floor into two playing surfaces for the children. After researching and experiencing several rink divider products, the xHockeyProducts divider system proved to be movable, secure, durable, long lasting, and highly recommended.

These boards provide coaches and volunteers the peace of mind of setting up a safe and secure system, while turning their attention solely to the children.

This rink divider system will aid with better monitoring of players and fewer playing delays due to out-of-play balls and will provide Kamloops Minor Lacrosse Association the ability to safely host games and tournaments.

It will provide an easier transition for the younger players moving to full length floor as the boards mimic similar game playing area, just in a smaller size.

They will be useful for future events such as the 'Kamloops Day of Lacrosse' where they normally set-up stations, as well as hosting simultaneous practices for any of the other age groups. Unfortunately, the box lacrosse season within BC was cancelled this year due to the pandemic.

KAMLOOPS RIVERSIDE LAWN BOWLING CLUB

The most important and time-consuming goal for any lawn bowling club is improving green conditions. Smoother the playing surface and shorter/evenner grass all adds to improved play, ease of bowl delivery and overall enjoyment.

A previous Sports Legacy Fund grant permitted the Kamloops Riverside Lawn Bowling Club to purchase a motorized roller that has been a great success.

As a result, less effort is required to

"deliver" the bowl. This is an item the Club did not have before.

The 2020 Sport Legacy grant of \$7,740 contributed to the replacement of an aging Scott-Bonner mower. The Scott-Bonner is manufactured by an Australian company and for many years, the preferred mower.

After consulting with other lawn bowling clubs, local golf course green keepers and a commercial landscaper, it was determined the Toro 1600Walk Green mower was the best for the club's needs.

The Toro 1600 mower has exceeded expectations. Green keepers report that in addition to excellent mowing results; the mower has been easy to adjust and maintain.

An unanticipated plus has been the mower is quiet.



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KAMLOOPS ROWING CLUB

Kamloops Rowing Club serves a critical role in supporting the local sports community needs through various levels of membership but also support to the broader Provincial Sports Organization (Rowing BC) and National Sports Organization (Rowing Canada Aviron). The \$5,254 in funding from the Sports Legacy Fund for the purchase of a “new-to-us” Coastal 2-person rowing boat and purchase of a trailer kit and parts that are needed for moving the heavy Coastal boat to and from the water for use, has provided sustainability for critical equipment for years to come.

The investment provided timely and much needed support to purchase and upgrade the equipment inventory that would have otherwise been a financial impossibility for the club now.

The funding has strengthened the operational viability of Kamloops Rowing Club to successfully sustain and grow the sport of rowing. The boat’s tremendous stability will allow seasoned members and new Learn to Rows to work on skills without the challenges of keeping the dry side dry on the tippy racing shells. They were also able to try the boat in weather and on water that would normally shut down the practice sessions. This is an area that the club have

ascertained to be a problem in keeping members, as on-the-water practices can often be canceled due to winds and waves on the water.

KAMLOOPS SPECIAL OLYMPICS

SOBC Kamloops is run entirely by volunteers and provides sport development and competition opportunities for over 120 athletes who have an intellectual disability.

The fundraising efforts are ongoing, and the \$5,000 grant was a boost to the powerlifting, basketball, rhythmic gymnastics, and swimming programs. Up until receiving the grant, the local committee did not have the funds to provide the personal equipment for the powerlifters. This meant that the lifters did not have gloves, belts, and other equipment they needed for competition.

As a result of the right personal equipment and hard training, the athletes had their best showing ever at a provincial meet in January 2020.

At the onset of the 2019-2020 SOBC basketball season they had a surprisingly high number of registrants compared to recent seasons, which almost doubled the count to 35 athletes. This created a few dilemmas including not enough basketballs and pinnies to enable team designations during scrimmages. The funding also

assisted them purchase another set of uniforms.

Swimming also saw a big increase in participants which meant that the five lanes they usually rented from the Y were not enough to accommodate all the swimmers and still run a good practice. The grant funds were used to purchase a new lane rope for use at the Y. This benefitted the Y as well as the SOBC swim program. Having the sixth lane was a game changer for the athletes.

The sport of rhythmic gymnastics had not been offered by SOBC Kamloops for several years. The fall of 2019 saw 8 athletes register to train in rhythmic gymnastics. The Sports Legacy Fund grant meant that they were able to purchase all the balls, hoops and ribbons required to train for the regional competition.

KAMLOOPS SUN DEVILS

The grant of \$4,465 was used to provide new jerseys, hats, and baseballs. Due to COVID-19 the season was very restricted, but the purchases were put to good use as they did more practicing. A scheduled 2020 participation in Nationals was postponed to the following year. The Kamloops Sun Devils are excited to represent both Kamloops and British Columbia in next year’s nationals in their new uniforms.

KAMLOOPS SUNRAYS SYNCHRONIZED SWIM CLUB

The Sunrays were allocated \$2,902 to purchase training equipment and a new sound system to support their program. The projected outcome for last season 2019-2020 was:

- to elevate the Kamloops Sunrays in the sport of artistic swimming in Kamloops, Provincially and Nationally;

- to have the National athletes qualify to compete for Team BC and the SYNC competition in Summer 2020;
- to have all NS athletes qualify for Canada Artistic Qualifiers and Championships.

The 2019-2020 season was impressive for the club, especially at the National level. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the season ended March 16, 2020.

KAMLOOPS THERAPEUTIC RIDING ASSOCIATION

The Association was originally granted \$2,250 to host a riding clinic but the funding was reallocated to help care for the therapy herd during the challenging pandemic times. This was a special consideration due to the financial impact of cancelling the entire spring session. The horses serve a multifaceted and dynamic role in the therapeutic riding/equine therapy stable.

KAMLOOPS TRACK AND FIELD CLUB

The KTFC received a grant of \$4,686 to replace the pole vault mat, which was originally secured for the 1993 Canada Games. The mat will be used for school events and club competitions. It will be also used for the special events hosted in the City including the BC Track and Field Championship in 2022, the 55+Canada Games and the bid for the Canadian National Legions 23-24 and BC Summer Games in 2026.

KAMLOOPS TRIATHLON CLUB

The \$10,100 grant was used to purchase an inflatable race arch and large swim buoys for open water swimming. In the past, the KTC used a race arch provided by a local club supporter. This new race arch allows the KTC to showcase the club brand, race logos, and even has space for sponsors



to advertise. With the newest event, the Copper Island Swim, the swim buoys will provide a visible and safe course layout on the busy Shuswap Lake. Shuswap Lake has heavy boat traffic, which requires additional safety protocols.

These buoys allow the club to layout this course for swimmers to follow and a clear visible indicator to boat traffic that a race is underway.

KAMLOOPS TSUNAMI SUMMER SWIM CLUB

The Kamloops Tsunami Summer Swim Club was able to purchase 2 waterproof and lockable storage units, training equipment (flippers, kick boards and pull buoys) multiple stopwatches as well as a records board with the \$2,625 grant. These items are essential to continue a high level of training and being competitive within the Okanagan region as well as in the province at the British Columbia Summer Swimming Association (BCSSA) Provincial Championships.

KAMLOOPS WATERSKI CLUB

The \$8,189 grant was to purchase equipment to be used for both adaptive waterskiing and youth development waterski jumping. The purchase of this equipment allows for the growth of waterskiing as a sport and gives opportunities to youth and individuals who would otherwise be unable to participate in the sport of waterskiing. The equipment was:

- Adaptive Intermediate slalom ski
- Adaptive cage
- Jump skis with bindings
- Jump suits (2 sizes)
- Jump helmets (2 sizes)

The club also purchased specialized

buoys to use at the 2021 Waterski Provincial Championship.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, most of the equipment was unable to be used in 2020. However, the KWSC is anticipating putting all this equipment to good use in the following years and seeing more development and performances by club members and program participants. Planning is already underway for 2021 events in which all the equipment will be used.

The equipment purchased is expected to last many years (20+) and provides an excellent foundation from which to expose people of all ages and physical limitations to the sport of waterskiing for years to come.

KIDSPORT KAMLOOPS CHAPTER

KidSport Kamloops is a chapter of the national not-for-profit organization that provides financial assistance within School District 73 for sport registration fees and equipment to kids aged 18 and under.

The local chapter is a dedicated volunteer committee, which solely relies on donations to assist financially disadvantaged youth. The 2020 grant of \$15,000 supports this work and the community is encouraged to also step and help. As noted by many of the community impact reports, a significant number of the local sports organizations were either inactive or restricted.

This resulted in a reduction of numbers to 91 kids participating in the program for a total commitment of \$38,693. More information regarding the operation of the chapter as well as a source for donations is available at www.kidsport.ca/kamloops.

McARTHUR ISLAND CURLING CLUB

The McArthur Island Curling Club received \$6,500 in funding to purchase

much needed equipment. Roughly half of the money was spent to purchase painting equipment for use during the ice installations. In the past they had relied on borrowing the necessary gear from the City of Kamloops and other ice makers.

Last year, the pump for painting broke down as well and was unable to be repaired. With the purchase of a new pump, mixing barrel, agitator, and fittings, they are now self sufficient with regards to the ice installations. The high-quality equipment should benefit for the rest of the time as an operating curling club.

The remainder of the grant money was spent on replacing and updating the supply of rental equipment. The club now has a broad assortment of shoes, brooms, and grippers in excellent condition. They have enough stock to accommodate rental groups of any size up to the capacity of the club. This was especially beneficial this year.

Due to COVID-19 and the additional cleaning and sanitization requirements, they were able to issue all the Learn to Curl

customers their own equipment, which they were able to use for the duration of their program without needing to share with others. This reduced the risk of transmission of the virus between users of the rink.

PACIFICSORT INTERIOR BC

The PacificSport Centres are a network of not-for-profit organizations committed to enriching lives and energizing communities via sport, physical activity, and physical literacy across BC. A legacy of the 1993 Canada Summer Games hosted in Kamloops.

PacificSport Interior BC is a regional sport hub created to lead athlete, coach, and community sport services as far north as 100 Mile House; northeast to Sun Peaks, Barriere and Clearwater; east to Salmon Arm and Sicamous, and southwest to Lytton.

In partnership with the viaSport Regional Alliance, PacificSport Interior BC aims to increase awareness, opportunity and participation in physical activity and sport – from playground to podium – while

| COACHING DEVELOPMENT GRANTS: \$65,000 | 2021 | 2009-2020 |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| Kamloops Canoe and Kayak Club | 5,000 | 60,000 |
| Kamloops Classics Swim Club | 2,500 | 25,000 |
| Kamloops Gymnastics and Trampoline Centre | 12,500 | 90,500 |
| Kamloops Long Blades Association | 10,000 | 120,000 |
| Kamloops Collegiate Baseball Society | 10,000 | 120,000 |
| Kamloops Track and Field Club | 10,000 | 120,000 |
| KATTS (no longer active) | | 5,000 |
| Overlander Ski Club | 5,000 | 60,000 |
| Sun Peaks Alpine Ski Club | 5,000 | 60,000 |
| Thompson Okanagan Diving Training Centre | | 60,000 |
| TRU Athletics (Basketball) | 5,000 | 60,000 |
| TOTALS | 65,000 | 775,000 |

enhancing access to coaching and athletic programs.

A variety of programs and services are offered to support sport initiatives at all stages of the Canadian Sport for Life (CS4L) continuum in the region.

The 2020 grant of \$70,000 is matched funding directed to coaching development and ancillary support.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual \$10,000 funded to assist travel grants for athletes attending national championships and world events was not utilized. All the funds for coaching grants are fully leveraged by either the local or provincial sport organizations or the athletes themselves. They are not only funding upper-level development and performance but provide the participating organizations with much needed grass roots support that significantly enhances their capacities. See chart on previous page for the coaching development component grant contribution of \$65,000.

PROHOP BASKETBALL CLUB

The club was granted \$1,428 for the purchase of a dedicated computer and printer to support its program. It certainly was a year unlike any other. They could not

operate the age class club team programs in the Spring nor the annual tournament in May. However, during the summer, with the move to phase 2 sport activities, they did conduct some small group training and a four day 'camp' at the end of August.

With the move to phase 3 COVID-19 restricted activities in the Fall, the club operated 8-week 'mini-leagues' that gave high school aged boys and girls the opportunity to train and play games.

SENIOR TABLE TENNIS ACTIVITY CLUB

The \$1,080 grant provided the opportunity for the club to purchase a table tennis robot, which is a training aid to replicate an opponent by launching ping-pong balls at varying speeds, spins and locations on the table. The popularity of the sport, based at Desert Gardens, was growing until restricted in March by the pandemic.

SPIRIT WARRIORS SOCIETY

The Spirit Warriors Dragon Boat Team is a 30+ member women's paddling group made up of breast cancer survivors. The \$1,280 in funding has been a significant contribution to improving the team's status through first aid courses, Boatsmart Canada licences and the purchase of paddles. Unfortunately, the team was not able to get into the boats this year because of the social distancing requirements.

TEAM HAFELI JUNIOR CURLING

The \$1,924 grant was used for apparel and participation in a CurlBC high-virtual performance training program. The original allocation was to include a summer training camp and practice ice time. The season was pre-empted by the pandemic.

THOMPSON BLAZERS MAJOR MIDGET HOCKEY TEAM (UNDER 18)

This year's allocation of \$5,484 provided the opportunity to purchase a professional portable skate sharpener. This equipment was a significant addition to the Thompson Blazers U18 and has allowed them to sharpen skates on the fly during practices and games. With the new equipment, no longer are players removed from the game if they need their skates sharpened. It takes only a few minutes to repair or sharpen a skate and the player is right back into the game or practice.

The sharpener is used every day and it becomes handy during try-out camps. This year they had over 80 players attend the U18 camp. The skate sharpener provides the best possible set up for players and allows the team to provide the professional service so that players can perform and play at their best level.

THOMPSON MINOR MIDGET HOCKEY TEAM (UNDER 16)

Their new skate sharpener has also been an invaluable asset to the team and will continue to be a helpful benefit for many years. Only a few teams at this level have a portable sharpener, which has allowed them to elevate the program to provide the best possible environment for the players.

THOMPSON RIVERS INTERIOR PADDLING SOCIETY

With the grant of \$8,900, TRIPS was able to purchase:

- 16-foot Clipper Prospector Canoe
- 17-foot Clipper Prospector Canoe
- 40 Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)
- 16 Canoe Paddles
- 2 Emergency Throw Rope/Bags

The club was also impacted by the

COVID-19 pandemic, as all planned activities were cancelled due to a lack of liability insurance coverage and reluctance of members to partake in group activities and expose themselves to the increased risk of contracting the virus.

They are looking forward to re-engaging with members and planning for a robust 2021 paddling season with the addition of the two new canoes and enough new PFDs and paddles to accommodate all the recreational members.

TRU WOLFPACK (ATHLETICS)

The Sports Legacy Fund support of \$25,000 in scholarships for TRU athletes continues to be leveraged by a further \$15,000 contribution by the university. The initial \$10,000 is restricted to Kamloops and Region athletes. The funds are used to recruit and retain deserving student athletes and provide support at a time when there is a high degree of financial uncertainty in their lives.

This year, 14 athletes received a scholarship from this fund. "This past year has been a difficult one for many of us – student-athletes, our programs, and TRU – but your continued support has brought us much needed stability and the certainty we need to continue to operate our athletic program." – *Curtis Atkinson-Director, Athletics and Recreation*

Student-Athlete Appreciation "I am very grateful for receiving the Kamloops Sports Legacy award because it has allowed me to focus on my academics while also being able to enjoy playing soccer. The award has taken great pressure off in terms of my finances and I want to thank the Kamloops Sports Legacy Fund again for supporting me and other student athletes!" – *Cassie Morris, TRU Women's Soccer.*



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