

St. Paul RAGE Volleyball Club

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Dear County Council Members

On behalf of the athletes, coaches and parents of the U15 Girls Rage club volleyball team, please accept the following letter as a request for support. I will begin by giving you background information into the formation of our club and then continue to describe what our season entails.

Our club team consists of 14 girls aged 12 – 15 who attend school at 3 of our division schools: Racette, Mallaig and Glen Avon. Our coaches are long time residents of the County of St. Paul and 9 out of the 14 athletes live within county limits. Therefore you can be confident that your support will be directly affecting county residents.

Our club began its debut in December 2011. With minimal equipment, borrowed jerseys and difficulty securing prime gym space we practiced faithfully every two weeks. We attended 2 premier tournaments in Edmonton where we exceeded our expectations.

The club volleyball season starts in December and runs through to May. Our athletes are dedicated and spend much of their time juggling other commitments. Their passion for the sport is evident in the commitment to practices and attendance at the 3 premier tournaments in either Calgary or Edmonton. Teams need to participate at the Premier tournaments in order qualify and be seeded into provincials - which take place in Calgary.

As our club is very young in its development we are finding ourselves incurring one time set up team costs. As parents of athletes we understand that when we enroll our children in these elite sports that we will incur and are willing to pay for many out of pocket expenses such as travel and accommodations. We believe that this is our responsibility. But as a club we would like to provide the athletes with the basic equipment needed to train and excel just as other big city teams. Therefore your support would go directly into team associated costs such as jerseys and equipment.

We would truly appreciate any level of support that you could offer our club, which would directly affect the set up, development and sustainability of our team. Volleyball is extremely vibrant in the area and our talented athletes deserve the right to participate in large, competitive tournaments in Alberta regardless of their home location. We are very excited to begin this year, to see what our talented coaches and players can deliver this season.

If you have any questions regarding the development or operations of our team please do not hesitate to contact myself at your convenience. Once again we thank you for your consideration into this request. Your support will not go unnoticed within our club and within the community.

Regards,

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