

**Subject: Wood Buffalo Sport Connection Contract Extension Request****APPROVALS:****Jamie Doyle**\_\_\_\_\_  
Director\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo extend the term of grant agreement with the Wood Buffalo Sport Connection Society from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2022.

**Summary & Background:**

The Wood Buffalo Sport Connection Society (WBSC) is a social profit organization dedicated to sport development in the region. The organization was approved for multi-year funding in 2017 in the amount of \$604,071 to be transferred from the Games Legacy reserve. On July 11, 2017, Council passed a resolution approving a grant of \$604,071 for a term of three years. Administration is in support of the request for a two-year extension, with the new term ending on December 31, 2022, providing the organization time to carry out planned activities that could not proceed in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

To date, the WBSC has been allocated \$529,847 of the grant, with \$74,224 remaining. The WBSC has complied with all reporting requirements to date.

Some notable achievements of how the funding has been spent to date include hosting a Coach's Round Table, organizing the Parade of Champions and Rogers Hometown Hockey and helping to organize Get Involved Wood Buffalo. The Board of Directors held their Annual General Meeting on December 16, 2020, where they voted in new board members and presented their program plan for 2021, in line with their strategic objectives.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

- Council set the term of the grant in its resolution in July 2017, therefore Council would be required to change the term
- The Wood Buffalo Sport Connection has laid a solid foundation by establishing a

registered non-profit society, Society Bylaws, Policies and Procedures and a solid strategic plan in alignment with the Wood Buffalo and Region Sport Strategic Plan.

- The organization has complied with all reporting requirements as per their Grant Agreement
- 2020 was a challenging year due to COVID-19
- WBSC will show significant progress on their deliverables in 2021/22 and secure future funding
- In 2021/22 WBSC plan to develop their Sport Information Office, develop People in Sport (coaches, officials, athletes) and work on Sport Advocacy campaigns

**Strategic Priorities:**

Responsible Government  
Regional Economic Development

**Attachments:**

**1. Wood Buffalo Sport Connect Letter of Request for Extension**