

DELEGATION REQUEST

Names of persons speaking: Gavin Arthur, Meagan Roberge, Helen Oliphant

Organization you are representing: Comox Valley Ringette Association

Primary purpose of the organization: Youth sport

Number of members: 80

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Subject matter: A review of ice allocation policies to ensure that new user groups and user groups with increasing enrollment have access to ice. The existing system does not ensure growth for sports and gender equity for girls and women who want to participate in an ice sport that isn't hockey. Specific request of the regional district, if any (i.e. letter of support, funding):

For two years minor hockey lent us ice as our enrollment increased and theirs decreased. This year they have decided not to do that as COVID has changed how many kids can be on the ice which we completely understand. However, for 10 years we have been asking the CVRD for more ice time for our youth players and have not been given any more permanent ice despite growth each year. This means that this year we will have to have 4 teams and kids ages 5-16 in one 1.5 hour slot. We have addressed this with the sports center in emails and at ice allocation meetings to no avail. The current system allows groups to retain ice times forever and loan it out if they can't use it. We are hoping the CVRD will review their ice allocation policies not just for us and our long term growth for girls in sport but also for any new used groups that may apply for ice in the future. We look forward to talking with you as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Requested meeting date: As soon as possible or September 15th meeting