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Subject: Victoria Invictus Games 2022

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Dear Mayor Desjardins—

Please find attached a letter from Peter Lawless, President of the Invictus Victoria Sport Society, asking for Esquimalt assistance with our bid to host the 2022 Games.

Happy to answer any questions about the bid or to speak in front of council if necessary.

Sincerely,

Keith



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January 28, 2019

Township of Esquimalt
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RE: Invictus Games 2022 - Request for Financial Support for Bid

Dear Mayor Desjardins and Council

It is with great pleasure I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the Invictus Victoria Sports Society to ask for your support to help fund a bid to host the 2022 Invictus Games in our beautiful region. Our Bid is due in London, England on March 29, 2019 and there is little time to get all the required work done. Our immediate challenge is funding the creation and development of the formal Bid including the plan for hosting the Invictus Games. Our estimate for the creation of the required plan is approximately \$70,000.

We are asking Esquimalt to contribute \$5,000 towards this cost.

The Invictus Victoria Sports Society has been formed not only to bid and host the 2022 Invictus Games but with an eye towards building, through the vehicle of the Invictus Games, a lasting legacy of programs and services available to ill and injured servicemen and servicewomen in our region. We are strongly committed to hosting a fantastic event fully in keeping with the vision of His Royal Highness that focuses not on winning medals but in challenging participants and spectators to use the spirit of Invictus to continuously challenge each of us to strive for improvement. We also wish to use the Invictus Games as a focal point for our region to continue the conversation around mental health and to embrace the vision that Prince Harry has articulated so as to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Esquimalt residents both in and out of the military community.

As home to the Royal Canadian Navy's Pacific Fleet, and former site of the XV Commonwealth Games, our region is uniquely positioned as a host city for the Invictus Games. Victorians also bring a long legacy of sports volunteering and out and indoor sports venues ready for world class competition. We are proud of our sporting accomplishments, our volunteerism and our military forces. It has been over twenty years since a major games has occurred in Greater Victoria. It is now the right time for the region to commit to the outstanding opportunity the Invictus Games offers to all of us.



The Invictus Victoria Sports Society's board of Directors currently consists of community, business, military and sport leaders from Greater Victoria.

- President - Peter Lawless – Vice President Canadian Olympic Committee, Lawyer
- Members – Colin Ewart - President BC Colleges; Keith Wells, Executive Director Greater Victoria Sport Tourism Commission; Robert Bettauer - CEO PISE; Alison Noble – Director Operations 2017 Invictus Games; Clint Hamilton - Athletic Director, UVic; Lisa Hill- Senior Vice President, Raymond James; LCdr David Dallin - EA to Deputy Commander Royal Canadian Navy

We are incredibly excited to have formed this team and to be seeking your direct financial support so that we can accomplish our twin goals of first earning the right to host the 2022 Invictus Games and then to delivering to the participants of the Invictus Games and the residents of Esquimalt a spectacular and life affirming experience that will live on far past the closing ceremonies.

I look forward to hearing from you at your early convenience and note that should you have any questions I can be reached by email at prelawless@me.com or by phone at 250-480-8473.

Sincerely,

Peter Lawless.
President, Invictus Victoria Sports Society

CC. Board of Directors, Invictus Victoria Sports Society