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Recreation Grant Task Force Committee  
c/o City of Whitehorse  
Attn: Recreation Services - Keri Rutherford  
2121 Second Avenue  
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 1C2

**Re: Tennis Yukon's application for Mount McIntyre Recreation Area Outhouse Project**

Dear Ms Rutherford:

This letter is in support of Tennis Yukon's application for a grant to cover half the cost of renting an outhouse located adjacent to the organization's Mount McIntyre tennis courts.

The outhouse is an essential component of this recreation area as it serves the needs of not only tennis and pickleball players, but also those who use the amazing trail system of the immediate area, such as walkers, runners and mountain bikers. Dirt n' Soul Mountain Bike Skills Park users, and City of Whitehorse day camp participants, who access the area from the Canada Games Centre (CGC), also make use of this outhouse.

The Mount McIntyre Recreation Centre's washrooms are not available to the general public and recreational users of the area during the May 1 to August 31 period, and it is unreasonable to suggest that users make use of the CGC washrooms, which are some distance away.

Due to the current COVID situation, summer 2020 and winter (2020/21) use of the Mount McIntyre area has increased dramatically, and it is expected that this increase will continue to be mirrored in the coming summer months. As more people are now realizing the benefits that outdoor recreation provides, it is obvious that even after the COVID threat has diminished, both winter and summer use of the area will continue to expand, and the necessity for outhouse accessibility will become increasingly apparent.

As you may know, Tennis Yukon, Active Trails Whitehorse Association, the Contagious Mountain Bike Club, Boreale Mountain Biking, Athletics Yukon and the Whitehorse Cross-Country Ski Club have contributed to the cost of renting and cleaning an outhouse since 2015. Unfortunately, cleaning costs have significantly increased due to heavy use of the outhouse, putting additional financial pressure on all groups who support this much-needed facility.

Active Trails Whitehorse Association is strongly in favour of this project and recommends the approval of Tennis Yukon's grant application.

Yours sincerely,

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