

July 11, 2024

RE: Hosting Ontario 2025 55+ Summer Games in Greater Sudbury

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the GSDC Board of Directors to express our support for Greater Sudbury's bid to host the 2025 Ontario 55+ Summer Games here in our community. To demonstrate our support, I am pleased to note that at our regular meeting held yesterday, the GSDC Board unanimously passed a motion in favor of supporting the 55+ Summer Games with a contribution of \$90,000, recognizing the significance of these Games for our city with its projected economic impact of \$1.5 million as well as its long-term community benefits.

In addition, the GSDC Board would be happy to consider additional contributions for capital investments that may be required to prepare the City's leisure and sports facilities for this hosting opportunity, and we're pleased to work with the City of Greater Sudbury to support the Games through our available resources.

We believe that the Ontario 55+ Summer Games hosting opportunity aligns with our City's objectives under Economic Capacity and Investment Readiness as well as Community Vibrancy as outlined in the *Strategic Plan 2019-2027*. The positive impact of such events creates awareness of Greater Sudbury and positions us competitively to continue to attract larger scale events by building our hosting resume and strengthening our sport tourism portfolio.

We wish every success to the City of Greater Sudbury and the Province for the 2025 Ontario 55+ Summer Games and we look forward to welcoming participants, athletes and their families to our community next year.

Thank you for considering our endorsement of this important initiative.

Sincerely,



Jeff Portelance
Chair, Greater Sudbury Development Corporation

