



Via: Email

February 4, 2019

To whom it may concern,

**Re: Fort St. James Kraft Hockeyville Application**

The District of Fort St. James is a small community in northern British Columbia with a passion for hockey you won't find anywhere else! Our community spends countless hours on the ice, whether on outdoor rinks, Stuart Lake, or The Fort Forum Arena.

Hockey is a sport which has brought our community together countless times to celebrate, build relationships, and remember lost community members. Hockey games are well attended events bringing hundreds community members together to cheer on local teams. Youth in our community are devoted to improving their hockey skills and spend most days working hard to achieve their dreams. When the Fort Forum Arena was unable to open for the 2018 fall season families drove an hour each way to neighbouring communities to practice and improve their game.

The Minor Hockey Association has worked hard to offer players the best coaching and playing experience they can offer for 48 years. Since November 1, 1970 the Fort Forum has been home to our community's passion for hockey and the Minor Hockey Association. Over the years the facility has become a beloved second home for many families. Generations of families have contributed their time and passion to building, improving and supporting our arena. The stories our community can tell, which highlight the significance of this focal point of winter activities, are endless.

Mayor and Council for the District of Fort St. James are proud to offer their support for the Fort St. James Minor Hockey Associations application to Kraft Hockeyville 2019 as we believe that the dedication they have shown the sport is unparalleled.

Yours truly,

Bev Playfair  
Mayor

cc: Minor Hockey Association