

Dear Mayor Williams—

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the **Victoria Military Sports Society**, I am writing to ask for your support for Greater Victoria's bid to host the 2022 Invictus Games.

As you may be aware, 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 in May 2022. The core municipalities in the Greater Victoria region have been asked to help fund the bid, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Victoria, Saanich, Langford, Esquimalt and Oak Bay have approached to contribute financially.

In lieu of financial assistance at this point, we are requesting letters of support from the other eight municipalities. Is it possible for you to deliver such a letter prior to March 15th?

No financial commitment is being asked for, **but if the Bid is successful, we will be asking municipalities to contribute a maximum of \$700,000 of the \$39M event budget.**

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

Can the Highlands please help us accomplish our goal of earning the right to host the 2022 Invictus Games?

We promise a spectacular and life-affirming experience for competitors—and a once-in-a-lifetime experience for spectators, that will live on far past the closing ceremonies.

Sincerely,

Keith Wells



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