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Mayor and Council
Town of Canmore
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Dear Mayor and Council;

Re: Recreation Facility Contribution Policy (2011)

BOWDA supports the Recreation Facility Contribution Policy (2011) as presented. Supporting the funding for Recreation Facilities is a significant component of building our community, which the building and development industry is very proud of. We acknowledge the positive effect that the recent MSI funding has had on the ability of our town to afford to build some additional facilities. In recent years it has helped keep the Recreation Levy affordable and manageable.

This policy was established approximately 15 years ago because the Town needed facilities that it could not afford to build on it's own. These facilities were needed due to the increased population resulting from new development. At that time, due to Provincial government budget cut backs, there was not a guarantee of grants. The building and development community agreed that the Town needed a formula to plan for recreation facilities and also have a financial plan to fund them from new development.

BOWDA understands that the editorial changes to the Policy regarding grant applications clarify the existing practice. Grants such as the MSI funding are applied to specific projects, and thus the way that the Schedule of Recreation Facility Projects Costs and Contributions has allocated the MSI grant for the Multiplex takes into consideration that the grant was intended for a specific project.

The attached list of projects that the Recreation Facility Contribution Policy has helped to build since 2005 is an excellent reminder of the success of this initiative, and demonstrates how the Town of Canmore and the building and development industry work co-operatively.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Remple". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ron Remple
Executive Director

List of Recreation Facilities Funded by Recreation Facilities Contribution Policy
2005 to 2010

Year	Description	Amount
2005	CP#1427 Rec Centre Redevelopment	\$ 198,997
2006	CP#1427 Rec Centre Redevelopment	\$ 2,364,702
2007	CP#1427 Rec Centre Redevelopment	\$ 1,537,551
2008	CP#1427 Rec Centre Redevelopment	\$ 15,062
	CP#1828 Vault Toilets - CC/ET/Mineside	\$ 60,000
	CP#1829 Mountain Bike Terrain Park	\$ 32,269
	CP#1877 Centennial Park Sportsfield	\$ 1,281
2009	CP#1829 Mountain Bike Terrain Park	\$ 502
	CP#1877 Centennial Park Sportsfield	\$ 8,719
	CP#1902 - Multiplex	\$ 160,046
	CP#1923 Skateboard Park Redevelopment	\$ 150,000
	CP#1924 Centennial Park Redevelopment	\$ 5,580
2010	CP#1924 Centennial Park Redevelopment	\$ 94,845
	CP#1017 Centennial Park Redevelopment	\$ 100,000
		\$ 4,729,554