Letter of Intent

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FOR
THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF SPORT IN WINNIPEG

Whereas….

The City of Winnipeg, the Winnipeg Community Sport Alliance, the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Manitoba Physical Education Supervisors Association and Sport Manitoba all believe that:

- sport helps to strengthen our community by: building social capital, strengthening family bonds, helping newcomers to integrate more quickly, fostering greater inclusion of people with disabilities and supporting the renewal of Aboriginal culture.
- sport enhances academic achievement, teaches positive values and life skills, prevents crime and gang involvement and empowers girls.
- sport provides opportunities for physical activity helps tackle obesity, prevents and manages chronic disease, enhances mental health, promotes healthy aging and has the potential to reduce overall health care costs.

And Whereas…

All parties wish to collaborate in the development of a shared Winnipeg Community Sport Policy that will:

- include the vision, mission and principles that will set the direction for the development and delivery of community sport in Winnipeg
- acknowledge and identify the roles and responsibilities of all partners and stakeholders.
- establish an ongoing process for the partners and stakeholders to continue planning to coordinate the development and delivery of sport in Winnipeg.

And Whereas All Parties Agree that…

The development of a Winnipeg Community Sport Policy should be guided by the following principles:

- Partners and stakeholders will work collaboratively towards a common vision of a "True Sport" community in Winnipeg.
- The knowledge and expertise of partners and stakeholders will guide the future direction and development of sport in Winnipeg.
- A shared knowledge and understanding of the various roles of Winnipeg's sport partners in the delivery of sport/active living.
- A framework will be laid out to increase and complement the health and wellness of Winnipeg citizens by having more residents introduced to a quality "Sport for Life" experience.
- A network will be built to enable the coordination of quality sport/active living programs and initiatives in Winnipeg.
- Sport will be accessible, welcoming and socially inclusive for all citizens of all ages, all abilities and all socio-economic backgrounds.
- Multi-sport participation for young athletes will be encouraged and promoted.
- Continually build facility development and human resource capacity related to the needs of organizations within the delivery of sport/active living.

To use the following areas of emphasis as the focus points for engaging sport's partners, key stakeholder organizations and the public at large:

- Physical Literacy for All
- Active for Life
- Striving for Achievement and Excellence
- Quality Volunteers and Facilities
- Shared Collaborative Leadership
- Coordinated Planning and Ongoing Interaction

Therefore….

All partners and stakeholders agree to engage their organizations as well as their members, partner organizations and/or constituents in discussions regarding their roles in supporting the development and/or responsibilities in the delivery of sport in Winnipeg. The partners and stakeholders have read and are in agreement with the framework discussion paper as presented.

Signed on behalf of the:

City of Winnipeg Community Services Department

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Date: _____

Winnipeg Community Sport Alliance

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