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March 6, 2020

Letter of Support - Club De Canotage D'Otterburn Park

Attn: Ville d'Otterburn Park

Regarding: Eviction of

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express Canoe Kayak Canada's strong support of the Club De Canotage D'Otterburn Park (CCOP) and to urge the Ville d'Otterburn Park to consider all options to ensure the CCOP can continue its work as a leading organization both within Otterburn Park and our sport community across Canada.

As I am sure you are aware, CCOP is a thriving Canoe Kayak club which successfully provides the opportunity for a diverse range of community members to get on the waters of the Richelieu River, and challenge themselves to grow through developing their water literacy, paddling skills and physical conditioning. It is important to note the success which CCOP has had in committing to a direction in its programming which is centered on development of community and a positive environment through C-15 (War Canoe) events. This past summer, at the CKC Sprint Nationals, CCOP finished 16th out of 39 clubs and impressively won six medals in C-15 events. This competitive resurgence of CCOP is a reflection of the dedication and support of the community around the club and is a hint of the potential which the club provides to the region and to Ville D'Otterburn Park specifically.

As one of the oldest clubs in the province of Quebec, Otterburn has been a leader in both developing community participation and high performance athletes, including Junior World Championship (Pierre-Luc Laliberte), Senior World Championship (Tessa DeSouza, Sarah-Jane Caumartin, Peter Marzell) and Olympic (Stephen Botting) Team members. Another important reflection of the impact and legacy of CCOP is evidenced through the trophies of our association, which are presented annually to winners at the National Championships. These trophies are dedicated to important individuals who have made a major impact in our sport. Of the seventy-four major CKC trophies, five have been dedicated in honour of CCOP members (George "Ginger" Powell Trophy (2013), F. K. Joseph Geisler Trophy (1959), Darren McPhee Memorial Trophy (2007), William (Bill) Cleevely Memorial Trophy (1995), G. Glen Adams Trophy (1976).

As CCOP looks ahead to its centenary year in 2021, Canoe Kayak Canada will join the club in celebrating the history of this organization and its important place in the history of our sport in Canada. We wish to reiterate our support for the club, and share

our sincere hope that the Ville d'Otterburn Park will consider all options available to ensure that this celebration will be both, a marking of the successful past of the club, but also a celebration of a stable future in which the positive impact of the club in the community can continue to flourish.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ian Mortimer".

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