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**City of Yellowknife
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City of Yellowknife and Elks Lodge #314 Sign Fieldhouse Contribution Agreement

Yellowknife, NT -

The City of Yellowknife and Yellowknife Elks Lodge #314 have agreed to the terms of a Contribution Agreement that will see the Elk's contributing \$560,000 toward the Fieldhouse project.

The contribution is specific to the development of a second floor, 526 m² indoor playground and multi-use space. The Elks Lodge is also contributing the cost of the indoor playground equipment. In return, the Elks will be recognized as the naming sponsor for the indoor playground and will have access to the second floor space for a twenty year period as a training facility for the 825 Yellowknife Elks Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron.

City of Yellowknife Mayor Gordon Van Tighem states "Once again the Elks have made a substantial contribution to the youth of Yellowknife. With their ongoing support to the Cadets and assistance to the play area Yellowknife is, yet again, extremely grateful for their ongoing kindness."

Frank Stapleton, Exalted Ruler, stated "The Yellowknife Elks Lodge #314 is very pleased to be able to partner with the City of Yellowknife in furthering recreational facilities for the youth of Yellowknife. The Lodge's contribution of \$560,000 towards the new Fieldhouse facility meets the Lodge's goal of developing a play area for the youth of the city and at the same time allows the Lodge to fulfill its mandate in finding a permanent home for the Yellowknife Air Cadet Squadron of which the Elks have been the sponsor since 1972."

There will be an official signing ceremony held at 11am on Friday, November 27th in the main lobby of City Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

For further information, please contact Grant White, Director of Community Services, at 920-5634.

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