## NANAIMO CLIPPERS JUNIOR 'A' HOCKE

Frank Crane Arena, Nanaimo, BC 250-72-CLIPS www.nanaimoclippers.com

Proud Member BCH



## #WHEREHISTORYBEGINS

Ian Thorpe Board Chair - Regional District of Nanaimo

Dear lan,

The Nanaimo Clippers Junior 'A' Hockey Club has submitted a bid for the 2021 National Junior A Ice Hockey Championship, which will take place May 8-22, 2021.

This event, known as the RBC Cup, is the biggest Junior A Ice Hockey event in all of Canada and will require the City of Nanaimo's support in order to be successful.

This is an excellent opportunity for the City of Nanaimo and surrounding areas too be placed on the sports map of Canada. It's also a tremendous opportunity for Central Vancouver Island to spinoff economic benefit for all. Indeed, the City of Chilliwack recently held this tournament in 2018 and the studies showed that the economic spinoff was \$2.5 Million to the City of Chilliwack.

This tournament will see four top-level Junior A hockey teams come to Nanaimo, along with fans, media, friends, family, and scouts. The media coverage will give significant exposure to the City

We will be booking over 150 hotel rooms over the duration of the event along with booking all the team/official meals at local restaurants in Nanaimo and surrounding area.

During days off teams will be set to visit other communities and attractions around Central Vancouver Island and we will be working with all municipalities to make sure the teams, fans and visitors get to experience how great it is here.

In order to follow the Hockey Canada guidelines of financial investment and in keeping with Chilliwack (2018 hosts) and Brooks, Alberta (2019 hosts), we are requesting \$25,000 in funding from the Regional District of Nanaimo. We will also be requesting funding from the Province of BC, BC Hockey, local businesses and Tourism Nanaimo.

Please note that Wes Mussio, owner of the Nanaimo Clippers, will be providing substantial funding and support in order to ensure the economic viability of the tournament. All profits from this event, if any, will be left in Nanaimo to a legacy fund that is still yet to be determined.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thanks, Tali Campbell **Director of Business Operations** 

#WHEREHISTORYBEGINS