



Media Release

VERNON & AREA 2017 55+ BC GAMES SOCIETY
c/o 3310-37th Avenue
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Vernon & Area 2017 55+ BC Games Distributes Over \$65,000 in Legacy

The Vernon and Area games cash legacy of \$46,000 resulted from an overall surplus of \$92,000 with half of the funds being distributed in the area to local organizations and the other half being contributed to the BC Seniors Games Society. In addition to the cash legacy, there was over \$20,000 in-kind legacy provided to local organizations. The surplus was realized through the efficient management of the event budget and the generosity of over 140 local sponsors.

Following a very successful Vernon & Area 2017 55+ BC Games, the Local Host Society declared a Legacy Fund of approximately \$50,000 and announced that award amounts up to \$5,000 would be awarded to eligible organizations. Organizations in Greater Vernon, Armstrong and Spallumcheen that provide and promote sport, activities or events primarily for the 55+ community were eligible to receive grants or in-kind legacy items. A total of 22 applications were received from community groups.

“The committee did its due diligence and eventually narrowed down the applications to 13 successful recipients who will share the \$46,000 cash legacy. In addition, there are 13 organizations which received or will receive in-kind donations totaling over \$20,000 from the 55+ Games”, said Bruce Cummings Director of Sport for the Games.

Funding will be primarily to support the development of facilities, programs or services which promote an Active Healthy Lifestyle for active residents aged 55+. Funds must be used by December 31, 2018 and documented with a follow up report.

The Vernon & Area 2017 55+ BC Games were held September 12-16, 2017 with over 3500 athletes and 1365 volunteers taking part in the games.

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The following organizations received funding or in kind legacy.

Armstrong District Fish & Game Association \$5,005 - \$1,900 cash \$3,105 in kind (targets)

Armstrong & District Curling Club \$2,500 cash

Armstrong Seniors Activity Centre \$2,849 cash

City of Vernon \$5,000 in kind (Bocce Courts in Polson Park)

Halina Seniors Centre \$5,000 cash

Greater Vernon Recreation Services \$805 in kind (two way radios)

North Okanagan Cycling Society \$4,370 cash

Okanagan Masters Soccer Association \$480 in kind (soccer balls)

Pleasant Valley Secondary School \$160 in kind (badminton nets)

Ribbons of Green Trails Society \$500 cash

Vernon Amateur Athletics \$12,200 - \$5,000 cash and \$7,200 in kind (track equipment)

Vernon Curling Club \$3,180 cash

Vernon Horseshoe Club \$3,650 - \$3,500 cash and \$150 in kind (horseshoes)

Vernon Kokanee Swim Club \$5,000 cash

Vernon Lawn Bowling Club \$4,806 - \$2,650 cash and \$2,156 in kind (portable score signs)

Vernon Pickleball Association \$5,721 - \$5,000 cash and \$721 in kind (nets, balls, clipboards)

Vernon Table Tennis Club \$750 in kind (table tennis tables and balls)

Vernon Tennis Association \$4,800 - \$4,500 cash and \$300 in kind (tennis balls)

Also donated in conjunction with the City of Vernon Safety Department

Okanagan Landing & District Community Association \$2,500 in kind (AED)

Vernon Horseshoe Club \$2,500 in kind (AED)

