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Burns Lake Soccer's Arboretum Trail

Dear Sir/Madam

The Burns Lake Youth Soccer Club is celebrating our 15th anniversary this spring and will be building an Arboretum Trail along the soccer fields. This trail will include kiosk, a gravel walkway and up to 50 Native trees of BC, each marked with an educational plaque. The completed trail will help beautify the area and provide an alternative walkway for people using the track as well as an educational experience. The trees will live for decades, even centuries, and providing long-term beautification to the area, a true legacy project.

Since this project allows the sponsorship of individual trees, I wanted to extend you the opportunity to take part in this legacy trail. I normally try not to canvass local businesses for support but since it is a unique opportunity I wanted to make sure you were aware of the project and if you're interested, to help us complete the trail.

The Burns Lake Soccer Club was established in 1997 and is the area's largest youth sport organization with 250 boys and girls, aged 4-17. Our main season is in the spring but drop-in soccer occurs summer-long and we support the high-school soccer teams. Our club is very active and provides a fantastic opportunity for youth to meet new friends, engage in healthy competition and develop important life skills. For many kids, soccer is the only organized sport they play and can afford. Community sports are a huge part of the social fabric and youth activities are one of the important considerations for people moving to, and staying in, our community. In many ways, the soccer club is as important for the parents as it is for the kids.

The club's long-term vision is to promote the sport of soccer and improve the facilities in the community and with so many users of the field area, the Arboretum trail was a chance to diversify and improve the fields. The total project cost is estimated at just over \$41,000 and includes a kiosk display and picnic table, as well as the construction of the walkway and planting of the saplings. Any funds in excess of trail costs will help the club continue providing soccer to the young people of Burns Lake. The trees will be 3-5m tall (10-16 feet), making an immediate impact and the combination of conifers and deciduous trees will make a colourful contribution to the area.

I really hope you will be able to contribute and please contact me if you need additional information or have any questions. The Village of Burns Lake and School District 91 are both in support of this project and it is likely this Arboretum Trail will form the cornerstone of an eventual village-wide trail network. More information is on our website, www.blsoccer.ca

Sincerely
Pat Brochez