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Mayor & Council

From: Mayor George Harvie
Sent: April 8, 2026 2:27 PM
To: Mayor & Council
Cc: Peter Weeber; Marcy Sangret; Mike Brotherston; Mayor-Admin
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From: Jenn Watts ED <execdirector@deltagymnastics.com>
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To: Mayor George Harvie <mayorharvie@delta.ca>
Subject: Request for Support - Seniors Can Move Program Funding

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Dear Mayor George Harvey,

As you are aware, and have been a valued supporter of in the past, our *Seniors Can Move* program has been successfully delivering free physical literacy programming for older adults in our community for several years through provincial funding. Your previous support has helped strengthen the program’s impact, and we are grateful for your ongoing commitment to the well-being of seniors in our community.

This program plays a vital role in helping older adults maintain mobility, independence, and social connection - particularly for those on fixed incomes who would otherwise be unable to participate.

This past year alone, we have been able to provide over 300 free program spots for seniors, many of whom would otherwise face financial barriers to participation.

We were recently informed that our application for provincial funding was not approved. As a result, many seniors will no longer be able to access or afford the program, leading to immediate and significant impacts on their physical health, social connection, and overall quality of life.

Given Council’s strong history of supporting seniors initiatives and advocating to the Province on important community priorities, we are reaching out to request your assistance in helping address this situation.

Specifically, we would greatly appreciate your support in:

- Providing a letter of support to the Province advocating for reconsideration of funding
- Considering a formal Council endorsement to strengthen our request
- Sharing any potential municipal or alternative funding opportunities we may be able to pursue

We would be pleased to provide a brief summary of program outcomes, participant stories, and community impact data to support these efforts.

Thank you again for your continued leadership and support of initiatives that keep our seniors healthy, active, and connected. I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you further at your convenience.

	<p>Jenn Watts Executive Director <i>"Where Kids Are First"</i> 604-943-0460 www.deltagymnastics.com</p>
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It is recommended that the Mayor, on behalf of Council, provide a letter in support of funding applications for Delta Gymnastics Society's Seniors Can Move program. Staff have also followed up with Delta Gymnastics Society to advise them of the upcoming intake for applications for a Delta Community Grant.

Jenn Watts
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