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City of Salmon Arm
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RE: Request for Approval and Support – SkateFest! Youth Event on September 6th, 2025

To Salmon Arm City Council and Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Launch! and the Shuswap Family Resource Centre, in partnership with the District Arts Council and Ashes Skateshop, I am writing to formally inform the City of Salmon Arm of our upcoming SkateFest! event and to respectfully request approval and municipal support for its execution.

SkateFest! is a free, youth-driven, community-centered celebration designed to bring vibrant, inclusive, and engaging activity to Salmon Arm. This event is envisioned as the beginning of what we hope will become an annual tradition that empowers youth, promotes creative expression, and encourages active lifestyles, as well as it fits nicely under the Small City, Big Ideas motto.

The event will feature:

- A skateboard competition with age categories ranging from 8 and under to 30 and under
- A live DJ, playing family-appropriate music throughout the day
- A curated collection of art, craft, food, and skateboard-related vendors
- A celebratory concert following the competition

All skateboarding participants will be REQUIRED to wear protective gear and sign liability waivers prior to competing, ensuring a safe and respectful environment for all.

Local food and beverage will be provided through Food Trucks and vendor tents, operated in accordance with local FoodSafe guidelines and pending the appropriate permits and approvals. At this time, we have not secured specific vendors as we are awaiting City approval before confirming any participation.

We also plan to provide amplified music through a DJ during the competition and through a celebratory concert following the event. The music will be family-friendly and we commit to adhering to the City's noise bylaw regulations. We will also notify nearby residents through local newspaper announcements and flyers, ensuring transparency and community cooperation.

Lastly, we respectfully request the ability to rent a stage for that area of Blackburn Park to hold the after-concert. Placement and size to be determined as to what would best fit in that area.

We are excited to bring this dynamic, youth-led initiative to Salmon Arm and appreciate your consideration and potential support in making SkateFest! a success. Please let us know if further documentation or a meeting is required to move forward with the approval process.

Warm regards,

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