

Grant gives TFN youth increased access to recreation programs

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Tsawwassen First Nation youths will now have increased access to recreational programs thanks to a grant from the True Sport Foundation.

The Delta Gymnastics Society received \$5,000 earlier this month to help ensure that youth from the TFN can now attend programming at the South Delta Recreation Centre as opposed to the on-site programs that had been provided before.

"This grant will enable us to bring Tsawwassen First Nation youth here," said Mark Friesen, executive director of the Delta Gymnastics Society. "We were limited in what we could do with their on-site equipment, this funding will change all of that."

"Programs like this can help to ensure that regardless of age, ability level or background, youth can access recreational and sport programming," added Friesen.

True Sport Community Fund grants are available to community-based sport and recreation organizations throughout Canada to help address issues of access and inclusion that prevent low income, new Canadian, and aboriginal children and youths aged 4 to 17, from participating in sports.

"Communities and community organizations have the power to ensure that sport lives up to its full potential - providing Canadians with the kind of sport they demand and deserve," said Rosemary Pitfield, spokesperson for the True Sport Foundation. "Sports can teach us about respect and fair play, and making sports accessible to children from many different backgrounds is important."

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