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Dear Prince George area skating members,

Over the past several months the BC Section took the initiative to encourage the Prince George FSC and the Spruce City SC to merge into one entity. With a city the size of Prince George this only made economic sense and of course from our perspective we know it to be the right thing to do for the skaters. There was terrific support and excitement from the coaches who see the value in working together to develop each child to their full potential. Our sport is complex and having a coaching staff with vision and energy and most importantly a willingness to work together towards a better athlete environment is very special.

Unfortunately, despite all the effort from many people, the process of a fair merge was unsuccessful. So, as we now understand the coaches of these two clubs have come together to keep this vision alive and we are thrilled to see their commitment to create a better environment for the skaters. It is still our desire and goal to see a Centre for Skating in the City of Prince George and we very much support the efforts of the coaches and volunteers and will stand by the evolving development process of such a Centre. We will provide human resource where required to use the experiences of the other two very successful Centre's of Excellence in BC (Burnaby and Kelowna) during this process.

We believe that it should not matter where you live in BC that the development of skating excellence should be possible. This takes dedicated volunteers, dedicated coaches and clear vision. Working together to be more than a normal club operation takes time and has a learning curve but we will provide guidance and support along the way.

We congratulate the courage and conviction of those moving forward.

Best regards,

Ted Barton
Executive Director

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