

**ATTACHMENT B
DRAFT LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR NANAIMO
EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION GRANT APPLICATION**

Horse Council of British Columbia
27336 Fraser Highway
Aldergrove, BC V4W 3N5

RE: Letter of Support for Nanaimo Equestrian Association Grant Application

Dear Grant Review Committee

The City of Nanaimo is pleased to provide this letter of support to the Nanaimo Equestrian Association to accompany their grant application for the Core Funding program offered by the Horse Council of BC. The City of Nanaimo is working together with the Nanaimo Equestrian Association on various projects to enhance and improve facilities at Beban Park in Nanaimo. The Nanaimo Equestrian Association operates and manages several facilities under a lease agreement with the City including barns, paddocks, an office and an Agriplex. The facilities are used to support various equestrian and non-equestrian programs and events for their membership as well as a variety of community organizations in Nanaimo and surrounding regions.

The City and Nanaimo Equestrian Association are in active discussions regarding the City hosting the 2025 British Columbia 55+ Summer Games. The event will encompass 32 sport competitions as well as cultural and social opportunities and will see up to 4,000 participants plus coaches and spectators attend the Nanaimo events. The games will be held from September 9-13,2025 at venues across the City.

The equestrian events will be held at the Nanaimo Equestrian facility at Beban Park, Nanaimo and 75 horse stalls will be needed for this event.

An Infrastructure & Equipment grant is needed to refurbish horse stall barns #1,#3 and #4 with the useable lumber from barn #2 which is being demolished as it is far beyond it life and is no longer safe for the general public and livestock.

If I can provide any additional information to help support the Nanaimo Equestrian Association grant application please contact us.

Sincerely,