



REQUEST FOR SUPPORT APPLICATION FORM

Date of Request	February 13, 2026
Organization/Group making the request	Nanaimo BMX Association
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Type of Support Requested (Select one)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Letter of Support in Principle <input type="radio"/> In-Kind Contribution <input type="radio"/> Partnership <i>Note: This policy is not applicable to requests for grant funding by the City, including Permissive Tax Exemption requests, or in-kind funding for facility rentals (see Grants Policy and Guidelines for further details)</i>

IF APPLICABLE:

Name of grant or program for which you are applying:

Cycling Canada sanctioned, Canada Cup and National Championship BMX event

Amount of Funding Requested: _____ Grant Due Date: _____

Grant Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Please provide an executive summary or short narrative that addresses each of the points outlined in the "Council Support policy". Include any supporting documents or materials and a detailed list of other funding partners (if applicable).

Please submit this form, with accompanying materials, to the attention of the Corporate Officer, Legislative Services, City of Nanaimo, 455 Wallace St. Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6, or by email to: legislative.servicesoffice@nanaimo.ca

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Nanaimo BMX Association

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Nanaimo, BC V9T 6J9

Executive Summary

To: Mayor and City Council, City of Nanaimo

From: Nanaimo BMX Association

Date: 02/13/2026

Subject: Request for City of Nanaimo Letter of Endorsement — Canada Cup and Canadian National Championship BMX Event Application

The Nanaimo BMX Association respectfully requests a **Letter of Endorsement** from the **City of Nanaimo** in support of our application to host **BMX Canada Cup and Canadian National BMX Championships** in **2027** and **2028**.

These national-level events, sanctioned by **Cycling Canada**, would bring elite athletes, coaches, and families from across Canada to our community—showcasing Nanaimo as a leading destination for sport tourism and community engagement.

Nanaimo BMX successfully won the bid to host a BMX Canada Cup event in 2026, and we hope to build on this success by hosting additional Canada Cup events in 2027 and 2028.

In addition to bidding for Canada Cup events, Nanaimo BMX is seeking support for our bid for the **Canadian National BMX Championships**.

It has been more than a decade since the National Championships were held in British Columbia, and our new facility and strong community support make us an ideal candidate to bring this event back to BC.

With both the **2028 Olympics** and **2028 BMX World Championships** being held in North America, these Canada Cup and National Championship events will be essential qualifying races for Canadian athletes hoping to compete on the world's biggest stages.

Our facility, located in **Beban Park**, provides convenient access to transportation, accommodations, and family-friendly amenities—making it an ideal site for hosting these events. The club's all-volunteer organization has a proven record of successfully hosting **BMX Canada Nationals**, **provincial qualifiers**, and large-scale community events, all supported by strong partnerships with the **City of Nanaimo** and local sponsors.

Cycling BC and **Cycling Canada** have expressed support for our bid, citing Nanaimo BMX's strong organizational capacity, upgraded facilities, and history of hosting successful competitions.

Hosting these events will:

- Stimulate **local economic activity** through sport tourism
- Showcase **Nanaimo's recreation and hospitality sector** on a national stage
- Inspire **youth participation** in healthy, community-based sport
- Strengthen Nanaimo's profile as a **premier cycling hub** in Western Canada

We respectfully request that the **City of Nanaimo provide a formal Letter of Endorsement** to accompany our application to **Cycling Canada**. Your support will be instrumental in securing these prestigious national events for our city and community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Hashimoto', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Craig Hashimoto
President]
Nanaimo BMX Association

City of Nanaimo

[Date]

Cycling Canada
Selection Committee
307A Gilmour Street, Ottawa, ON K2P 0P7

Re: Endorsement of Nanaimo BMX Association to Host a Canada Cup Event and Canadian National Championship

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of The City of Nanaimo, I am pleased to provide this letter of endorsement in support of the **Nanaimo BMX Association's application to host a Canada Cup event and Canadian National Championship** in 2027 and 2028.

The Nanaimo BMX Association has a long and respected history in Canadian BMX, having been established in 1986 and serving riders from across Vancouver Island for nearly four decades. The club is volunteer-driven, family-focused, and committed to providing opportunities for athletes of all ages and skill levels.

In 2025, Nanaimo BMX completed a **\$1.9 million facility redevelopment**, led by Olympic BMX track builder Tom Ritz Design. This investment has transformed the track into a premier competition venue featuring:

- A **5-metre start hill** and **Pro Start Barrel Gate**
- A **Pro Set** with technical features suitable for elite riders
- A recycled concrete/asphalt foundation sealed for durability, making it **Vancouver Island's only year-round BMX track**

The facility is located within **Beban Park**, one of Nanaimo's central community recreation hubs, offering easy access to transportation, accommodations, and amenities for visiting teams and spectators.

Nanaimo BMX has a proven record of successfully hosting **provincial championships, national-level competitions, and large community events**, consistently supported by dedicated volunteers and strong partnerships with the City of Nanaimo, local sponsors, and the greater BMX community.

We are confident that Nanaimo BMX has both the **facilities and organizational capacity** to deliver Canada Cup and Canadian National Championship events that meets the highest standards of competition while showcasing the sport to new audiences on Vancouver Island.

For these reasons, The City of Nanaimo strongly endorses the Nanaimo BMX Association as a host for upcoming Canada Cup and Canadian National Championship events. We encourage

Cycling Canada to award this opportunity to Nanaimo BMX, knowing it will provide athletes, families, and spectators with an outstanding racing experience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
[Name]
[Title/Position]
City of Nanaimo

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