



**GRAND FORKS CURLING CLUB**  
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**LETTER OF INTENT**

As a follow-up to an email requesting additional documentation and information, please accept this 'Letter of Intent' as part of the Grand Forks Curling Club's application to transition from a Liquor Primary Club License to a Liquor Primary License, as per (LCLB129).

The primary focus of the Grand Forks Curling Club is to promote the sport of curling to all the residences of Grand Forks and surrounding area. The Club is actively involved in the community and has been promoting the recreational and social aspect of the game of curling for 110 years. We hope to be able to continue doing so for the foreseeable future. Our member base includes curlers aged from pre-teen to nonagenarians, ranging in skill sets from novice to competitive, able-bodied to stick curlers and Special Olympians, with ten different leagues running Monday to Friday, with ice available for rent on Saturday, and free drop-in curling on Sunday. We also have a very active school and junior program. Over the years, a number of Grand Forks Curlers have curled competitively at both the provincial and national level.

Grand Forks is a small town with a limited number of liquor licensed rental facilities that have space for functions of 75 guests or more. In addition to that, the Flood Disaster that hit Grand Forks this spring has compounded this limitation. Some of the rental facilities that had been open for public functions are now condemned or closed as a result, thus making rental access of the Curling Club that much more urgent. Some of these functions are: Christmas and Halloween Parties, New Years Eve Galas, Not-for-Profit Fundraisers, Weddings, Anniversaries, Celebrations of Life Memorials, Reunions, Community, Business and Industry Award Presentations and other similar events. The transition to a Liquor Primary License (Recreational Facility) from a Liquor Primary Club License would make it much easier for the Curling Club to both meet and better serve the needs of the community of Grand Forks. When the Liquor Primary License transition has been completed, the Grand Forks Curling Club, besides having the space to accommodate up to 180 persons, a commercial kitchen for meal preparation, and a dance floor, would have a fully functioning lounge that would be open to the public. Besides being able to enjoy watching local curlers curl and having a libation, the public would also be able to watch sports on the large screen TV, play a game of table top curling or a friendly game of cards. (1)

Historically, the Curling Club lounge has been used as a multi-use facility when the bar is closed. Business, community and industry meetings, hockey and curling coaching clinics, curling strategy sessions, Chamber of Commerce activities, Red Cross Disaster Relief updates, Health Care seminars, Fall Fair displays, and quilting workshops are all activities that have used the lounge space.


The Curling Club currently runs a full concession with hot and cold snacks and beverages as part of the bar activity. Pre-packaged food would be available and short order meals could be provided upon request. One of our employees, a licensed caterer, has been providing a full meal one evening every week. This service may be expanded if requested by the community.

The Curling Rink, as a physical structure, is part of the community recreational area which includes: hockey arena, swimming pool, Sk8 board park, slow-pitch softball fields, and the Grand Forks International Baseball diamond. Due to the geographical location of the Curling Club, and the fact that the overall operating format would not be changing under the new Liquor License it is not anticipated that there would be any increase of noise in the surrounding community. The Curling Club maximum capacity would be increased to 180, and changed from 'patron' to 'person', to reflect the removal of the Club status, and the necessity of having all guests signed in. The hours of operation would not be changed.

The only additional consideration that the Curling Club would like as part of this transition is the 'Unaccompanied minor access and participation condition for a Recreation Centre'. At present, the current Club Liquor License permits our curling members who are minors into the lounge area, which is the main ice surface viewing area, unaccompanied until 10:00 p.m. Many of our Junior Curlers are improving their skills and strategies by actively participate in the evening adult leagues. It is very important that these minors be permitted to the lounge area to, not only view other games, but to discuss the strategy and challenges of the game with their adult competitors.

The sooner that this transition can be completed, the easier it would be for the Grand Forks Curling Club to meet some of the needs of citizens of Grand Forks, and the community as a whole. To continue to survive as a Curling Club with Curling as a viable sport in our town, the Club needs this supplementary income generated from the Grand Forks and district businesses' and community organizations' rentals.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mel L. Lungie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mel L. Lungie  
Grand Forks Curling Club Facilitator.



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Vicky Tooby  
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Dear Ms. Tooby;

Re: Transition from LP Club License to LP Application – Missing Documentation

Please find enclosed three items to supplement the Grand Forks Curling Club's LP transition application: a Letter of Intent, and two copies of the updated floor plan of the Grand Forks Curling Club.

A copy of this Letter of Intent has also been delivered to Daniel Drexler at the Grand Forks City Hall.

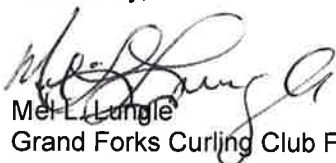
As a follow-up to my query about the disparity in the two load capacities numbers for the Curling Club lounge, being 235 persons provided by the Building Inspector, Dave Bruce, and 150 persons as per the Club's present Club Liquor License, I discussed these numbers with Daniel Drexler, Corporate Officer for the City of Grand Forks.

He asked if the Club wanted to increase the number of people to the maximum load capacity and I said 'No, that the Club lounge area would be much too crowded to be functional if that many people were allowed into the space.' I requested that the maximum load capacity in the lounge, while the bar was open, be increased from 150 to 180 people. This request is currently being considered and the response should be forwarded to you.

As stated both over the telephone and through the Letter of Intent, the Grand Forks Curling Club is prepared to abide by the current load capacity of 150 people, but would find it easier to satisfy the requirements of the community if the load capacity was 180 people. The lounge space could comfortably seat that many people for a banquet and the bar could meet the needs of that many people in a timely and orderly manner.

Thanking you for your assistance and consideration, I remain.

Yours truly,



Mel L. Lungle  
Grand Forks Curling Club Facilitator