



Application Summary: 2026 - 3411 - Community Impact Grant - Community Events

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Applicant Information

Organization Information

Noralta Skating Club
Box 5343
Fort McMurray, AB, T9H 3G4

Primary Contact

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Is the organization a registered non-profit?

Applicants must be a registered non-profit organization or a community group in partnership with a registered non-profit organization. If you have any questions regarding grant eligibility, please contact cip@rmwb.ca to book a pre-application meeting.

Yes

Has the organization operated within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo for at least one year?

Applicants must have resided or operated within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo for at least one year prior to applying. If you have any questions regarding grant eligibility, please contact cip@rmwb.ca to book a pre-application meeting.

Yes

What is your organization's Mission Statement?

To provide every skater the best opportunity to achieve their full potential in both a fun and/or competitive environment through the development of:

Self-esteem, & self discipline.

Technical skating skills.

Dedication & team work.

Respect for self, others, coaches and parents in a safe and caring environment.

Brief Summary of the Proposed Event(s):

The Noralta Skating Club will host a Holiday Ice Show to celebrate skaters' talent and dedication in a festive community event. For over 40 years, Noralta has fostered youth development through skating, building discipline, teamwork, and confidence while uniting the community and promoting the sport in a joyful holiday tradition.

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Please note any restrictions on participating in your organization's programs, projects, services or events.

The Noralta Skating Club offers comprehensive skating programs for individuals of all ages and skill levels. Our programs range from Pre-CanSkate (ages 3–5) and CanSkate (ages 5 and up) to advanced figure skating streams, including STARSkate, the Podium Pathway, and Adult Competitive programs.

These programs are designed to promote physical literacy, skill development, and a lifelong love of skating, whether participants are skating recreationally or pursuing competitive goals.

Minimum number of board members according to the organization's bylaws:

7

Please list your current Board of Directors in the table:

Board of Directors

| Name | Board Position | Years on Board |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Carlee Scheers | President | 7 |
| Kelly MacIntyre | Vice-President | 5 |
| Alexander Garces | Secretary | 2 |
| Melanie Schneider | Treasurer | 11 |
| Carley Johnson | Director-At-Large | 6 |
| Cindy Ellis | Director-At-Large | 1 |
| Ben Sauve | Coaching Representative | 26 |

Do one or more board representatives or program staff have lived experience or expertise reflective of the demographics your organization serves?

Yes



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If Yes; please briefly explain the lived experience or expertise.

The Club Bylaws state that a coaching representative must make up part of the Board of Directors. Director of Operations and Head Coach Ben Sauve is currently the coaching representative. Ben is a Level 4 NCCP coach with 25+ years coaching experience represent the diverse cultural and economic backgrounds of the community we serve. This helps us ensure our programs are inclusive, accessible, and responsive to the needs of our members.

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Event Details

Are you applying for more than one event?

If you are unsure, please contact CIP@rmwb.ca for clarification.

No

Event(s)

Step 1: Click on the button below to enter the name of your event(s).

Step 2: Click on the Save Draft button at the bottom of the screen.

Step 3: Click on the "Event Details" button below to complete the details of each event. Please be sure to submit the current event information form before moving onto the next event information form.

Event: Noralta Skating Club - The Lion King **Status:** Completed

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Finances

Organization's most recent Fiscal Year End date

Please click Save Draft to update the following two questions with this date.

04/30/2025

Unrestricted Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets (accumulated net assets/surplus that the organization has not set aside for a particular purpose or earmarked by a donor for a specific program or project) from your Financial Statements ending: 04/30/2025

\$1,869.00

Total Operating Expenses

Total Expenses from your Financial Statements Ending: 04/30/2025

\$437,100.00

What efforts have been made in the past fiscal year to increase the financial support for your organization?

Enhance registration numbers by implementing focused recruitment strategies and diverse fundraising activities, such as raffles and casino events.

Please complete the following budget table: If there are multiple programs, projects, services or events included in this application, please provide the total budget for all requests in the budget table. Additionally, attach a detailed breakdown of the budget by program, project, service or event on the Attachment tab.

Secured Revenue

| Revenue Sources | Description | Revenue (Jan-Dec) |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Other | No Secured Revenue | \$0.00 |

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\$0.00

Revenue in Progress

| Revenue Sources | Description | Revenue (Jan-Dec) |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| Program/Project Income (Ticket sales, admission, etc.) | Ticket Sales | \$20,000.00 |
| Sponsorship | Sponsorship | \$5,000.00 |
| Other | Participation fee | \$5,750.00 |
| | | \$30,750.00 |

Expenses

| Type of Expense | Description | Total Expenses | Requested RMWB Grant |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Rent - Venue/Facility/Room/Equipment | Ice Rental | \$8,000.00 | \$4,000.00 |
| Other (Provide Detail) | Costumes | \$8,000.00 | \$4,000.00 |
| Advertising/Marketing | Publicity | \$5,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| Training | Chreography | \$6,500.00 | \$0.00 |
| Program Materials & Supplies | Lighting | \$10,000.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Program Materials & Supplies | Staging/Props/Backdrops | \$4,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| Other (Provide Detail) | MI - Glass Removal/Electrician | \$3,500.00 | \$0.00 |
| Administration Costs 15% Maximum | Admin Cost | \$3,175.00 | \$0.00 |
| | | \$48,175.00 | \$10,000.00 |

Shortfall

| Total |
|--|
| (Total Secured Revenue - Total Expenses) |
| \$48,175.00 |

Total RMWB Grant Request

| Amount |
|-------------|
| Total |
| \$10,000.00 |

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Total Cost of Event

Total cost includes all costs and in kind donations of the entire event.

\$48,175.00

Total Grant Amount Request

Up to 75% of total event cost up to maximum of \$25,000.

\$10,000.00

Grant request as percentage of total cost of event

Click on the Save Draft button to calculate the percentage.

21%

Outline any expected non-financial resources being leveraged for this program, project, service or event to demonstrate community support.

Volunteers and community members contribute their time, expertise, and resources to increase registrations and promote the event, demonstrating strong community support beyond financial contributions. In addition, local individuals and businesses will donate items for raffle baskets, further highlighting the community's commitment and involvement in the event.

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Attachments

Please attach a budget breakdown for each program, project, service or event if there are multiple requests included in this application.

Please attach a Partnership Letter(s) of Support for the proposed program, project, service or event to demonstrate authentic partnership and collaboration.

Applicants may use the >Partnership Letter of Support Template or submit a customized letter.

Each letter should include the following five key elements:

1. Commitment to the partnership and shared initiatives
2. Confirmation of the community need
3. History of prior collaboration or rationale for a new partnership
4. Defined roles, responsibilities, and resource commitments
5. Contact information for the partner organization

Each letter must be signed by an authorized representative of the partner organization.

Please note: The partnership letter is a mandatory requirement for Community Sustaining applicants and optional for Community Impact Grant application.



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Please attach signed Financial Statements for the most recent fiscal year end.

Year-end date must fall between July 1, 2024 of last year and June 30, 2025.

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Declaration

Declaration: In making this application, I, the undersigned, confirm:

- that I have read the appropriate Grant Guidelines;
- that I understand that this application form and all required attachments must be completed in full and received before 2025-10-14 4:30 p.m. MT;
- that I understand that this application form and any attachments shall be part of the Community Investment Program Approval Committee (CIPAC, Council Appointed) meeting agenda and accessible through all methods that the public meeting agenda is available;
- that I understand the term of the Grant is January 1 to December 31, 2026 and that all expenditures must happen during this term; and
- that I am authorized by the applicant organization to complete the application and hereby represent to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's Community Investment Program and declare that to the best of our knowledge and belief, the information provided is truthful and accurate, and the application is made on behalf of the above-named organization and with the Board of Directors' full knowledge and consent.
- that I understand the personal information collected in this application is collected under the authority of Section 4(c) of the Protection of Privacy Act and is managed in accordance with the Act. It will be used to process your application and contact you if needed during the review of this application. If you have questions about the collection or use of your personal information, you may contact the Manager, Community Partnerships and Initiatives, at 9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2K4 or at 587-919-5522.

Acknowledgement

I do hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, this application contains a full and correct account of all matters stated herein.

Applicant Name

Alexander Garces

Position/Title

Secretary

Date: 10/13/2025

Event Name

Noralta Skating Club - The Lion King

Beginning Date

2026-12-12

Completion Date

Note: The term of the grant is January 1 - December 31, 2026. The program, project, service or event and all expenditures must occur during this term.

2026-12-13

Location program, project or service will be provided:

Note: If the grant is approved, the communities served will be included in the Grant Agreement and data collection from all communities will be required.
Do not select the rural community if the service is provided to the clients from rural communities through the urban service area.

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Please complete the following Program/Project or Event Delivery Details.**Program, Project, or Event Delivery Information****What type of event are you applying for?**

- ☐ Cultural Focused
- ☐ Related to a National or Provincial Holiday
- ☒ Sport Focused
- ☐ Other

Council approved seven funding priorities. Please indicate which funding priority/priorities are applicable to this application.

Please select at least 3 funding priorities for the Community Sustaining and Subsidiary Grant applications. Please select at least 1 funding priority for the Community Impact Grant (Community Programs and Projects or Community Events) application.

- ☒ Community support services and wellness
- ☒ Accessibility, inclusion and belonging
- ☒ Hosting events/new business and visitors
- ☐ Partnership and collaboration
- ☐ Rural and Indigenous Communities and Relationships
- ☒ Social participation
- ☐ Value of culture, heritage and regional pride

Describe how the proposed program, project, service or event align with these priorities.

The Youth Ice Show promotes community wellness by encouraging physical activity, confidence, and connection among youth and families. It fosters inclusion and belonging by welcoming skaters of all ages and abilities to share their achievements in a supportive environment. As a festive community event, it attracts residents and visitors, supporting local businesses and showcasing community spirit. Through volunteer engagement and shared celebration, the Ice Show strengthens social participation and pride, highlighting Noralta Skating Club's commitment to accessibility, youth development, and community well-being while creating a joyful holiday tradition that unites and inspires the broader community.

In the table below, please identify the total number of unique participants that you anticipate will access the funded program, project, service or event.

Target Population

| Age | Target Population |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Children (0-12 years) | 40 |
| Youth (13-18 years) | 30 |
| Adults | 80 |
| Seniors (65+) | 30 |
| Families | 100 |
| Community | 0 |
| Total | 280 |



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Please identify the equity deserving population the program, project, service or event will serve.

Youth, Seniors, 2SLGBTQIA+, Immigrants, refugees and/or newcomers, First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuit Peoples, Youth, Seniors, Women and/or girls

How does your organization ensure that its programs, projects, services or events are accessible and inclusive for anyone who has an interest? Please share examples and success stories of accessibility and inclusivity.

The Noralta Skating Club is committed to making all programs and events, including the Youth Ice Show, accessible and inclusive for anyone with an interest in skating. We welcome participants of all ages, backgrounds, and skill levels, offering programs ranging from beginner to advanced, including adaptive and learn-to-skate options. Our coaches are trained to create supportive, confidence-building environments where every skater feels valued and included. The Ice Show provides each member, regardless of ability, the opportunity to perform and be celebrated by the community. In previous years, we've proudly featured skaters overcoming physical and developmental challenges, inspiring others and demonstrating that skating is for everyone. By maintaining affordable registration options, accessible venues, and community partnerships, we ensure that the joy and benefits of skating remain open to all.

If applicable, please explain how your program, project, service or event celebrates Indigenous culture, serves Indigenous communities and/or promotes Indigenous healing, language, cultural restoration, or reconciliation.

The Noralta Skating Club is committed to fostering reconciliation and celebrating Indigenous culture through inclusive community events like the Youth Ice Show. We respectfully acknowledge that our programs take place on Treaty 8 Territory and the traditional lands of Indigenous peoples. The Ice Show welcomes Indigenous youth and families to participate, perform, and share their talents. We seek opportunities to highlight Indigenous music, art, and stories within our performances and event programming. By creating a welcoming, respectful space, we aim to strengthen relationships, promote cultural understanding, and contribute to community healing through shared celebration and participation in sport.

Logic Model

Statement of Need: What social problem or gap do you hope to address by delivering the program, project, service or event? What evidence do you have that this problem or gap exists?

The Noralta Skating Club's Holiday Ice Show addresses the growing need for positive, affordable, and inclusive community events that promote youth engagement, mental well-being, and social connection. Many families in our region face limited access to community-based recreational opportunities—especially during the winter months—leading to reduced physical activity and fewer outlets for youth expression and confidence-building. The Ice Show provides a safe, supportive environment where young people can showcase their hard work, celebrate achievement, and strengthen community ties. Evidence of this need is reflected in increasing community demand for accessible family recreation and in feedback from parents and participants who report improved confidence, belonging, and mental wellness through skating. By delivering this event, Noralta helps bridge the gap between sport, community engagement, and youth development while promoting a healthy, connected, and active community.

Broad Strategy: How will the program, project, service or event address the social problem? (e.g., What approach are you taking that you hope will lead your program, project, service or event to support the social problem?)

The Noralta Youth Ice Show addresses the social gap by offering flexible programs that accommodate skaters of all levels, from recreational to competitive, ensuring every participant can engage and succeed. We also provide diverse fundraising opportunities, including raffles and community events, to make registration more affordable and accessible. By combining skill-appropriate programming with financial support options, the Ice Show fosters inclusion, builds confidence, and encourages active participation, while creating a welcoming community environment that celebrates youth achievement and strengthens social connections.

Rationale: What evidence or research do we have that this strategy will work? To demonstrate for example, "If [my organization] does 'x' program, project, service or event, then [this] change will happen for the target population."

Research and experience show that performance opportunities are highly effective in increasing youth engagement, skill development, and community connection. If Noralta Skating Club hosts the Youth Ice Show, then skaters of all ages will gain a sense of accomplishment and confidence by showcasing their progress, while younger children and community members are inspired by seeing skating in action. The Ice Show serves as both a culmination of the season's training and a key promotional event, strengthening community awareness, encouraging new registrations, and highlighting the club's positive impact on youth development.

Inputs: What resources will be invested to achieve your goal? (e.g., staff labour, venue space, volunteers, computers, etc.)

For the Ice Show, all Noralta Skating Club members actively participate, contributing to every aspect of the event—from set-up and decorations to volunteer roles such as ushering, security, and managing concessions. This hands-on involvement fosters a strong sense of ownership, teamwork, and community pride among participants. The show is always held at MacIsland, a central and accessible venue at the heart of our community, ensuring that families, friends, and local residents can easily attend. By combining active member engagement with a central, community-focused location, the Ice Show not only showcases our skaters' talents but also strengthens community connections and shared celebration.

Activities: What activities make up the program, project, service or event? (e.g., workshops, mentorship sessions, etc.)

For this year program ALL skaters started Practicing for the show from Ealy September, making it a guarantee success.

Outputs: What do you deliver? (e.g., # of total participants trained, # of organizations, # of sessions, # of events, etc.). Note, each activity should have outputs.

Note: If the program, project, service or event is approved, your outputs may be included in the Grant Agreement and data collection on the outputs is required.

The Noralta Ice Show delivers a celebratory, community-centered event that showcases the talents and hard work of skaters of all ages and skill levels. It provides youth with the opportunity to perform, build confidence, and develop teamwork and discipline. The event also engages families and community members, fostering social participation, inclusion, and a sense of pride. Additionally, it serves as a platform for community fundraising, raises awareness of the club and its programs, and promotes the sport of skating in an accessible and festive environment.

Outcomes: What change do you want to see for the participants by running your program, project, service or event? Organizations are required to identify at least one outcome, that will be measured through the grant period, should the application be approved.

Note: If the program, project, service or event is approved, your outcomes will be included in the Grant Agreement and data collection on the outcomes is required.

By participating in the Noralta Ice Show, skaters will demonstrate increased confidence, improved skating skills, and a stronger sense of teamwork and discipline. This will be measured through participant feedback, coach evaluations, and observation of performance progression during the season. Additionally, the event will foster greater community engagement, social connection, and pride, measured by attendance, volunteer involvement, and community surveys.

What tools will you use to measure the outcomes of the program, project, service or event?

Note: If your organization is approved for funding, copies of the measurement tools selected will be requested.

Focus Groups, Observation

Please provide details of how your program, project, service or event differs from other services being offered in the community.

The Noralta Ice Show is unique in the community because it actively involves all club members, from beginner to advanced skaters, in every aspect of the event—from performance to volunteer roles such as set-up, ushering, and security. Unlike other recreational programs, it combines skill development, artistic expression, and community engagement in a single, inclusive celebration. Held at MacIsland, a central and accessible venue, the show provides families and residents a festive, high-quality event that showcases local talent while promoting youth development, social connection, and a sense of pride in the community. This combination of full member participation, inclusive performance opportunities, and community celebration sets the Ice Show apart from other offerings.



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This grant is intended to promote an allied social profit sector within the Municipality. List the community groups or organizations that will be actively involved in the program, project, service or event delivery.

| Community Organization or Group | Role |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| MacDonald Island Park | Venue |

Note: Please be sure to press "Submit" on the current event details. Once you "Submit" the event details you will not be able to make any changes. Please contact cip@rmwb.ca if you require support.

Noralta Skating Club
Compiled Financial Information
April 30, 2025

To the Management of Noralta Skating Club:

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position as at April 30, 2025, and the statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended, and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information ("financial information").

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

We performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, *Compilation Engagements*, which requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements. Our responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

We did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor were we required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Fort McMurray, Alberta

October 27, 2025



Chartered Professional Accountants

Noralta Skating Club
Statement of Financial Position
As at April 30, 2025

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash | 207,154 | 249,224 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current | | |
| Accounts payable and accruals | 20,464 | 8,536 |
| Deferred contributions | 122,068 | 230,560 |
| | 142,532 | 239,096 |
| Net Assets | | |
| Net assets, end of year | 64,622 | 10,128 |
| | 207,154 | 249,224 |

Approved on behalf of Management

e-Signed by Melanie Schneider

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Noralta Skating Club
Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets
For the year ended April 30, 2025

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Revenue | | |
| Registration | 381,556 | 356,322 |
| Gaming revenue | 124,903 | 88,149 |
| Ice show | 29,229 | - |
| Miscellaneous | 6,296 | 4,763 |
| Test day fees | 4,270 | 2,140 |
| Competition fees | 3,080 | 1,800 |
| Special Event | 1,360 | - |
| Fundraising | 950 | - |
| Grant revenue | 200 | 1,700 |
| Donations | 97 | 262 |
| | 551,941 | 455,136 |
| Expenses | | |
| Coaching | 162,227 | 164,535 |
| Ice rental | 135,633 | 127,315 |
| Program expenses | 60,706 | 63,455 |
| Ice show expense | 43,872 | - |
| Administrative | 28,875 | 28,200 |
| Professional fees | 23,015 | 23,635 |
| Bank charges and interest | 12,780 | 9,651 |
| Raffle expense | 8,493 | 8,131 |
| Rent | 3,616 | 3,359 |
| Supplies | 3,170 | 3,073 |
| Competition Expenses | 2,686 | 3,248 |
| Office supplies | 3,458 | 3,811 |
| Test day expense | 2,295 | 2,771 |
| Gifts, bursaries, honorariums | 2,280 | 2,040 |
| Advertising and promotion | 2,058 | 1,510 |
| Telephone | 1,938 | 2,000 |
| Fundraising expenses | 345 | 143 |
| | 497,447 | 446,877 |
| Excess of revenue over expenses | 54,494 | 8,259 |
| Net assets beginning of year | 10,128 | 1,869 |
| Net assets, end of year | 64,622 | 10,128 |

Noralta Skating Club
Notes to the Compiled Financial Information
For the year ended April 30, 2025

1. Basis of accounting

The basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the financial information of Noralta Skating Club as at April 30, 2025 is on the historical basis, reflecting cash transactions with the addition of:

- Accounts payable and accrued liabilities
- Deferred contributions which includes deferred registration fees, deferred volunteer levies, gaming deferred revenue .