

March 17th, 2021 Honorable Jackie Clayton Mayor, City of Grande Prairie City Councilors 10205 98th Street, Grande Prairie, Alberta, T8V 2H3

Dear Honorable Mayor Jackie Clayton and City Council,

On July 24th, 2021, we will be doing a joint fundraising event called "Christmas in July." This is a fundraiser in partnership with the Canadian Motorcycle Tourism Association to raise funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grande Prairie & Area. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, 2020 was extremely tough on Big Brothers Big Sisters, as we had to cancel four out of five fundraisers for 2020-2021.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a non-profit organization in our city that receives no formal government funding and relies on grants/fundraisers to ensure mentoring services can continue in our community. Big Brothers Big Sisters matches adult volunteers to underserved and at-risk youth between the ages of six to twentyfour. Big Brothers Big Sisters supports over two hundred and sixty program participants.

We would be honored if the City of Grande Prairie would make an official proclamation to recognize July 24th as "Christmas in July" in Grande Prairie. This would be a way to recognize this fundraiser as well to give back to the children of Grande Prairie who were not able to celebrate Christmas this past year and all its traditions.





If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to myself, Corinne Patterson at <u>corinne.patterson@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca</u> or to Renee Charbonneau at <u>exec.director@motorcycletourism.ca</u>. We appreciate the support of our event! Thank you for your consideration on this special request.

Sincerely,

Corínne Patterson

Corinne Patterson, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Brothers Big Sisters Renee Charbonneau, Executive Director Canadian Motorcycle Tourism Association