



To: Members of Kingston Women's Soccer Club

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Subject: Partnership with St. Lawrence College- Field Lighting Project

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This memo is presented to members of the Kingston Women's Soccer Club, (KWSC) for their information and to provide an update regarding the partnership and investment with St. Lawrence College for field development, particularly the field lighting project.

Background:

Discussions have continued throughout 2013 and are ongoing with representatives of St. Lawrence College regarding the proposed field lighting project previously discussed at the Annual General Meeting of 2012 with members of KWSC.

We are pleased to inform our members that the field lighting project has received full support from governing bodies at St. Lawrence College and the Request for Proposal (RFP), has been submitted for contract of services to perform the work. The funding for this project will be financed from contributions made by the Student Athletic Association who has pledged \$50,000 and KWSC who will contribute \$100,000. It is estimated that a project such as this could range in cost from \$150,000 up to \$170,000. Once the RFP has closed and bids are reviewed, a cost analysis will be performed to determine if there will be a funding gap.

KWSC has great confidence in the Athletic Director in charge of this project and is in full support of this partnership. The Director at St. Lawrence College had previously worked with Queen's University and oversaw the turf field development project. This partnership is vital to the longevity of our senior club. Our club has experienced an ongoing problem with the availability of fields in the Kingston area, and continues to encounter these problems as our sport grows and more and more young players join teams in our community. Our community simply cannot sustain this growth. Therefore we have been forced to investigate alternative solutions. We continue to struggle each outdoor season trying to secure fields for evenings during the week. In previous years we were relegated to split our schedule over Thursday, Friday and Sunday evening timeslots. However many members were not available on Friday and Sunday evenings. KWSC took this feedback and worked diligently to explore opportunities within our community. We met with representatives at the City of Kingston, Owners of the Westbrook Golf course and representatives of St. Lawrence College. After analyzing all

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options, it was agreed that this project was the most pliable of the options available. It addressed the field shortage issue with a quicker implementation time and would provide an 'additional' field with the addition of the lights for the summer of 2014. This partnership will provide KWSC with a secured timeslot for field bookings with a 'Preferred User Agreement' that will be in place for years to come.

Erecting lighting over the South field at St. Lawrence College is the best possible option for both the College, members of KWSC and the community we live in.

This partnership option with St. Lawrence College aligns with KWSC's mandate to foster the growth of soccer within our community and presents a sound partnership alternative that would have the required expertise to oversee such a project. This investment would not only benefit KWSC members, but the rest of the soccer community in which we live and work in.