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December 20th, 2009

Re: Wanderer's Grounds Rehabilitation Project

Dear Rugby Supporter,

The Wanderer's Grounds Field House Rehabilitation Project is an opportunity to enhance the scope and quality of the game of rugby to local athletes and spectators, and to commemorate the region's rich sports history. The project will also create event hosting opportunities, cater to informal social celebrations and meetings, and provide an enhanced experience to residents and visitors in the area.

The facility will be rebuilt with Rugby in mind. Located adjacent to the historic Wanderer's Grounds, the building will be complete with modern changing and shower facilities, rugby clubrooms, kitchen and event hosting facilities. Rugby in Halifax will finally return to its long awaited home as a base to conduct, develop and grow the game with a renewed vitality and profile in the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM).

In 2009, the Halifax Rugby Football Club and the Halifax Tars Rugby Football Club created a registered non-profit society, The Wanderer's Amateur Athletic Club, (WAAC) for the purpose of launching a coordinated and collaborative fund-raising campaign to support our role as property manager under a Facility Management Agreement with HRM.

We have started the final stage in our major fundraising campaign. We need your support in order to achieve our goal of \$200,000 by March 31, 2010.

This is a joint project of the HRM in partnership with us, the Wanderer's Amateur Athletic Club. Here is a breakdown of the funding for this project.

Financial Summary: Cost-Shared :

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Halifax Regional Municipality	\$400,000 Confirmed
Wanderer's Amateur Athletic Club	\$200,000 In Progress
Federal Sports Infrastructure Pgm	<u>\$300,000</u> Confirmed
	\$900,000

To date, we have fund-raised \$157,000 of the goal of \$200,000. For more information on the project and on funds raised, visit www.halifaxwanderersclub.com.

Your organizational or corporate donation is appreciated. Although we cannot guarantee exclusivity in any particular service or product that could be provided, we would be pleased to discuss further any opportunities with our potential business patrons.

All donations qualify for Charitable Donations registered through Revenue Canada through The Canadian Rugby Foundation. There are 2 ways to donate:

CHEQUES:

Please make all cheques payable to **CANADIAN RUGBY FOUNDATION (Registered Canadian Charity # 86915 9186 RR001)**

C/o Walter Thompson; Burke Thompson and Associates

5162 Duke St.,
Suite 200, Halifax,
B3J 1N7

Please write in the memo section of the Cheque - **Wanderers AAC Fund** A tax receipt will be mailed to you.

CREDIT CARD:

Go to website: <https://www.canadahelps.org>

Select /Donation Details

Select/ **Canadian Rugby Foundation**

Select/ **Halifax Wanderers AAC Fund**

'Canada Helps' (for Credit card) Registered Canadian Charity: # 869159186RR0001.

Wanderer's Grounds Field House Rehabilitation Project - Status

Partners:

- Wanderer's Amateur Athletic Club (WAAC), Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), Halifax Rugby Club (HRFC), Halifax Tars Rugby Club (TARS) and The Canadian Rugby Foundation (CRF)
- Federal Sports Infrastructure Fund (pending)
- Province. Of NS (pending)

Representation of WAAC Committee

- Walter Thompson, QC
- Mike Sinclair HRFC Old Boy
- John Gillis TARS and Executive
- Tim Keddy HRFC and Executive
- Jeff McLatchy TARS
- Ryan Kells HRFC Executive
- Peter Bowditch HRFC Old Boy
- Jeff O'Grady HRFC Old Boy
- Mark Boyle HRFC Old Boy
- Blair Gallant HRFC Old Boy
- Current Club Members (2)

Organization of WAAC

- Non profit organization for the promotion of Rugby Football registered in 2009, Province of NS.
- Signed memorandum of understanding with HRM to manage renovated Wanderer's Grounds Field House

Funding Status:

- HRM capital funds confirmed (\$400 k)
- WAAC (\$200 k) in process (\$157 confirmed to date)
- Federal Sports Infrastructure Program (\$300 k confirmed 12/14/2009)
- Total Project (\$900 k)

Facility Management Agreement:

- Currently being negotiated with HRM.
- Member clubs to have equal and shared use of facility and grounds
- Facility will be available for public and corporate events

Business Plan:

- Based on operation of bar, kitchen, facility usage fees, rental fees and ongoing club operations. Part time 3rd party manager to be engaged

Timing:

- Coordinate all agreements, fundraising and operational readiness for late spring/early summer opening 2010.