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Dear Mayor and Council,

We are honouring our 2020 Community Sport Champions, a group of local champions who are breaking barriers and paving the way for athletes with a developmental or physical disability, ten years after Vancouver hosted the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. Each Community Sport Champion has been awarded \$5,000 from the Community Sport Hosting Grant program for their organization. We are issuing an information bulletin (below) on this morning (Tuesday) to announce the recipients.

Regards,  
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## **City expands sport accessibility through grant program**

Ten years after hosting the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, the City of Vancouver is awarding \$25,000 in grants to individuals and organizations making community sport more accessible.

The 2020 Community Sport Champions Recognition Program celebrates a group of local champions who are breaking barriers and paving the way for athletes with a developmental or physical disability to participate in community organized sports.

Each of the five organizations represented by these champions has been granted \$5,000 from the Community Sport Hosting Grant program, to support keeping community sport costs low and accessible.

The 2020 Community Sport Champions and their organizations are:

- Byron Green and Ryan Schweizer, Vancouver Wheelchair Rugby Club**, for leading and creating a fun, supportive environment for people learning to play adaptive sports at the



Vancouver Wheelchair Rugby Club's practice sessions.

- **Jessica Chapelski, Special Olympics BC Figure Skating**, for her commitment over 11 years as a volunteer coach, supporting athletes with intellectual disabilities to figure skate competitively provincially, nationally, and globally.
- **June Lum, Vancouver Speed Skating Club Special Olympics**, for her volunteer contributions in helping the club grow and thrive, from fitting new athletes for boots and safety equipment, to recruiting new members to join.
- **Kristopher Hildebrand, Excelevation Triathlon and Multisport Society**, for the society's work in welcoming everyone, including children and youths with physical or neurological differences, to play sports in a non-judgmental environment.
- **Wilson Wong, Special Olympics BC Vancouver Chapter**, for his achievements as co-local coordinator in leading the local's strategic direction, organizing tournaments, and keeping programs accessible to all athletes with intellectual disabilities.

Detailed profiles of recipients are [online](#), and video interviews can be seen on [YouTube](#).

The Community Sport Champions Recognition Program is an annual Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grant that recognizes and celebrates citizens who are making sport accessible in our community.

This program offers grants to advance the efforts and accomplishments of residents and organizations who deliver sport and physical activity to make a positive impact in our community, while aligning with City Council's key priority areas, including but not limited to, gender equity, reconciliation, and affordability.

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**Note to editors:**

Phone or video chat interviews with individual recipients can be organized by emailing [media@vancouver.ca](mailto:media@vancouver.ca).

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