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Dear Scott;

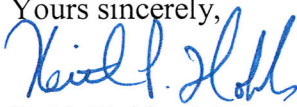
It is with great enthusiasm that I give our city's support to the efforts of the Lake Superior Ski Division to bring the Canadian U-16 Alpine Ski Championships to Thunder Bay. Our city would be very proud to stage these national championships in February 2017.

Thunder Bay prides itself as "sports central" when it comes to hosting major sporting events, especially national events due to our location in the centre of Canada. As for downhill skiing, we have two excellent ski facilities to host championships at Loch Lomond and Mount Baldy, with Loch Lomond the venue for what was a very successful U-16 Ontario provincial championship in 2015.

Our city of close of 120,000 people with a busy international airport offers direct daily flights from Toronto, Calgary and Winnipeg with services from three major airlines Porter, Westjet and Air Canada. You will find getting here easy and once in the city, we will provide your athletes and their families with affordable accommodations, exceptional local media coverage and great northern hospitality.

Expect great things from our City's enthusiastic volunteers and sports fans as was evident by the recent success of the Can-Am Police-Fire Games with 542 people giving of their time for the nine-day, multi-sport event this July. Our city is getting set to host a major baseball event in September 2017 with the U-18 Baseball World Cup featuring 12 teams from around the world.

The City of Thunder Bay is committed to encouraging and supporting the hosting of events in our community. We look forward to sharing our renowned hospitality with these young skiers from across the country, their families and fans. Expect great things from Thunder Bay. You won't be disappointed!

Yours sincerely,

Keith Hobbs, Mayor
City of Thunder Bay