

Kelowna Paddle Club Increases Support for Youth with the Assistance of the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise

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The Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise recognizes the value of the Kelowna Paddle Centre efforts to promote an active, healthy lifestyle, love of sport and appreciation and respect for our waterways by providing affordable options for all members of the community, in a safe and welcoming environment.



Vice-President Huck Parfeniuk presenting a cheque for \$2000 to the Kelowna Paddle Centre represented by Tamlyn Bohm (Manager) and Joey Hertz

In its commitment to support the Kelowna Paddle Centre, in particular the Youth Program offered by the organization, the club presented a cheque in the amount of \$2000 on December 07th to the organization to enable it to continue to expand its youth programs by purchasing additional equipment to accommodate intermediate youth. The youth will be trained on the proper techniques when experiencing kayaking, canoeing and stand up boards. The courses assist the participants to become self-reliant in the operation of these water sport apparatus, train them on water safety and methods used to assist others who may require help in distressful situations in the water. The overall aim of the youth camps is to provide fun, learn basic water safety, practice teamwork and to practice independence and self-reliance.



This is the second major donation made to the Kelowna Paddle Centre. A donation of \$3500 was made in April of 2016, which enabled the Centre to expand their youth camps from four to seven weeks and from 100 to 170 youth.