

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Councillor Andy Barnes and Councillor Jesse Wright

**Date:** August 14, 2025

**Subject:** Pierce Northcott Weight Room

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*The date for this motion to be considered is the September 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.*

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council names the weight room in the Recreation Centre the "Pierce Northcott Weight Room";

AND THAT a plaque be established in the weightroom that describes the accomplishment of Mr. Northcott and why the room is named after him, I.E. his world record and training in the room;

AND THAT Council invite Mr. Northcott, his family, his coach Bryce Surgenor and members of the Mackenzie Special Olympics organization to an event where the new room name is unveiled, where Mayor and Council can congratulate him on the accomplishment, and the wider Mackenzie community can come and celebrate the achievement.

### **BACKGROUND:**

This past July, Pierce Northcott set a world record in deadlifting at the BC Special Olympics in Prince George.

Pierce is born and raised in Mackenzie and was supported in reaching this effort by training in this weight room at the Rec Centre.

Other Municipalities do events like this to celebrate significant achievements from their residents. Just this past summer the City of Hamilton held a 'Shai Day' celebrating the season basketball star Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had in the NBA as an example.

### **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

There will be a cost to purchasing the naming plaque of the room and also the plaque established in the room that describes the achievement.



The event would have a small budget for things like catering, an award/certificate for Pierce and any other materials to make the event occur.

**COUNCIL PRIORITIES:**

**Community and Social Development**

- Our investment in the municipality's services and infrastructure, our commitment to principles of social equity and well-being, and our belief in the value of resident engagement, creates a healthy community in which everyone feels valued and enjoys a high quality of life.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Councillor Andy Barnes & Councillor Jesse Wright

**Reviewed By:** Corporate and Financial Services

**Approved By:** Chief Administrative Officer