

Appendix A:

Background information for the CEBA Loan Expansion Application

At the AGM held on Sunday, September 27, 2020, the membership approved a one-time loan of up to \$40,000 from the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) program <https://ceba-cuec.ca/>. Originally launched on April 9, 2020, CEBA is intended to support businesses by providing financing for their expenses that cannot be avoided or deferred as they take steps to safely navigate a period of shutdown, thereby helping to position businesses for successful relaunch when the economy reopens. At that time, the \$55 billion program provided interest-free loans of up to \$40,000 to small businesses and not-for-profits. Repaying the balance of the loan on or before December 31, 2022 would result in loan forgiveness of 25 percent (up to \$10,000).

On December 4, 2020, the Government of Canada announced changes to the CEBA program, expanding loans for eligible businesses from \$40,000 to \$60,000. The repayment terms have also changed whereby repaying the balance of the loan on or before December 31, 2022 will result in loan forgiveness of 33 percent (up to \$20,000) versus 25 percent previously.

As we continue to face financial challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic the board of Biathlon Alberta has determined it would be prudent to take advantage of the increase in the CEBA program. We continue to take advantage of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) and will continue to apply for subsidies as long as the organization remains eligible.

The bylaws of Biathlon Alberta do not allow for borrowing by the organization without the approval of the membership.

11.10 Borrowing Powers: Any borrowing must be approved by the Association at a General Meeting

Therefore, the Biathlon Alberta board has agreed to present the proposal at a Special General Meeting for approval. Funds are anticipated to be used to ensure programs and operations continue through the current season and to allow for any changes required to meet COVID-19 safety protocols as directed by Provincial and regional health authorities.

The board hereby requests approval from the membership of Biathlon Alberta to apply for the \$20,000 CEBA loan program expansion (actual amount borrowed may be based on eligibility requirements). All loan funds are to be repaid by December 31, 2022.