

## MINISTER OF SPORT, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

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Ms. Twila Cruickshank
Executive Director
Manitoba Cycling Association
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Dear Ms. Cruickshank:

As the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage for the Province of Manitoba, please allow me this opportunity to commend the Manitoba Cycling Association for the tremendous work that your organization is doing with the Kids of Mud program.

I recently attended the 2019 Federal-Provincial/Territorial Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation in Red Deer, Alberta. During a presentation by the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association your organization's Kids of Mud program was cited as a shining example of what can be accomplished at the community level to get young people engaged in a fun and welcoming sport experience.

It is always a proud moment when a Manitoba program is used as an example on the national stage to demonstrate what's possible when coaches, communities and volunteers get together to dedicate themselves to effective programs.

Please accept my continued best wishes with this terrific program as you continue to expose more young people to the fun of off-road cycling and the many benefits of getting active and muddy!

Yours sincerely,

Honourable Cathy Cox

Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage