



Support **Vincent De Haître** in his *JOURNEY* toward the Winter Olympics 2018 to be held in *PYEONGCHANG, Korea*.

2014 Olympian – Long Track Speed Skating
2014 Commonwealth Athlete – Track Cycling
2013 - 2016 – Member of the Canadian National Speed Skating Team

Spring 2017

Dear community member,

Subject: Supporting a Local Olympian

We are contacting you to solicit your support for **Vincent De Haître**, a local Olympic athlete. Similar to the well-known saying “it takes a village to raise a child”, indeed it takes a community to support an athlete on his way to the most prestigious sporting event: the Olympics!

A golf tournament will take place at Camelot Golf & Country Club on May 29, 2017 to support Vincent in his journey toward the 2018 Winter Olympics. This fundraiser will contribute to his success by allowing him to focus on training and development until the Winter Olympics which are now less than a year away.

Vincent was born and raised in the village of Cumberland and attended des Pionniers elementary school and Béatrice-Desloges high school in Orleans. He is a two-sport athlete excelling internationally in both Long Track Speed Skating and Track Cycling.

This local 22 year old athlete is no stranger to success in sports on the world stage. At the age of 19, Vincent competed at the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics in Long Track Speed Skating. In that same year, he represented Canada at the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games in Track Cycling. Since then, he has represented Canada regularly on the speed skating World Cup Circuit. Vincent is a dedicate athlete, full of promise as is reflected by his most recent successes:

- in March 2017, he received the Silver Plate for being ranked 2nd in the world at the end of the Speed Skating World Cup season;
- in February 2017, he broke a 10-year Canadian record in the 1000 meter event, making him the first and only Canadian man in history to skate that distance under 1 minute 7 seconds;
- in February 2017, he was named Vice-Champion in the 1000 meter event, having placed 2nd at the World Single Distance Championship in Korea;
- during the 2016-2017 World Cup season, he earned 5 world medals;
- in February 2017, he was named Ottawa’s Male Athlete of the Year (for the second time).

As you surely know, amateur athletes in Canada struggle to make ends meet. The funding level for these athletes has been frozen at \$1,500 monthly for the last 13 years, and there are no signs of changes in the near future. We can all agree that the cost of living has greatly increased in the past 13 years, which is why our Canadian athletes need your support now, more than ever.

Please help support Vincent. There are several ways that the Ottawa community can rally to support him through this fundraising activity. You may choose to:

- sponsor a hole during the golf tournament for \$250;
- select from other sponsorship opportunities (see attached information package);
- donate a gift or gifts as prize(s) during the golf tournament or,
- join us on May 29th as a golfer or by entering a foursome (or more).

All contributions, big or small, are helpful, valuable, and are most welcome. Every donor will be acknowledged in the event program.

Please contact us at **18holestokorea@gmail.com** or at **613-222-7945** (daytime)/**613-833-2858** (evening) to support Vincent on this Olympic journey. We hope that we can count on your support.

Thank you in advance for considering this request; it is truly appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you.

Organizing Committee of the Vincent De Haître Fundraiser