

YFC/Youth Unlimited of Minto

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"We see the hope and potential in every young person"

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Dear members of the council of the Town of Minto:

Thank you for the great reception I received at the council meeting of February 16, 2016. It was good to hear that the council of the Town of Minto has been very supportive of the youth programs of Youth for Christ/Youth Unlimited (YFC/YU) of Minto in the past. It was also good to hear that you are committed to supporting YFC/YU of Minto in the future as well.

I was thrilled to read that the Town of Minto vision is:

"A friendly, safe, affordable, family oriented rural community built on a foundation of respect, volunteerism, and prosperous business, and sustained by people who value neighbourliness, fairness and inclusiveness."

This is what we (YFC/YU staff and volunteers) aspire to as well. Our goal is to continue to provide a place (the Deck) for kids/teens to spend time in the evenings on weekends. Our hope is to expand our presence in Minto through added drop-in nights at the Deck and to provide or assist in the leadership of sports programs and special interest programs in the communities of Minto. One of our long term goals is to provide a drop-in in Palmerston as well. More long term, we would like to provide or assist in the leadership of programs for youth in Clifford.

For the first half of this year, we are focusing solely on revitalizing the youth programs offered at or out of the Deck in Harriston. This effort will require expanding our volunteer base which we are doing at present. This will allow us to be open more often.

There are also some upgrades at the Deck that need to be completed to bring the building up to present day standards. This includes the standards of *Fire Prevention and Safety* and *Plan to Protect*. For example, to meet the *Fire Prevention and Safety* standards we need to put *fire rated* drywall and *fire rated* doors in the furnace room.

Therefore, we are asking for \$1000.00 to put towards the general budget. We are also asking for an additional \$1000.00 to put towards upgrades that are required to bring the Deck to the standards of *Fire Prevention and Safety* and *Plan to Protect*.

We thank you for your interest in YFC/YU of Minto. We have a great community here in Minto with many good services. Our desire is to serve the community by giving our youth 'their space' and a place to hang out and to provide programs for our youth. We thank you for your support of this endeavour.

Sincerely,

Ken Mohle YFC/YU Minto Staff