

HARRISTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL for the June 6/17 Meeting

SUBJECT: Request for rental agreement review

WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL REGARDING OUR RENTAL AGREEMENT.. IT IS A PLEASURE TO WORK FOR THE TOWN OF MINTO TO PRESERVE AND DISPLAY OUR LOCAL HISTORY AND IS AN IMPORTANT SERVICE FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS. PRESERVING OUR MUNICIPAL HERITAGE IS PART OF COUNCIL'S MASTER CULTURAL PLAN AND SHOULD BE KEPT....

OUR HOME IN THE LIBRARY HAS CERTAINLY BEEN A BONUS FOR US WITH EXPOSURE AND SPACE TO MEET OUR MANDATE...OUR INVENTORY AND COLLECTION OF MEMORABILIA AND RECORDS SHOWS THE INCREASING PUBLIC INTEREST. SINCE OUR INCORPORATION IN 2010 THERE HAVE BEEN OVER 6000 VISITORS TO OUR DISPLAY ROOM AND LAST YEAR ALONE 125 REQUESTS FOR LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY INFORMATION.

WHILE WE WORK HARD TO FUNDRAISE BUT IT IS BECOMING DIFFICULT TO REACH OUR TARGET OF OVER \$4500. PER YEAR TO KEEP THE DOORS OPEN.. WE THANK THOSE BUSINESS WHO DONATE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS BUT THEY HAVE LIMITS ALSO, ESPECIALLY IN A SMALL TOWN WITH NUMEROUS GROUPS REQUESTING DONATIONS..

ATTACHED IS A COPY OF OUR YEAR-END STATEMENT AND CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS. AS YOU CAN SEE WE DO RAISE ENOUGH TO COVER OUR OPERATING AND PART OF THE RENT. AS A NOTE OF INTEREST, NUMEROUS MUNICIPALITIES OFFER FREE SPACE FOR THEIR HISTORY GROUPS.

WE WOULD ASK COUNCIL TO REVIEW OUR AGREEMENT AND CONSIDER LOWERING OUR RENTAL RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO SERVE THE PUBLIC AND THE TOWN OF MINTO IN HISTORY PRESERVATION.

THANKS FOR YOUR TIME IN THIS MATTER.

the executive  
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