hello Al, hello Roy,

Thank you both for chatting with me recently about continuing a small Grant for the 100MHFC on behalf of our local youth.

We know that applications are normally accepted in September/October for the following year, however due to last year's disastrous fires and the evac orders having only been lifted mid September and the many difficulties that some of our members were dealing with, we were unable to get our application in on time.

We have been very appreciative of the assistance that both of your organizations have provided in the past to facilitate "kids flying career days".

In place of a full application, please allow us to give you a bit of a summary:

* Our First annual "Kids Flight Day" was held on September 9th/2014 with 12 kids participating. The Club provides an introduction to parents and kids, safety around aircraft, one of our members provides a "ground school" regarding theory of flight, control surfaces and their function, the four forces which affect an aircraft's ability to fly, aircraft engines, radio procedures, Transport Canada regulations, pilot licensing, alternate careers such as Air Traffic Controller, Flight Service Specialists, Aircraft Maintenance engineer etc. We then provide flights of approx. 30 minutes each with an emphasis on flyover of local landmarks and / or their residences in a safe manner. Afterwards, there is a short de-brief and they are given a "Flight Certificate" signed by their pilot. The whole experience for each individual takes about two hours, and we carry on until we run out of kids.

On that day we provided two aircraft.

* the Second annual "Kids Flight Day" took place on September 26/2015. 30 kids participated with great enthusiasm. The Club provided three aircraft for a total of 10 flights.
The Third annual "Kids Flight Day" went ahead on Saturday September 17/2016 with 38 kids going on 13 flights with three aircraft.

We had to cancel the 2017 planned event due to the troublesome fire season.

The Club members really enjoy holding the aforementioned "kids" events. We think that it is a worthy community activity to create a spark in a young mind for a possible career option and to expand one's horizon.

While it does cost money to provide multiple aircraft, fuel, and quite a bit of organizational effort by our membership, hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks etc., each event and flights are provided completely free-of-charge.

The Club has been very grateful for the funding contribution provided by the Distr. Municipality and the CRD.
In July 2016 (September 015 application) the Club received $1000 from the District, and a matching $1000 from the CRD after the personal intervention from Chairman Richmond to match the District.

In July 2017 (September 016 application) we again received $1000 from the District, with an additional $1500 provided from the CRD.

Now, on to the present.
On June 16th/2018 we held our fourth flight day with 19 kids participating and two aircraft.
Again, this was held with the active participation of the PSO Secondary and several Elementary schools, with teacher Ian Watson attending, who also operates an aviation curriculum at the school.
Due to inquiries from parents and kids, we endeavour to hold another flight day on September 29th/2018.

In lieu of the formal application, kindly accept this letter as our request for continued funding for this type of community/career event.
We will refrain from asking for a specific amount of assistance, but you can see the past parameters above.
We acknowledge your comment, Al, that there may be ceiling restraints for "coming in late" and because of municipal elections.
Please be sure that the Club is grateful for any and all support.

Would it be possible to make this type of funding an annual re-curring perpetual-type, of course provided that the Kids Flight Days continue as planned.
Is it possible to agree to do this without the somewhat cumbersome annual application process which states essentially the same information and subject every year over and over.
(the form does not allow for electronically expandable boxes to open, for non IT people like myself this is cause for a bit of grief and frustration).
There must be a way for small, repetitive automatic funding. However, we do understand your rules for everyone.

I have asked our treasurer for a financial snapshot of the 100MHFC, as per your request, Roy.
We will forward quickly, as soon as available.
In place of a "Thank You" ad in the FreePress for your event contributions, Al, you have mentioned in the past that you'd rather like to see your CRD banner erected during the Flight Day emphasizing your public assistance. Please let us know when and where to pick it up, and we will set it up appropriately.

Roy and Al, as well as your fellow Area Directors, Mayor and Councillors, we thank you for your consideration.

On behalf of our Club membership,

Best Regards,
Frank Schlueter, Ranch Mgr.
The Blue Goose Cattle Co.
and Director, The 100 Mile House Flying Club.