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Funding request for electrical upgrades at Alexandria Community Hall

Alexandria Community Hall was built pre-1950 by a proud community of pioneer ranching families – families that still own and ranch in the community and continue to rely on the hall as a meeting centre. Initially a smaller hall, it has over the years been added to: indoor toilets, kitchen and a stage area. The Hall continues to be used by the larger Alexandria community and currently hosts coffee mornings, a community library, and various community events hosted by the society such as FireSmart, Mothers Day breakfast and a Bingo night.

For fundraising the Hall is rented out to local and regional community groups. Over the past year users have included the local Mennonite congregation who were able to regularly use it during the winter for gym activities, indoor craft markets, various craft and painting workshops, plus other activities.

We have also been able to engage in meaningful partnerships with other agencies – for instance, we have recently received a donation of gently used chairs from St. Anne's School in Quesnel to replace our very aging chairs.

The Alexandria Community Hall Society continues to do what it can to maintain the hall. For the first time we need to ask for assistance for larger maintenance work. We are requesting funding in the range of \$15-20,000 to replace and update the aging electrical system within the hall. While the hall definitely has other infrastructure issues such as an aging furnace and heating system and an aging well and water system (resulting in non-potable water onsite) we feel that our priority need is to ensure that the electrical is brought up to code and able to handle current requirements.

Having the electrical system updated will allow us to continue to rent the hall which pays for our ongoing expenses (such as utility bills and community events). It will also help us to become more

energy efficient as we are able to change out 120 wat lights to LED, replace ballasts and wiring and be able to plug in two coffee pots at the same time.

It was our intention to include electrical quotes with our letter but due to how busy local companies currently are, we were unable to schedule a time for them to come out and view the hall and the work that needs to be done prior to submitting this letter. Those site visits will occur as soon as the local electrical companies are available. We are hoping for funding approval over the summer so that we can schedule the work to be done in the early fall.

If there are any additional questions or comments please contact myself at [REDACTED]

Regards,

On behalf of the Alexandria Community Hall Society

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