



June 26, 2023

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Dear Terry;

Re: **Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society Relocation**

Thank you for your ongoing support in this relocation process. This is a follow-up to our conversation and visit to the rec centre. After viewing the available space the board of Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society is excited to explore the opportunity to relocate to the rec centre. I want to communicate our understanding of what could happen and

explain how it will be a huge benefit to the society and to the community.

The space now occupied by the Mountaineers dressing room will be great as a place to meet for society members. A usual week would have this room used Tuesday and Thursday for cards, social gathering, and lunch. On Wednesday a group of seniors meets to play cards. The executive is aware this space will increase our capacity to provide more programs for seniors.

The “office” used by the Mountaineers is an excellent venue for the society’s employees to conduct their work.

The bathroom is in an excellent location but some work is required to make it accessible to some of the seniors who rely on wheelchairs. The “lift” is wonderful as it brings wheelchairs or scooters right to the main entrance of the room.

Because of two weekly lunches a kitchen would be required. The Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society employees a cook to prepare lunches two days a week. The room that overlooks the ice could be used as a kitchen. If appliances and counter space were set along the outside wall it could easily be separated from the rest of the room by an extendable door. This kitchen would also be available for use by other arena users.

Having the rec centre as a “home” creates a world of opportunity for the seniors. Seniors can walk, use the pool or gym, swim, play pickle ball, be involved in the many activities

that are provided by rec centre staff, before or after regular meetings. In addition, when the seniors plan a special event the entire facility, especially the meeting rooms, is available. There would be no more accessibility issues coming from the outside and when inside the building. The seniors are wanting to be more involved and inclusive with young and old members of Mackenzie. The visibility that comes with being in the rec centre is a huge step in that direction and makes it easier for interaction and involvement.

The Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society is excited for this partnership with you as we work together in moving forward with this proposal. We understand there is a cost for rental and also that purchase and installation of kitchen appliances, counters, cupboards etc. have to be discussed. We are willing to co-operate with you, apply for grants, or do anything that will help establish this new home for the seniors of Mackenzie.

Please contact me if you have questions, concerns or suggestions. We are grateful for this opportunity and will do everything in our power to make it a win/win for the seniors and the district. Thanks for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adele Barnes".

Adele Barnes

Vice-President

Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society