

Dear District of Mackenzie Council and Mayor,

I am writing to request your support for the upcoming venture of the Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society. As you may already know, the current home of the Mackenzie Senior Center is being demolished, and we have been given an excellent opportunity to lease to own a new building that is inclusive and accessible to meet the needs of our community.

Our staff and board have been working tirelessly to secure a new location and find viable solutions to help facilitate this transition, creating a new sustainable direction for our Mackenzie Seniors Center. As seniors in Mackenzie comprise 35% of the population, the center is a vital resource to the community. We hope to grow with them and provide more services, expand our friends helping friends meal program, and create new resources to help bridge the gap our community is facing in supporting our seniors while providing a beneficial, revitalized space our community can benefit from.

We are seeking your support in the form of a letter of endorsement for our application for The South Peace Mackenzie Trust funding. We plan to go into a lease-to-own option; this will not be part of the South Peace grant. We plan to hire a contractor with the South Peace Mackenzie Trust funding to renovate and upgrade the building. We plan to hire a cleaner and a part-time bookkeeper. With the renovations of a commercial kitchen, we plan to expand and hire more staff to maintain our kitchen. Again, though, the hiring for the kitchen expansion will not be part of this grant application, this will come in our future plans for the Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society seniors center.

Therefore, we kindly request your endorsement to help us secure the necessary funding to make this project a reality. We believe that your support will go a long way in helping us achieve our goals and objectives.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I have attached current letters of support for you knowledge, We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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