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ATTENTION: District of Mackenzie Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Request for Support for MCAC's 2024 Haunted Maze and Zombie Walk

Mackenzie Community Arts Council is proud to announce that we will be hosting our annual Haunted Maze once again this year, on October 25 and 26. This event is a cherished local tradition. Our theme for this year's Haunted Maze is "Back from the Dead!!!". Last year, we bid farewell to the Ernie Bodin Centre with "The Final Countdown". We also held our first "Annual Zombie Walk", with huge success. This year, the Zombie Walk (October 19) will partner with MORATA, who will be decorating the new accessibility trail. The Walk will be followed by a one hour "Zombie Rock Concert" at the baseball diamonds and a Spooky Bake Sale.

The Haunted Maze (Oct 25 and 26) will take place at our new facility. A new facility means new expenses, and this will require MCAC to increase our fundraising efforts. While volunteers plan, decorate, and perform all aspects of the Maze, putting in hundreds of hours, we still need funds for food, decorations, costumes, make-up, props, sets and more. MCAC is seeking financial support to make October a month filled with community events and enjoyment. The following is a breakdown of our budget:

Current confirmed expenses:

\$600 Infectious Performance Fee  
\$450 generator  
\$150 gas and jerry can for generator  
\$75 Fender rental from Rec Services  
\$300 costumes  
\$600 decorations  
\$600 food for two nights for cast and crew  
\$100 baking supplies for Spooky Bake Sale

\$300 exit signs for new facility  
\$315 staff hours (\$21/hr for ~15hrs)  
= **\$3490** total expenses  
- **\$1550** current sponsors  
= **\$1940** remaining expenses

\*\*(potential) plus ~\$800 for Rec Centre Community Hall rental, if we cannot use our new facility.

We would like permission to have access to the power at the ball diamonds, in case our generators are not sufficient/we experience technical difficulties.

If we receive ample sponsorship, then we will also hand out glow sticks and goodie bags to all the children that attend the Haunted Maze.

This year's events will be extra momentous as 2024 also marks 50 years of serving our community, and we cannot think of a better way to celebrate!

A thriving arts community helps to develop a healthier, happier community. By improving the quality and enjoyment of life for residents, and enhancing opportunities to connect and share experiences, we can increase the retention of volunteers and staff in our community and promote the diversification of our economy. The more Mackenzie has to offer, the more we will attract and retain newcomers, their families, entrepreneurs, and tourists, alike. The Mackenzie Community Arts Council could not offer these events without the support of our community. Thank you for your time, consideration and continued support!

Sincerely,

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