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ATTENTION: District of Mackenzie Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Request for Support for Project Caribou: Caribou Place Phase Two

Mackenzie Community Arts Council is very excited to confirm that Phase Two of Project Caribou (Caribou Place) will be commencing this spring. We have successfully secured Provincial funding. Confidentiality prohibits us from releasing details yet, however, we have been advised to reach out and ask you to waive our Building Permit Fees, as that will greatly help in ensuring the success of this project. When MCAC was first notified of our impending eviction from the Ernie Bodin Community Centre, we nearly dissolved as an organization. Accepting the very generous gift of the former Sikh Temple was a huge risk. Yet, we managed to maneuver some very challenging hurdles and many failed grant proposals. We successfully met our goal of opening to the public and delivered key community events such as the Haunted Maze/Zombie Walk and Festival of Bells.

If successful in all our proposals, our budget will be approximately \$1.1mil for renovations/accessibility upgrades. Even then, we will still have to generate an additional \$34,000 just to pay GST! We need the community's support and your help, to ensure the successful completion of this project. Other organizations received rental subsidies into the tens of thousands to help them survive their dislocation from EBCC. We strongly believe that this project adds an amazing asset to Mackenzie, one that far outweighs the modest revenues generated via permit fees. We hope you see the value and importance that this support would mean for us and the entire community. Thank you for your time, consideration and continued support.

Sincerely,  
Mackenzie Community Arts Council Board of Directors

We acknowledge that we live, work and create within the traditional territory of the Tse'khene People of the McLeod Lake Indian Band.