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Dear Head, Clara & Maria Ratepayer

Thank you. Past letters of request such as this have prompted some of you to contribute funds to specific projects within our community. Our improved community centre and Old Mackey Park certainly speak to the benefits of those funds.

With your continued assistance we'd like to maintain that record of success. Many funding opportunities require "fundraising" and some evidence of community support for acceptance.

Over the past few years, Council has made decisions which have stretched fundraising, donation and grant funding to provide benefits which would not have been affordable otherwise. The expanded community centre with its fully equipped new kitchen would not have happened without donations of time, money and equipment. We should all be proud that it is completely paid for, with no debt, no increase in taxes and no funding shortfall. Congratulations.

Based on this success and hearing from members of the community at our "wish list" public meeting back in December Council would like to continue to make improvements to our community *without raising your taxes*. We want to provide comfortable public access to all of our recreation facilities now and well into the future. In order to do this, we need your help.

Donations would be used to continue with community recreation and public space improvements. Although not written in stone, the wish list items from that December meeting include:

1. Fire equipment to be housed in trailers, one each per community;
2. Equipment and programming for increased fitness sessions;
3. Ceiling mount projector, laptop and sound system for the hall;
4. Upgrades to the municipal and garage septic systems;
5. Enhancements to Old Mackey park in the form of a covered structure which could support cooking and washing for increased usage;
6. Potential hiring of a student to monitor park usage;
7. The construction of a patio at the back of the hall;

8. High Speed internet service;

We appreciate that Council already receives money from you, in the form of taxes. As is evident in our budget, those taxes are required to cover general operating expenses. Instead of simply raising taxes, in order to reach our goals, council has approved a donation program. This way, those who wish to and are financially able may make additional contributions, which are tax deductible. Others would not bear the costs of these "extras".

Donations will be favourably accepted from individuals, families, in memoriam, from your group or organization and from local businesses and corporations.

Thank you for considering our purposes. We realize that many requests are made of each of us every day and that there is only so much discretionary income to go around. Please consider the improvements to your community as you make your donation decisions for 2014 and beyond. Through the generosity of our residents Council will be able to leverage your contributions and take advantage of available funding opportunities to help finance these new projects.

For more information, please contact the municipal office or any of your Council members. Additional information will soon be on our website. To make a donation, simply include a separate cheque with your tax payment. Donations over \$10 will trigger a tax receipt.

Sincerely and on behalf of Council

Reeve Tammy Stewart