

Presentation to Parkland County

Request: that Lakeside Curling Club be supported annually in the range of \$10,000 to \$15,000, similar to what Wabamun Arena gets.

We have applied to Parkland County for \$8,000 to \$10,000 under the non-profit societies grant. We have received \$2,000 in each of the past two years. Upon reviewing how the County supports Community Halls and Arenas, there is a huge difference between them and our Lakeside Curling Club.

We have 75 active curling members curling Monday through Thursday from October to the end of March each year. We offer 4 bonspiels annually on weekends and several member/family nights as well. We have sent five of our curling members to receive certification in teaching junior high students to curl. To this end, we have instituted a "Learn-to-Curl" program with 4 junior high schools over the past 3 years. Annually, we host 120 to 140 students from Wabamun, Seba Beach, Tomahawk and Darwell attend "Learn-to-Curl."

Currently, we have no reserves in the bank. Our expenses are too high. Three areas, in particular, are responsible for this: power for 6 months is \$13,000; insurance costs \$7,400; an aging ice plant costs us \$5,000 to \$10,000 annually to keep it operational. This July we spent over \$8,600 on repairing leaking pipes and manifold. We are never sure what additional costs we may incur when we start up the plant each September.

Currently, our main sources of income are: membership fees similar to those of Spruce Grove and Stony Plain Curling Clubs, but with many fewer members; a casino every 2.5 years which brings in about \$20,000; a live and silent auction in years that we do not have casino funds coming in, which raises from \$16,000 to \$20,000. We send out requests for other grants, but have not been successful to date. Most provincial grants require matching funds, which we do not have.

Why are we here? We need to make the county aware of our desperate situation. We need a greater amount of support from the County in order to remain a viable recreational entity.

Why are we not receiving funding higher than your Community Halls and Wabamun Arena, when our expenses are significantly higher? Obviously, curling rinks are more costly to operate and maintain than halls.

Attached are our comparative financial reports from 2012 to 2014 and our club's history.