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Mrs. Sheila Kitz CEO County of St. Paul 5015 – 49 Avenue St. Paul, Alberta TOA 3A4

Dear Sheila;

The Ashmont and District Agricultural Society was formed in 1984. As a Society we fund raised to build the Ashmont Agriplex which was constructed in 1990. Since the construction we have achieved top rate ball diamonds, and constructed a family playground. This year our volunteers have regenerated the outdoor skating rink for the community.

Maintenance has always been maintained to the highest level, given our facility the recognition of a clean, quality rental unit for many community events including weddings and funerals.

The membership was recently challenged with the need to upgrade our kitchen unit, as water usage has deteriorated the counter, requiring the removal of a wall and replacement of new sinks and waterlines to meet Alberta Health Regulations.

Alberta Health Regulations clearly states that no areas can have any mildew that may contaminate equipment used or food prepared for human consumption. All areas when cleaned must guarantee sterile preparation areas, free of possible contamination. We are inspected quarterly with our next inspection in March of 2014.

At the December 17, general meeting a decision was made to purchase necessary equipment and hire a contractor to install to meet all standards. The estimation is 10,000.00 (ten thousand) dollars and volunteers will support where acceptable.

For the membership making this necessary commitment we will need to use funds that were dedicated for skating rink upgrading and to reside the Agriplex. The membership know this is of high priority to meet these Alberta Health Regulations to continue hosting community events and for rental revenues.

We would like to request financial support from the County of St. Paul for this unexpected building maintenance cost.

Should you require any additional information please contact, Garry Himschoot @ 780 726- 3897 or Carol Bentley @ 780 726-2182 project leads.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely:

Chris Boorse

President

Ashmont and District

Agricultural Society

cc: Melissa Breen - Ag Society Secretary Frank Sloan - County Council Div. 5