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RE: Wiarton Propeller Club Kitchen Upgrades

To Whom It May Concern,

We respectfully submit this testimonial letter for the subject LEAF grant application for your kind consideration.

We are relative newcomers to Wiarton, having moved 5 years ago during the pandemic to be closer to our daughter's family. It was a challenging time to meet people as many meeting places were shuttered.

This was also a difficult period for community organizations such as the Wiarton Propeller Club (WPC) which faced an existential crisis of whether to re-open its doors. As the pandemic began to wind down, it took the courage and dedication of determined Club volunteers to undertake the renewal task, especially with respect to raising funds.

This team also worked diligently to re-establish the WPC as a community meeting place. The results of these considerable efforts led to the development and subsequent expansion of programs including lunch & learn sessions, wellness activities such as tai chi, exercise classes, line dancing, card groups, shuffleboard, and many other special gathering events.

All of these growing initiatives have truly repositioned the WPC facility as a valued community meeting place. As in many rural areas, there is a disproportionate senior's population where challenges include isolation, loneliness and a lack of wellness options. We, along with many other seniors, are regular participants in many WPC programs. We have seen and experienced firsthand the wonderful outcomes in bringing people together to improve their physical, mental & emotional wellbeing.

Facilities & infrastructure are very necessary components in providing and delivering on these support programs & activities. Many of the support programs and fundraising initiatives (hall rentals, community suppers, lunch & learn sessions, special events) require a more extensive kitchen. We both recognize and support the kitchen upgrades that are essential for the WPC to continue and grow its important mission as a community meeting place.

With kindest regards,

Frank & Darlene Guindon