

June 16, 2016

Dear Councillor Paul Smith,

I am the General Leader of the Strathcona 4-H Rein Riders, and I am writing to you to request some financial support for our Exchange Canada Adventure this July.

Our exchange group consists of eight young ladies and gentlemen ranging from 14 to 17 from the Strathcona District and two others from the Sturgeon District. We will be hosting ten youth from Durham County, Ontario from July 7 to 16 and during this time we have planned adventures to encourage a healthy outlook of our fine Alberta province.

Upon arrival, we will be meeting for a BBQ at the Bodell's family farm where we will get to meet our twins face to face for the first time after a month of Facebooking each other. We are expecting approximately five people per participating family so plan to feed fifty people on the first night. Throughout the week we will be touring local farms, feedlots, and driving by the refineries to show off our many resources directly linked to Strathcona County. As part of the exchange, the Durham group had to study and write a report on a local landmark so we suggested the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village which we will be touring as well. Other than a two day visit to Jasper we will be taking advantage of everything in our own backyard. Elk Island National Park and Strathcona Wilderness Center are sure to be a fun time as not everyone has bison next door.

Exchange Canada states that we are required to donate back to the community that we are visiting. This winter our construction members learned to build garden boxes for local schools. We are planning on hosting a clinic to teach and build two more boxes with the exchange members. I'm expecting some very fancy garden boxes with both Strathcona and Durham Counties stamped on the finished product.

These exchange trips give our youth the opportunity to experience other parts of Canada and see for themselves what each province has to offer. We hope to show the Ontario group that Alberta is not just Oil Sands but is agriculture at its best. Building community across the nation is the most important part of this trip as lifelong friends are made.

Our final night, July 15th, our plan is to host a baseball game, BBQ and pleasure horseback riding at the Josephburg Riding Club/Josephburg Agricultural Societies grounds. We open this night to all of our club members and to you, the Councillors of Strathcona, to come out and enjoy an evening of fine food and fond memories of a fantastic week. We hope to have at least 100 people stop in to say farewell to our new friends from Durham County.

On this note, I am hoping that the Council Priority Fund would be able to help us fund some of this adventure. Our members have done a substantial amount of fundraising but anything extra would help make their experience more enjoyable.

Sincerely

Kathy Corcoran

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Strathcona 4-H Rein Riders/Durham West Exchange Trip

2016

EXPENSES

FLIGHTS	\$125.00 X 12 = 1500.00
ARRIVAL BBQ	5.00 X 50 = 250.00
WEST ED WATERPARK	30.00 X 24 = 720.00
UKRAINIAN CULTURAL VILLAGE	10.00 X 24 = 240.00
CLINIC FOR BUILDING GARDEN BOXES	25.00 X 24 = 600.00
ENTRANCE TO ELK ISLAND PARK	6.80 X 24 = 163.20
GEOCACHING AT SWC	3.90 X 24 = 93.60
HOSTEL	60.00 X 24 = 1440.00
JASPER TRAM	40.00 X 24 = 960.00
MIETTE HOTSPRINGS	6.00 X 24 = 144.00
FAREWELL BBQ	5.00 X 100 = 500.00
DONATION TO USE JRC RIDING EQUIPMENT	150.00
EXTRA COSTS INCURRED	198.12

TOTAL	6958.92
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INCOME

PARENTS	\$125.00 X 12 = 1500.00
BOTTLE DRIVE	1252.45
PAINT NIGHT	1206.47
STRATHCONA 4-H REIN RIDERS	500.00
JOSEPHBURG AG SOCIETY	1000.00

TOTAL	5458.92
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Difference between income and expenses is \$1500.00. This is what we are requesting from the Council Priority Fund.

