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Town Council

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Town of Pincher Creek  
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Re: Expression of Interest Regarding the Current Leased Space in the Multi-Purpose Facility

Dear Mayor Anderberg and Town Council,

The Pincher Creek Municipal Library would like use of the space be provided to the gym upon termination of their lease.

The Library has been located in the Multi-Purpose Facility since it was first built 26 years ago. We have been an exemplary tenant and community partner during that time. The Library does not pay rent for our current space, and the Library is proposing to continue to not pay rent to have control of this space as well. However, we would like to revisit our lease agreement if we are given control of this space. As a municipally funded public service, the Library offers freely accessible programming for all community members, and therefore we do not charge registration fees for patrons who want to participate in our programs or activities.

The Library has been communicating its need for more space for several years now. Many solutions have been investigated, but to date none have been adopted. The opportunity to expand into this space would allow the library to use this space in order to host programs and events, such as Lego League, Summer Reading Program, Jam Night, Winter Speaker Series, and Author Presentations. We would also like to use the space to provide a larger meeting room space for groups to use, as our current meeting space is too small for some of the requests we receive. We also plan to work with other community groups, as well as the Culture and Recreation Department, who would like to and/or are currently using the space for community programming so that there is not a disruption or loss of services being offered to our community members. The space is probably not suitable for storage of books due to the higher humidity, but acquiring the gym space and moving the above listed programs and events out of the current space would potentially allow for an expansion of book storage in our current location. As such,

we do not plan to move any shelving or materials into the space with the exception, potentially, of some tables and chairs for use with our programming. We would also like to use some of the space to store all of our winter sport equipment and summer camping equipment.

The proposed use of the space would benefit the community because we would be able to offer programs and meeting spaces that would fit our community members needs. We would no longer have to turn down requests because our space is too small for their needs. We would no longer have too many people in a very small space for our programming and events. By having a separate programming space, we could also better maintain a quieter work space for patrons. Sometimes our programs get quite loud, but because our space is so small, there is no where else that's quiet for other patrons to go and work when the programs are happening.

The Library already has a great working arrangement with the Culture and Recreation Department and we don't see that relationship changing if we were provided control of this space. We would work together with the Culture and Recreation Department and they would definitely have access to the space. We know that they need more space and that the Swim Club uses the current gym space for their swim meet watch area and we don't see why we couldn't work together to make sure that both the Library's and the Culture and Recreation Department's needs could both be met in terms of using this space. We would prefer that the Library could have control of booking the space and that other groups that need the space would communicate with the library in regards to the availability and using the space.

We are in the process of trying to expand our facility at our current location. By acquiring control of this space before the expansion process continues further, the library would be able to more easily include this space in the expansion plans without having to worry about displacing a leased business from their location. This would potentially reduce the amount of space that the library would need to expand North and East during the expansion.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated and we look forward to further discussions in this regard.

Thank you.

Sandra Baker, Library Board Chairperson