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Township of Puslinch



January 28, 2014

Mayor and Council
Township of Puslinch
7404 Wellington Rd#34
Guelph ON N1H 6H9

Dear Mayor and Council;

RE: Donation for the Aberfoyle Fall Fair

2014 marks the 174th year for the Aberfoyle Agricultural Society. Since 1840 The Society has worked to increase the awareness of, and to improve the quality of agriculture, home crafts, and the rural lifestyle, by presenting an annual Fall Fair to exhibit livestock, produce, home crafts, pets and equipment. It also assists in 4H and Junior Garden Club activities.

One of Puslinch's first community organizations, the Society played a large part in the education and development of agriculture, home life, and nutrition at a time when 80% of the population was involved directly in agriculture and rural life. Today, even though our agricultural and rural communities are decreasing, the Society still has a strong grass roots base and supports the rural way of life.

The Society has a board to direct its activities, and an executive. Board members are elected annually by the membership. There are working committees for light horse, heavy horse, tractors, crops, garden, home craft, 4H and others. There are many members, representing all parts of the community, age groups, and interests.

Financing is from donations: provincial, municipal, corporate and private, and from membership fees and fair admissions.

In the past the Township has been very supportive of our Society and our Fall Fair and again this year we are asking for Council to approve a donation to the Society. We are seeking a donation of \$3000.00 from the Township. This is higher than previous years but 2012, and 2013 were poor years given our gate receipts were down due to heavy rains on fair day in both years.

We have enclosed our income statement for 2013 and our Budget for 2014

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-822-2984 or donmckay@golden.net.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. C. McKay".

D. C McKay
Past President
Aberfolye Agricultural Society

**Aberfoyle Agricultural Society
Income Statement
For The Year Ended December 31, 2013**

	2013	2012
Revenue:		
Government and Township Grants	\$4,074.95	\$ 5,100.00
Donations & Sponsorships	\$14,223.00	\$ 12,168.00
Fair Entry Fees and Gate Receipts	\$4,491.21	\$ 6,895.00
Other Society Activities	\$4,183.58	\$ 4,036.00
Bank Interest	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Revenue	\$26,972.74	\$ 28,199.00
 Expenses:		
Fair Prizes and Awards	\$6,304.24	\$ 6,613.00
Fair Operating Expenses	\$11,726.05	\$ 8,631.00
Fair Overhead Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Fair Advertising	\$443.12	\$ 543.00
Fair Insurance	\$1,836.00	\$ 2,340.00
Fair Book & Mailing	\$25.52	\$ 4,080.00 ***
Donations & In Memorium Gifts	\$ -	\$ -
Other Fundraising Expenses	\$1,851.40	\$ 1,106.00
Office & Miscellaneous	\$1,686.37	\$ 1,675.00
Rentals & Cleaning	\$287.00	\$ 1,046.00
Salaries	\$3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Depreciation/Amortization	\$ -	\$ -
GST	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
	\$27,659.70	\$ 29,534.00
 Net Gain/(Loss)	 <u>(\$686.96)</u>	 <u>\$ (1,335.00)</u>

*** Note Fair Book was a two year book for 2012/2013. Will be publishing a new book for 2014

**ABERFOYLE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2014**

Revenue:

Donations	\$15,000
Fair Revenue	\$ 9,500.00
Fundraising	\$ 2,400.00
Grants	<u>\$ 5,100.00</u>
Projected Total Income	\$32,000

Expense:

Bank Charges	\$ 262.00
Dues/Conventions	\$ 358.00
Fair Expenses	\$22,081
Garden Club Expenses	\$ 1,106.00
Meetings Expense	\$ 1,046.00
Fair Book	\$2,500.00
Office Expense	\$ 233.00
Postage	\$ 823.00
Wages	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>
Total Expense	\$31,909.00

Net Income \$ 91.00