

February 16, 2021

To Huron Kinloss Council

I am sending this request after talking to Deputy Mayor Don Murray about the problems the Lucknow Community Centre Board has been experiencing.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic all events at the Community Centre have been cancelled since last February. This includes five Stag and Doe rentals, four wedding celebrations, three church suppers, two Christmas events, three blood donor clinics, and a New Years Eve dance. We expected more events to be added throughout the year.

In January of 2020 the board updated the front entrance flooring, the men's washroom, and the bar area. These renovations were partially paid for from the Township's grant from Epcor. This was all completed with anticipation of income from the above mentioned events.

We have been able to keep current with the building's expenses up until this point but now find we cannot cover the heating and snow removal expenses of approximately \$2000 per month, as of February 1, 2021.

The Board looked into government Covid relief programs that were made available but after discussion with Lisa Thompson, MPP, we were informed that as we are not the building owners we can not apply for this grant money.

We are now requesting that the Township of Huron Kinloss and ACW assist the Board by acquiring funds to cover the operating expenses of the Lucknow & District Community Centre until income events return to our building.

Regards,

Greg Hackett

Chair of Lucknow Community Centre Board