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Subject : ***USE OF NEUSTADT COMMUNITY HALL FOR LIONS MEETINGS***

It is almost certain that the Neustadt and District Lions Club will be unable to conduct their regular meetings at our usual location, the Neustadt St.Paul's Lutheran Church basement, starting in September. Even if the church were to open, it is clear that we would not be able to meet any physical distancing with the size of our membership and the food tables we sit at.

At a meeting of the Lions Club Board on 3rd August, the idea of possibly using the Neustadt Community Hall for our meetings was tabled. There is a lot of room for physical distancing even with the set up of chairs – typically there are between 28 – 32 members that attend our meetings. The club believes that with the implementation of several Covid-19 protection protocols, that meetings could be held safely at the hall. Our club meetings normally include dinner, and although we haven't discussed what arrangements might be put in place for meals, the use of the kitchen facilities would also be desirable. The regular meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month, and we would need access to the hall from, say, 4 to 10 pm. Our Board meetings are held monthly on the 1st Monday, and it's possible that the hall would also serve as a good location for those meetings. All our club meetings are vital to the planning of our fundraising activities and to the planning of community projects, and we are concerned that without such meetings, these would suffer considerably.

There is absolutely no way that the club could consider paying the current hall/kitchen rental fees for these meetings, and it would be unethical to use funds designated for community projects for this purpose. Therefore the club is asking Council to provide these facilities at absolutely no cost. We are asking for this to take effect for our first meeting on 14th September, or at the first opportunity when the hall is declared open. Also we would ask that the facilities be provided this way until the end of June 2021.

The Lions Board doesn't feel that at this time we need to remind you of the significant contributions the Lions Club has made to the community over the years, as you are already well aware of this. We ask for your serious consideration of the matter, and please advise us of your decision as soon as possible to help us in our planning.

Approved by : *The Neustadt and District Lions Club Board of Directors.*

cc. Kody Hewlett, Recreation Supervisor