

## **Executive Summary – City of Nanaimo Request for Support**

Applicant: Royal Canadian Legion – Mt. Benson Branch 256

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The Royal Canadian Legion's mission statement "is to serve Veterans, including serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote Remembrance, and to serve our communities and our country". This is true of Branch 256 who sponsor or facilitate many veteran and community events. Literally thousands of members of the community attend Branch 256 events annually.

The application is under the New Horizons for Seniors Program funded through Employment and Development Canada.

The project we intend to complete will be the first phase of an overhaul of heating and ventilation systems within the building. During the Covid 19 pandemic facility operators learned of the recommendations of the Centre for Disease Control concerning active ventilation of public facilities. The heating system should not simply turn on and off like a residential heating system. The CDC states that air exchange should be between two and six times per hour depending on the occupancy load or activity within the facility.

The first phase of the project will be to add additional ducting and distribution of heated and cooled air. This will improve greatly the air circulation within the rooms as opposed to centralized heating units in the centre and peripherals.

It is estimated the project will exceed the requested grant of \$25,000 by initially, \$6,000. This does not include potential for asbestos remediation which could conceivably increase the project cost by an estimated \$10-15,000, should it be required. The initial budget is \$31,000, but, due to an extended period until contracts will be awarded, the Branch needs to have some flexibility due to potential bidding increases.

There is no other funding contemplated other than the NHSP grant as well as funds from the Legion Branch 256.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill McKay, Royal Canadian Legion, Mt. Benson Branch 256