

September XX, 2024

Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)

Subject: **Support Letter for Heating and Ventilation Upgrading**

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the City of Nanaimo Council, I wish to endorse the Royal Canadian Legion Mt. Benson Branch 256's request for funding.

Members of our community utilize the facilities facilitated by or hosted by the Legion.

These include:

- a) Supporting seniors with weekly events such as coffee meetings, sports groups including pool, bridge, euchre, and handwork classes. The Legion is also host to exercise classes with 7 sessions, 6 days a week.
- b) Monthly events for British members, newcomers, coin collectors, stamp collectors, British car enthusiasts, Marine Search and Rescue, and many more.
- c) All events are facilitated by a 100% volunteer group, who enjoy the act of volunteerism, and leadership training.
- d) In the past year additional commemorative ceremonies have taken place on a regular basis including Remembrance Day when over 700 people gather at the Legion to remember our veterans.

During Covid we learned about the importance of properly functioning heating and ventilation systems within our public buildings. As we understand, the grant request through the New Horizon Program, will be the first phase to provide healthier and more robust heating and air conditioning for the comfort and health of the guests.

Yours very truly,

Mayor Leonard Krog

City of Nanaimo