

March 21, 2025

## **Creston Lions Club**

Mr. Michael Moore Chief Administrative Officer Town of Creston PO Box 1339 Creston, BC VOB 1G0

Dear Mr. Moore:

## Re: Former Ambulance Building Bays and Office Area

The Creston Lions Club would like to extend its sincere appreciation to you and the Town of Creston Council for permitting our Club to utilize the bays in the former ambulance building for our 'Returnables' program. This has been an invaluable asset to our organization and our fundraising efforts.

As you know, the Lions Club's motto is 'We Serve', and funds that are raised through sales from our mobile food trailer, which up until the start of the 'Returnables' project, was basically the only method of generating revenue for the Club. For instance, in 2020 the Creston Lions Club was able to give back to the community in the way of donations in the amount of \$4,258.04, compare that to \$32,995.15 in donations in 2024. The 'Returnables' project alone is responsible for the increased revenue generated by our hard working volunteers. To date in 2025 we have donated \$15,814.47 back to the community, supporting various causes such as Bursaries, Hospice Society, Shriner's Children's Hospital, East Kootenay Foundation for Health, PAWS 'Seniors for Seniors Project, Creston Ministerial Association, Food Bank, Student Sports (travel for Provincial Tournaments, etc.), Angel Flight, children with disabilities, heart problems, and more.

Our Club has searched for a suitable and affordable location to house our 'Returnables' project and have not been able to find such a location, until the use of the former ambulance bays was made available from the Town of Creston. We cannot say enough about the suitability of this location, so we apologize if we are repeating ourselves here! We would like to propose to the Town of Creston that it considers a five year lease to the Creston Lions Club for the former ambulance building, which would include the ambulance bays and the former ambulance office area adjacent to the bays. This would allow our Club to move our meeting space from the Masonic Hall to the former ambulance building and give our Club a more centralized location for our supplies, etc.

We would be pleased to meet with you, or present to Council if you think appropriate, to discuss this proposal further. Thank you for your favourable consideration to our request.

Sincerely,

Terry McNeil
President