

Dundalk Little Theatre

Dundalk Ontario N0C 1B0

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Dundalk Town Hall and its theatre was built by master craftsmen at the turn of the century before the invention of microphones. Two people can be standing centre stage having a casual conversation and someone sitting in the back row of our theatre's balcony would be able to hear every word being spoken. That is how good the acoustics are in our beloved theatre. Our actors young and old love performing on its stage and we miss not having access to it and so does our community.

The Dundalk Little Theatre was formed in 1998 and since its inception has put on 35 plays, 7 musicals, several dinner theatres and Old-Fashioned Community Christmas Concerts.

The profits from our well attended performances have given us the financial capacity to donate to the local hospital building fund, the food bank, library, VON as well as giving a bursary every year to a graduating student at our local secondary school.

The Dundalk Little Theatre is a sustainable community group that prides itself in helping other local organizations through volunteering and with monetary donations. In the past we have paid for a new stage floor in our theatre, stage lights, fireproof stage curtains and sound system. In the 1990's our community rallied together and bought new upholstered theatre seats, which now sit empty.



We are excited to support the community citizen action group called "Team Town Hall" and Southgate Township in raising the required funds as stated in the grant application.

People of all ages and ethnicity participate in our little theatre group and attend our performances. We want to make our group and our theatre accessible and available to individuals with disabilities. This grant would enable us to make our building and theatre accessible to all!

Our community is growing. Dundalk presently has 3 new subdivisions, with a fourth being planned in 2020. We have had several young families ask about what performances, dance, voice and music lessons their children could participate in.

We want our building to be able to offer all of these as well as youth choirs and leisure activities for our growing senior population. In the past we used to have activities on a regular basis for our seniors to participate in.

In the past our theatre showed Saturday matinee movies. With all theatres being a considerable distance away there exists a gap within the community. By utilizing this facility, we can once again offer local economical entertainment for all the families in our area, as well as providing a great way for the youth to gain the volunteer hours needed for graduation.

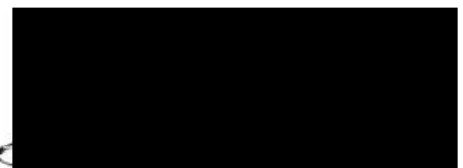
A healthy community is comprised of several components which include sports, education, faith, arts and culture. At present our community is lacking in the arts and culture. We desire to be able to make this a more balanced and healthy community.

We respectfully request you honor Southgate Township with a grant to enable us, as a community to restore our treasured Olde Town Hall and once again open its doors!

Sincerely,



Jessica Walker, President



Bonnie Black, Treasurer