

To Whom It May Concern:

The Dundalk Lions Club was founded in 1973 and has served the community in many ways since then, contributing time, money and effort to benefit all in the community. Projects are many over the years, and include annual events and larger contributions for medical care and other needs. We have a special interest in the youth. We also respect our heritage, and have been involved in improvements to the Town Hall in the past.

The project proposed for a Culture/Heritage Hub at the Town Hall would be a great help in providing positive activities in our community, which has many young families moving here from the city to live in the new subdivisions. It would be a place for new residents and long-time residents to meet and get to know each other.

Opportunities like doing drama, having Open Mike nights, learning skills like digital photography and videography - all within our town will help our rural youth. Historically, they have had to do without many such activities common in larger centres. Simply getting to see a movie is a big deal, when theatres are 40 minutes or more away and winter weather challenging.

As many of our members are local business people, we are concerned about our downtown. This investment would improve the downtown and would also bring many more people out to see what is actually available in this community.

Our local history book, published a number of years ago, had the picture of the Town Hall on the front cover. That is how central this place was and still is to this town and this area. With the theatre having been closed for the last five years, now is the time to take advantage of this still important asset and equip it to serve as a centre for the whole district into the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

LION PRESIDENT.