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To: Magda Badura <mbadura@westelgin.net>

Cc: Janet Given <jgiven@elgin.ca>

Subject: Application for reading garden furniture at West Lorne Library

Good morning Magda,

I am sorry I missed the Rodney Townhall meeting but it sounds like there was good attendance and we were well represented with Janet there. You can count on us to work with your team as things develop but this could be very exciting for the community. At the same time, we recognize that there are significant challenges and costs associated. Maybe we should meet sometime as I also have some thoughts on the initial work that was done for this but no urgency on that.

I am hoping for your support on another matter. The County will be applying for the Inclusive Communities Grant from the province and one project we would like included in that is outdoor furniture (i.e. a full bench and half size bench) for a reading garden in front of the library. Janet has already had discussions about this I believe with your staff and the horticultural society who may also make a donation. We would be applying for the costs of the furniture. We will make sure this stays within the bounds of what is proposed for the reading garden but I wanted your preliminary support to proceed and if successful, we can then work on the details of placement but it will look nice. Janet has provided the attached photo in terms of placement. We should likely hear later this summer if successful.

Regards,

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