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WELLS COMMUNITY FACILITY BUILDING SELECT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES APPLICATION SENT IN WITH THE HELP OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



The Wells Community Facility Building Select Committee, with the guidance from District Staff, have been developing a business plan and looking for potential resources to help with the rehabilitation and development of the existing school building and surrounding greenspace.

With the financial support of local community groups, the Committee has been able to successfully complete the business plan. This plan will soon be available to the public and further refinement will take place once we engage community and stakeholders for feedback. Thank you to the Wells Barkerville Parent Advisory Committee, Island Mountain Arts, The Wells and Area Community Association, The Wells Historical Society, Wells and Area Trails Society, and the Wells Barkerville Community Forest for their contributions to the preparation of the business plan.

The Committee has also completed an application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Community Culture and Recreation Program for a total project cost of \$2,016,300. This application required the Committee to raise the 27% matching funds. The Committee is extremely thankful to Barkerville Gold Mines for sponsoring this project with a contribution of \$512,000 towards the matching funds. With little notice to raise such large amount of funds, the Committee approached BGM, who immediately recognized the importance of this facility to the community and were happy to partner on this project. This submission would not have been possible without the contribution from BGM.

Mayor Gabe Fourchalk would also like to “acknowledge and thank the members of the Facility Select Committee who have worked extremely hard over that last few months to get us to this point. There is still a ways to go, but by working together, once again, we have shown what our community can do.”

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