REPORTS

327. From the Clerk, Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee
Minute 290 - LSWKCC, 2002/09/10

Expenditure from the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Land Dedication Reserve Fund - The Hindu Society of Manitoba

File EP-2 (Vol. 30)

Advising that on September 10, 2002, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee considered a communication from The Hindu Society of Manitoba requesting additional funding, and passed the following motion, namely:

> "That an expenditure in the amount of $20,000.00 from the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Land Dedication Reserve Fund be approved to The Hindu Society of Manitoba to offset the costs of the construction of the Hindu Centre."

Moved by Councillor Eadie,

That the recommendation be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

THE HINDU SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

A registered, non-profit charitable organization devoted to Hindu culture, philosophy & religion.
(Founded 1970)
(Official Registration No. 0382291-20-21)

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July 18, 2002

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Dear Sir,

Re: Hindu Centre

We are writing on behalf of the Fund-Raising Committee of the Hindu Society of Manitoba to request that you support the Hindu Society of Manitoba at the Community Committee level with our application for further funding for the construction of the Hindu Centre. Your support would be greatly appreciated, as we are anxious that construction should begin as quickly as possible.

As we have emphasized to you on many occasions in the past, our Society is now at the critical point where we need a better and larger facility to meet our community's spiritual, cultural, social, and recreational needs. In our fund-raising efforts, we have so far raised cash and pledges totaling approximately $ 1,300,000. We have also aquired and paid for 3.2 acres of land. However, about $ 2,000,000 in further funds are needed to see the Hindu Centre completed. In this regard, we are approaching all levels of government: Federal, Provincial, and the City.

Our community is an important component of the Canadian cultural mosaic. Prior to this project, our requests of government have been very limited. We now find that we must turn to government for assistance, as this program is very important to the continued health and growth of our community. This project is also very important to the city, as it will be an important addition to its cultural life. A beautiful and traditional structure which will not only improve our great city aesthetically but will also be a great tourist attraction.

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Enclosed is a copy of our recently-prepared information brochure, which explains in more detail the nature and extent of this project. As you will see from the enclosed brochure, the Centre will contain many features such as a multipurpose hall, classrooms, a sports hall, museum, and library, all of which will serve the needs of all members of the community, as well as the Hindu-Canadian community. The facilities themselves will be made available to the community on a non-profit basis.

We will be awaiting your confirmation. If you require any further information, please contact Ashok Chopra, Secretary, Fund Raising Committee at (204) 947-3669 cell: 999-7585 fax: (204) 957-0893, or Dr Pawan K Singal, Chairman, Fund Raising Committee at (204) 235-3416 or fax : (204) 233-6723.

Yours sincerely,

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Regional Vice-President, National Indo-Canadian Council