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To Whom It May Concern

I am pleased to add my name to those who are eager to testify to the role that Gordon-King Memorial United Church plays in the community. It is indeed a community gathering place, or community centre, for the surrounding neighbourhood. A variety of community groups make use of it, from Brownies to AA, to the local school, to mention a few. It is also a place for different community events and has the potential to be an even greater resource as one of two anchors in the community, Glenelm School being the other.

Any assistance that might be available for improvements to the church would be money well and wisely invested in a worthwhile community resource.

Sincerely,

Bill Blaikie, MP
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Mr. Tony Roziere
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Dear Tony:

I am writing regarding the ongoing relationship between the Glenelm community and Gordon-King Memorial United Church. I know that many people in our community are desperately in need of day care and the church would be an excellent home for the Glenelm Children's Centre because of its reputation in the community, close proximity to the school and spaciousness.

Both Glenelm School and Gordon-King are strong anchors in the community. Glenelm School continues to maintain a close relationship with the church since both of us strive to serve the entire community. As a result, we know Gordon-King well. The church has connected in many ways with everyone in the community far beyond the realm of its members. Gordon-King is a community place where happenings occur for many different people with varied needs and interests. This unique role of the church sets it apart from many others. It is truly a community place, rather than simply a place of worship for its own congregation.

The church is the home to our parent run lunch program that provides a safe, supervised location for children of working parents to eat over the lunch hour. We continue to use the church as a location for our school concerts and musical events. We also use the facility as our evacuation location in the event of an emergency. I know as well that Elmwood High School is using Gordon King for its graduation ceremonies.

Other organizations use the location for community-oriented projects such as Brownies, AA meetings etc. All families in the community are able to partake in activities such as a safe Halloween Haunted House, special performances among others. Throughout the year the church hosts events that the community enjoys including other seasonal themes such as St. Patrick's Day and holiday craft sales. There is no question that our community values Gordon-King's community presence.

Glenelm School continues to support your move toward opening the Centre and see Gordon-King Memorial as the obvious location.

Yours truly,

B. Peterson

Brian Peterson, Principal

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Thomas, Lillian

From: Pastor Troy [pastor_troy@gkmuc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2006 10:48 AM
To: Gerbasi, Jenny
Cc: Tony Roziere home; Thomas, Lillian
Subject: Re: Glenelm Children's Centre

Good morning, Ms Gerbasi.

My name is Pastor Troy van Ginkel; I lead the church community of Gordon-King Memorial (GKM) United Church.

I appreciate your concerns around the use of the CIG. So I thought I would give you a rundown of the community groups and events that use GKM's facilities:

Over half of the church members that use the facility live in the Glenelm community. GKM also hosts:

- Sparks, Brownies on Tues night
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets twice a week (Wed night & Fri afternoon)
- Girl Guides and Path Finders on Thurs night
- Glenelm School Lunch program daily (Mon - Fri)
- Glenelm School Winter Concert (annually)
- Glenelm School emergency shelter (in case of emergency evacuation)
- Hallowe'en Funhouse (annually)
- Elmwood High School Graduation ceremonies
- Community Suppers 2 - 3 times a year (not church fundraisers)
- Meetings of the Glenelm Children's Centre Committee

We also let the facility for private events (children's parties, musical recitals, wedding showers, etc). We are also beginning a conversation with Glenelm School about using the facility for a youth drop-in centre.

I hope this is helpful, and would invite you to drop in to GKM if you would like a tour of our facility. You can reach me by email, or by calling 667-8781.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.
Blessings,
Pastor Troy

----- Original Message -----
From: "Gerbasi, Jenny" <JGerbasi@winnipeg.ca>

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There was no questioning of the point that a Day Care is a much needed facility in this neighborhood...it is that the CIG program is not intended to fund building daycares and if this precident was set...there would be an onslaught of requests from Day Care's who need this funding.

I hope that clarifies what information the committee needs.

Thanks for your patience,
sincerely,
Jenny Gerbasi

Thomas, Lillian

From: Gerbasi, Jenny
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2006 6:33 PM
To: Thomas, Lillian; 'Sandra Phillips'
Cc: Benham, Donald; Smith, Harvey; Steeves, Gord
Subject: RE: Glenelm Children's Centre

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From: Thomas, Lillian
Sent: Wed 7/19/2006 5:56 PM
To: 'Sandra Phillips'
Cc: Gerbasi, Jenny; Benham, Donald; Smith, Harvey; Steeves, Gord
Subject: RE: Glenelm Children's Centre
Dear Sandra –

I went to the Standing Committee of Protection & Community Services last week to make our case for funding this community project in the GlenElm neighbourhood. I explained to them how this facility was like our "Crossways-in-Common" and that this project was needed in the area and a community priority. While I thought that I had been well-received by the standing policy committee, they again voted to reject the application.

I appeared today at Executive Policy Committee and asked that they send back the application to the Community Committee. I was concerned what a rejection of the application on the council floor, might do for your fundraising efforts.

I am c.c.ing all the members of the Standing policy committee in my email to you, in the hope that they could provide me with their specific concerns regarding this application. I am sure that we can meet their expectations, if they are clear about what they want from us.

Wishing you all well,

Sincerely,

Lillian Thomas

Councillor for Elmwood/East Kildonan

From: Sandra Phillips [mailto:sphillip@mts.net]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 8:01 AM
To: Thomas, Lillian
Subject: Glenelm Children's Centre

Dear Lillian - I hope your ankle is healing well. I have attached our "mid-year report" f.y.i. Can we touch base prior to the next meeting of Standing Policy Committee? Sandi

Glenelm Children's Centre Inc.

June 2006

We just completed our Spring Quilt Raffle and silent auction and raised almost $1400. Thanks to all our volunteers who sold tickets and collected prizes and to everyone who bought tickets. A very special thank you to Marlies Roziere who made the beautiful quilt and to the following businesses and individuals who donated prizes for the silent auction:

Victoria Inn * Independent Jewellers * Just the Perfect Place Florist * Johnson Group Inc. * City of Winnipeg, Golf Services SOA * Winnipeg Transit * Payworks * Councillor Lillian Thomas * Cathy Preibisch * Colleen Henderson * the Koth-Bull Family * the LeFloch Family * the Phillips/Neirinck Family *

If you have the opportunity to visit any of the businesses listed above, please be sure to thank them for their donation. The papier maché piñatas were fantastic – if you would like one, please call Colleen Henderson at 669-9810.

Elmwood – Transcona Councillor, Lillian Thomas has been working to secure funding from the Community Incentive Grant program for us. We appreciate her continuing support and encouragement. We are also grateful to Brian Peterson and the staff of Glenelm School, the Glenelm Parent Advisory Council and the congregation of Gordon-King Memorial United Church. Each has allowed us the use of their space, allowed us to attend events to sell tickets and written letters of support for us.

September Open House

You are cordially invited to our open house on September 8, 2006 from 6 – 8 p.m. (rain or shine). We will be serving bison on a bun and there will be entertainment courtesy of Troy Van Ginkel and friends. There is no charge (but donations will be gladly accepted!) There will be a short annual general meeting from 6:30 – 6:45.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Friday, September 8, 2006

6:30 p.m.

Gordon-King Memorial United Church
127 Cobourg Ave