

May 10, 2017

Dear Mayor Cole and South Huron Council Members,

The Exeter Library is currently partnering with South Huron Communities in Bloom to help provide community support for barn quilts in our area. This includes coordinating with the IPM's initiative to do the same throughout Huron County. The library has already held a barn quilt information night and is helping to provide information for those interested in creating their own quilts.

Because this is the year of celebrating Canada's 150th, we would like to create a community barn quilt here in the library with a pattern that uses the colours and shapes from the official logo. Building and painting the quilt in the library will allow for conversations and questions about them in our area, the significance of the 150th colours, and the upcoming IPM. Once the quilt is built, we are hoping that it could be proudly displayed somewhere on the outside of the library or town hall. Exeter is the southern entry point to Huron County with Hwy 4 being a major corridor route. Having a quilt on display at the center of town will draw the attention of tourists and residents alike and alert them that the library and town hall have maps and information about other quilts located throughout the area.

We are asking for \$200-\$500 of earmarked 150th municipal funds to help us cover the costs of boards and paint. The library will provide staff support and logistics, and Communities in Bloom has agreed to help with technical assistance and volunteers. The monetary range allows for the possibility of a second quilt being built which could potentially be displayed on another municipal property such as the Kirkton-Woodham Community Centre or Port Blake.

Thank you for considering this request. The library is excited at the possibility of partnering with the municipality and Communities in Bloom in order to create something truly unique for our community that residents of South Huron can be proud of and enjoy.

Sincerely,

Jenni Boles, Branch Manager Kirkton and Exeter Libraries

Cc: Dan Best

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