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South Huron Council
The Municipality of South Huron
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Dear Members of South Huron Council,

We are writing to kindly request that space rental fees be waived for the use of the Dashwood Community Centre space to host English as a Second Language (ESL) classes on Saturdays, beginning in January 2025. The classes will run each Saturday, for a total of 12 weeks.

The goal of these classes is to offer a welcoming and supportive environment for newcomers to the South Huron and area who wish to improve their English language skills. As you may know, English language skills are a vital component in helping individuals integrate into the community, enhance their employment opportunities, and improve their overall quality of life.

We would like to request the use of the space from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM** each Saturday. The ESL classes will be offered by Set 7 – an English language provider based in North Perth. Set 7's teaching fees are funded thanks to a one-time contribution from Huron County's Economic Development Board. We do not have funds to aid with space rental.

We strongly believe with the number of newcomers living in South Huron, the Dashwood Community Centre would be an ideal space for these classes.

We are hopeful that the Municipality of South Huron will consider donating the use of the space for this initiative. We are happy to list South Huron as a sponsor of this activity in return for the donation of this space and will provide a report to your council about the outcomes of the English language classes in the spring.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. We are eager to receive a positive response and are available to provide any additional information you may require. Please feel free to contact me at 519-524-0296 or via email at mnonkes@huroncounty.ca

Sincerely,

Mark Nonkes

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Huron County Immigration Partnership Manager