

**Town of North Rustico Council
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

Topic:

Date: January 5, 2021	Request No: <i>(Office Use Only)</i>
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Person: Jan King	Representing: Star of the Sea Senior Citizens' Club
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<p>Background: Personal: Past-President of the Seniors Club and serving member of the current Executive. Ex-teacher and book consultant, with a strong interest in the public library system.</p> <p>Proposal: The new Arena complex would be enhanced by the inclusion of a year-round service such as a public library. A library would offer programming and facilities that would engage and develop interests in all ages.</p>
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<p>Request: That the Council for the Town of North Rustico seriously consider an application to the PEI Provincial Library Service for the installation of a branch library in the proposed new Arena/Wellness Centre.</p>

Advantages	Disadvantages
<p>Library Services and lifelong learning are the mandate of the Minister of Education, who is our current MLA. Mental and intellectual stimulation, in addition to physical wellbeing should also be considered in a Wellness Centre. Library programs would offer stimulation, information and interest to all age-groups and families. The library would an additional meeting point for seniors and non-club members. A branch library would be a year-round destination which would increase the use of the proposed arena/wellness center.</p>	<p>The PEI Provincial Library Service considers that Central Queens branches are adequate.</p> <p>The Town would have to commit to long term provisions of a library i.e. maintenance (snow clearing etc.), cleaning of the library, painting of the premises, replacement of furniture.</p> <p>The library would be a stand-alone service i.e. the premises cannot be used for other than library events (except with special permission)</p> <p>Furnishings (from approved vendors) would be the responsibility of the Town.</p>

Required Resources:	The attached document details how costs are allocated between municipalities and the library system. Fund raising ideas are also included, in addition to general comments from The Director of Library Services and Regional Librarian (Central Queens).
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Staff Comments	
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CAO's Review / Comments	
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