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Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee  
Township of Rideau Lakes  
1439 County Road 8  
Delta, ON K0E 1G0

Dear Members of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee,

On behalf of the Newboro and Area Heritage Society (NAHS), I am writing to formally request a grant for the upcoming calendar year 2025 per the 2025 Historical Societies Seed Grant Procedure. Additionally, I would like to provide a report on the use of funds allocated to us for the year 2024.

The 2024 grant was vital in supporting several key activities and initiatives. Specifically, the funds were used for:

- Hosting our website and email platform. Please find the website at [www.newboroheritagesociety.com](http://www.newboroheritagesociety.com). This website allows us to engage with the community and share historical content. The purchase of a proprietary email account allows us to keep a business bank account for e-transfers.
- Purchasing a metal A-frame sign increased our visibility during events and promoted our initiatives.
- Gas cards for our monthly speakers from Portland, along with various donated items, to show our appreciation for their time and contributions.

In addition, we received significant community support, with donations of time for website building and gifts for speakers. Stone Manor Studios kindly sponsored our Canada Day Parade float, including decorations and hand-outs, and our Councillor Debbie Hutchings donated her time and tractor to pull the float.

Looking forward to 2025, the Newboro and Area Heritage Society has several exciting plans:

- We aim to participate in another Canada Day Parade with a themed float.
- We are working closely with Parks Canada to reanimate the Newboro Blockhouse and surrounding area, including hosting museum openings and fundraisers and creating a showcase walk and interpretive area for Newboro. Parks Canada has implied that we need to raise funds for repairs - such as replacing the exterior stairway.

- We are beginning to call for artifacts and documents to document collections relevant to the area, and we aim to support the development of a municipal archival centre.
- We would like to purchase recording equipment to capture the voices and stories of our elders in Newboro & the area.
- Additionally, we plan to create and present a panel museum exhibit in Newboro Hall focused on the area's history before 1800.

In light of these initiatives, we request a grant for 2025 to help fund these projects. The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee's continued support is crucial to preserving and promoting Newboro's rich history.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to your positive response and the opportunity to continue contributing to the heritage and community spirit of the Township of Rideau Lakes.

Sincerely,

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