



Tri-County Complex

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To whom it may concern.

Tri-County has struggled this year as you can imagine with the changing zone colours forcing our Minor Hockey players to practice only for now and much reduced canteen revenue. Our full-time staff has been reduced to three and our core of volunteers especially in the bowling alley continue to serve. We have stayed alive due to cost cutting and power savings along with a Federal Loan, some Provincial Covid funding and CERB reimbursements for our employees. We've had several donations including a grant from the New Brunswick Children's Foundation for \$15,000.00, a God-send for sure.

In the bowling alley some of our most worried seniors have stayed away for now but we have continued to operate with safety measures at reduced capacity. Our bowling volunteers do an amazing job, starting with getting this pre-owned equipment running in the first place. Unfortunately, there are frequent interruptions that require some trouble shooting by our volunteers Richard Webb & Dale Reid along with our 2 maintenance men.

Last year we met with Larry Welton of Central Mechanical in Hoyt & his Electrical Engineer friend and now our friend Tom Sisk who worked his professional life in industrial controls. With their help we wanted to solve the most frequent breakdown issues so that even a rookie like me could help supervise a bowling session and allow us to increase our revenue and provide opportunities for all ages.

Larry and Tom quickly divided the main faults into mechanical problems due to poor mounting of motors, alignment of belts, chains, shoots & downspout tubes. On the electrical side Tom has already re-designed a solid-state controller with error codes that make trouble shooting easier. He also recommended state of the art switching and relay devices and no more fuses or exposed wiring. When they're done I'm sure staff and patrons will be thoroughly pleased with smooth uninterrupted operation that will be more enjoyable for all. All the work will be done by volunteers such as Tom, Larry & Richard plus others along with our staff.

Our cost estimates per lane are \$6,000.00 electrical, \$2000.00 mechanical parts and \$2,000.00 miscellaneous which brings the total for six lanes to \$60,000.00.

We are also developing a fundraising marketing plan to achieve our goal, so all can participate with any sized donation. We are considering ways to recognize these donors such as we did with naming rooms at Tri-County which worked so well in the past. In other words, a \$10,000.00 donor would have his choice in naming a lane. Smaller donations could be recognized on a large donor board like the Arena seats and advertising could be procured on the Pin Sweeps that activate every time a "Red" button is pushed. Thus far we have raised \$7,500.00.

We have started with our limited funds hoping our community will come through as in times past despite the recent hardships due to Covid.

**Our Dream, Our Future, Our Community
Tri-County Complex Inc 2009**

Traditionally our bowling alley contributes 10-15% of our total income and often makes the difference in balancing our books or coming ahead. The original plan for Tri-County incorporated that revenue source and has been very successful thanks to our faithful volunteers. The biggest, most pleasant surprise has always been the fact that we've had as many as 135 active bowlers, mostly senior that rival our minor hockey registration in numbers.

Years ago, senior bowlers like Frank Jones of Wirral knew the value of exercise and the social experience of bowling and enjoyed the 2 bowling lanes at the old Orange Hall in Hoyt with manual pin setting. That same experience is appreciated by many at Tri-County Complex and sorely missed by some during the Covid reality we live in today.

This investment will set us up for an efficient bowling operation for all to enjoy for years to come. All donors will receive a tax receipt and a great big virtual hug for helping us see this exciting project come to completion. It will be a game changer.

Thanks so much for your continued support. It means a lot to the Tri-County experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. John Richardson" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. John Richardson
TCC President