

April 5, 2023

To Whom it may concern:

I would like to express my thoughts of Valleyview getting a newer or upgraded Ag Plex. I am involved in Alberta High School Rodeo in the north we find it very hard to find a facility to host our events. Alberta High School Rodeo is growing and continues to grow. We are the fifth largest district in the world. Having a larger facility and more user friendly that what is already in place would be great. Valleyview would have many opportunities to host large events with the High School Rodeo.

Hosting a provincial indoors is going to come mandatory in the very near future for High School Rodeo and we have always tried to get the finals north but have trouble with hotels, restaurants etc. being close to the facility.

Hosting a Canadians would be another big event with contestants from all around Canada coming to compete and the community again would gain from this event.

We all know living in Alberta our spring and fall weather doesn't always work well with the High School rodeo season and having a building adequate to host a High School Rodeo would allow a lot more rodeos to be booked in the northern area. I know if you had an upgraded or newer Ag Plex, you would have the chance to rent or host many more rodeos.

Having this facility would also bring in a lot more clinics that allow more opportunity to the northern kids to increase their skill levels.

Once again to have an indoor upgraded Ag plex would not only benefit Alberta High School Rodeos but also your community and businesses would boom.

Thanks for your time



Tracy Pratt

Alberta High School Rodeo Secretary for District 3

April 6, 2023

Alberta Stock Dog Association

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are pleased to be writing a letter in support of the new Valleyview Ag Society Arena.

We strongly support this grant application and the focus on agricultural activities in our community.

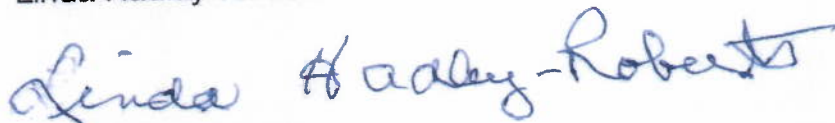
The Alberta Stock Dog Association rents this facility for our yearly Arena Finals. This event brings people from all over Canada to enjoy our Town and MD.

Yours Truly,

Wayne. Hadley-Roberts



Linda Hadley-Roberts





April 10, 2023

To Whom it may concern:

The Valleyview & District 4 H Council would like to confirm our ongoing support and relationship with the Valleyview Ag Society. As an organization we have had a long supportive relationship with the board and utilized the facilities at the Ag grounds for literally generations.

The grounds and buildings have been used by our membership extensively and as such we realized that with time, comes a need for revitalization and change. Organizations, people, uses, and needs are fluid and over time change.

The current Ag Society board in conversation with the membership and user groups has recognized a need to renew the current facility that we have all used extensively over time.

As a user group 4 H has recognized and supports the undertaking of the Ag Society to facilitate the construction of a new building that would incorporate a number of components that would enhance our use of the Ag Society facility making it easier to use for both the members and their project animals.

Valleyview & District 4 H Council would like to encourage the MD of Greenview and any and all interested parties to seriously consider the validity of the request of the Ag Society for financial support in undertaking the construction of a new facility at the Ag grounds.

It is time to recognize the benefits that a new facility could bring not only to the existing members and user groups but the expansion of use that a building with integrated handling and livestock facilities would facilitate for the Ag Society, as well as the community at large by bringing in new potential events.

Thank you on behalf of the Valleyview & District 4 H Council

Jackie Cuthbertson

Heartdog Adventures
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March 31st, 2023

I would like to start by saying I have been a volunteer and supporter of the Valleyview Ag Society and Rodeo for over 30 years.

I have a great fondness for horses, dogs and giving back to my community.

I started helping Lois Effird with dog obedience classes and teaching 4H K9 at the Valleyview Agplex 8 years ago.

Since that time, I have continued to teach 4H and dog classes in the building and outside when the weather permits.

In the last 2 years our small group of dog enthusiasts has grown considerably and we now host workshops, training and soon a trial in scentwork. Our club meets regularly and uses the building for our dog sports.

The support of the Ag society and the building make it possible to have our dog sports and club gather with a location that meets all our needs. The events and building bring people from other communities which supports the local economic infrastructure and our local Ag Society.

I am very grateful for the use of this building and the people who support the growth of our dog interests and the community.

Darlene Levesque,



April 4, 2023

To Whom This May Concern:

The Valleyview & Districts Agricultural Society has an annual horse show in the summer and various one day shows throughout the year.

These shows help our equestrians with their particular discipline while also giving them the chance to try new ones. The shows offer them the opportunity to gain experience to enter the bigger shows.

Having a bigger building would allow for the set up of a proper dressage ring indoors and also better jump lines, which in turn we would be able to host bigger and better shows.

We also host the 4-H programs and achievement days for both the horse and cattle clubs, with a bigger facility there would be room for expansion of the 4-H programs.

It would be nice to be able to provide space for seating for spectators as all of the above-mentioned activities and programs are considered spectator events too.

We would like to be able to host a number of different disciplines such as cutting and ranch horse competitions, larger work shops and possible barrel and pole racing.

We feel having a bigger building we could support and bring in more monetary gain with being able to host more bigger and better events then we already do. Greater use all the way a round.

Sincerely,

The Valleyview & Districts Agricultural Society

Horse Show Committee

April 12, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Farmer's Market Committee of the Valleyview & Districts Agricultural Society, wish to express our support to the building committee in its efforts to build a new arena.

The Farmer's Market had been an long standing Society in Valleyview pre Covid and since then the Ag Society has intentions of re-establishing the Farmer's Market as a committee under the Ag Society.

A new build is something that the Society deems necessary and the Farmer's Market is grateful to be considered as an important contributor and requiring a space within the new facility.

Sincerely,

Meladine DeMerchant

For the Farmer's Market Committee

April 12, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Fair Committee of the Valleyview & Districts Agricultural Society, we wish to express our support in the efforts of the Building Committee.

The Fair Committee has been a successful part of the annual Crocus Hill Stampede and has enjoyed the many opportunities to host and fundraise events in the current facility.

We recognize the efforts, contributions, and the benefits the current facility has hosted, and we realize the time has come to improve, through a new build the offerings of what has been an enormous part of Valleyview history. We look forward to what is to come for the Valleyview & District Agricultural Society as a community contributor-builder.

Sincerely,

Meladine DeMerchant

For the Fair Committee

Lisa Dorscheid
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April 18, 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the Valleyview Agricultural Society and their intentions to build a new facility on the current Ag grounds.

Our family has been farming in the Valleyview area for close to 30 years. My husband, Jim, and I have raised our four children, three of whom continue to reside in the surrounding community as adults.

The Ag Society grounds have been a part of our family recreational and business activities since we moved to the area. We have used the facilities to show our cattle, back when there was a fall fair, work horses; and our children showed their 4-H horse and beef projects as well. My husband was part of the roping club and our youngest daughter still ropes when her schooling schedule allows. We continue to spend time at the arena, whether watching local events that are hosted by the multitude of community groups and volunteering.

I believe that the Valleyview Ag Society is integral part of the recreation and social amenities that are essential to a vibrant community. Having a multi-purpose building that is safe and accessible for the next generation to enjoy, is of great importance. I would encourage all level of government to support this endeavor.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience at 780-524-8743.


Lisa Dorscheid



Valleyview Ag Society <valleyviewagsociety@gmail.com>

April 13, 2023

2 messages

Georgia Barber <gbarber_ab@icloud.com>

Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 10:43 AM

To: Jennifer Werklund <Jwerk@hotmail.ca>, Valleyview Ag Society <valleyviewagsociety@gmail.com>

April 13, 2023

From: Georgia Barber Valleyview, AB

To Whom it May Concern:

I have been a member, volunteer, and user of the Valleyview and District Agricultural Societies hall and indoor riding arena for over 30 years.

This facility has benefited the surrounding area equine users by hosting hundreds of educational classes and clinics in every equine discipline so that local users could improve their knowledge on safely feeding, handling, riding/training and competing of their animals. It brought the community skilled trainers that individuals could not afford on a private basis and allowed them to learn from professionals and each other.

There are many breeders, trainers and riders in the area and the arena has been central to the successful

development and maintenance of the local equine industry.

This includes numerous Canadian and international champions where local owners/trainers had learned/practiced part of their trade in the Ag. Society arena.

Sale of local horses has contributed millions of dollars to the surrounding economy because we had access to the facility and skill sets it helped promote. We have personally sold many rope horses, and roping cattle as part of our farm business because we had access to the indoor arena...which is an absolute must to work animals year round .

The arena brings people in from other areas to stay overnight in local motels, buy livestock feed/tack/supplies and purchase groceries/meals from stores and restaurants. The hall/arena have been a community gathering place for the equine industry and have had a huge positive impact on the mental, physical and financial well being of those involved.

The loss of such a facility will have a huge negative impact on our community, and I fully support its replacement.

From: T Likes t_likes@hotmail.com
Subject: New ag facility
Date: Apr 3, 2023 at 7:34:48 PM
To: jwerk@hotmail.ca

To whom it may concern;

My family lives and works in Valleyview Alberta. We own and ride horses. As many know this is Northern Alberta. Winters are long and cold. It would be nice to have a new facility to ride in during winter months, to host many different kind of events, to accommodate many different riders as we have in our community, one of the most important is the the health of our horses. One of the main reasons for writing this letter is to express my concern about the Ag plex building right now. Our horses respiratory health is most important to us as performance horses they need to be breath without issue. In this building one of our horses in-particular would cough while excising. It was the main reason we stopped riding in the Valleyview Ag plex. I hope our community can get a new facility to ride in.

Sincerely

Tanya Knight

Sent from my iPhone

To Whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Rodeo Committee, we are very pleased that the building committee is moving forward with plans for a new building. A lot of work has been done on the grounds over the years with upgrades to the rodeo equipment and a barn/multi use building was built. This facility has proved to be a great addition because we can now host small events in there as well as stabling for people coming to events. Many people stay at the Ag. grounds when travelling through with their animals and rent stalls or outdoor pens. Improvements have been made to many areas of the grounds and buildings and now the time has come for a new Agricultural Complex.

The Jack Williamson Memorial Ag. Plex has been repaired and renovated many times and is unfortunately coming to the end of its lifespan. The Agricultural Society is better off to put the money into a new building because the old arena will require many major extensive upgrades and it is still an old building.

A new building would open up many new opportunities for events and activities planned by the Agricultural Society Board and all the committees. We would not be so dependent on the weather like we are now as most of our events happen during the summer months weather pending. A new building with seating would open up so many new possibilities. Events could be planned rain or shine and with seating we could accommodate more people at events. The town has many hotels and restaurants and this will generate significant spending on gas and food purchases from people coming from out of town. In a report conducted by the Valleyview Chamber of Commerce at the 2019 Fair & Rodeo the Multi Plex was the most mentioned other activity enjoyed by visitors coming from out of town. The Agricultural Society has a positive economic impact on the community and surrounding areas.

The Agricultural Society is a community builder and provides relevant, affordable and beneficial programs and services which support agricultural and the local community. Our mission is to encourage improvement in agriculture and the quality of life of persons living in and around our community by developing programs, services and facilities based on the needs of our agricultural community. We have a great team of directors, committees, volunteers and support from the community.

Regards,
JoAnn Clarke
Valleyview Agricultural Society
Rodeo Committee

April 20th, 2023
Dana Murphy
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this to express the importance the Valleyview Agricultural Society's indoor riding arena and hall that has been and continues to be such an asset to our community. I have lived most of my life in Valleyview aside from getting a university degree and returning to work here as a registered nurse. This community is such a fantastic place to raise a family. A big part of this community is the Ag society. I have learned to ride horses here and am teaching my children the joys of animals and skills of riding using the same facility I grew up in.

When I reflect on what the ag society in Valleyview is, the term 'Inclusive' comes to mind. People in any level of any discipline can come and work on their skills- specifically but not limited to horses. Because of the facility many workshops and clinics are run here. I myself have learned to rope cattle, complete in reining, work and doctor cattle, train a stock dog, even have used the facility to train for Canadian and US national championships jumping horses (even winning some). Training for excellence is a great challenge in Northern Alberta because of our weather, an indoor facility allows us to ride and host activities regardless of what the sky's are doing! Without this facility we would not attract the quality of instruction that so many great clinicians and local trainers offer.

The Valleyview Ag society is a huge supporter of 4H. 4H was a large part of my life and we used the indoor facility for riding lessons, steer show and sale, countless valuable workshops all of which I would not have had the opportunity to participate in without a facility such as this. The Hall is such a necessary part of the ag society and is used by 4H for meetings and public speaking- which is utilized by many clubs each year. It is not only the local 4H clubs that use the facility in

Valleyview but it draws interest from the entire region- hosting beef, horse, sheep, rabbit and many other regional championships and competitions.

Inclusivity does not stop with simply different disciplines of riding but with a variety of people who can use the facility. I have 3 small children who, because of this facility love to ride. In the winter we can turn on heaters to make it more comfortable for our children to both ride and watch their parents' ride. There is room for lots of horses to be tied and for spectators to watch- or play! One of my daughters has Cerebral Palsy and as such needs frequent therapy to keep her muscles moving and working properly. The best therapy for this is equine. We use the facility weekly for our daughter to ride and have therapists work with her- even in the winter. I wanted to take my daughters positive experience with therapeutic riding further. I approached Cerebral Palsy Alberta about starting a riding program that could be for children with all kinds of physical, social or emotional challenges and they loved the idea. The Ag society in Valleyview was on board for this endeavor and immediately offered their facility for this program to take place. The generosity of the Ag Society will allow countless children to participate in the first ever northern Alberta adapted program that is funded through Cerebral Palsy Alberta. This program also includes parent talk sessions which can happen in the Hall portion of the arena. Looking into the future, for programs like this to continue to serve northern Alberta we will need a heated indoor riding facility to remain in our community. I look forward to using the Hall for upcoming fundraiser dinners and galas as we increase support for adapted programming in the north. The Programs Director for Cerebral Palsy Alberta has commented multiple times how supportive the Agricultural society is as there is not a single equine therapy program ran in the province with CPA due to the lack of available space, cost, willingness and volunteers.

I feel like I cannot talk about the Ag society and forget to mention the volunteers. Volunteering is just one more way the Ag society is inclusive and it attracts volunteers like no other organization! Our events are fun, well ran and well attended by people from Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. Many of the volunteers for the adapted riding program are also members of the ag society- most donating not only their time but also their horses. Our community is richly blessed by the

volunteers in the ag society who put on events like Rodeos, RCMP musical rides, Fairs, horse shows, roping and jumping jackpots and fall festivals. They have jobs for 4 year old's and 94 year old's and it is so fantastic for the younger generations to be able to learn the value of volunteering. We are blessed with seniors who participate and provide invaluable support as they share their generations of wisdom and planning.

I urge you to support the Valleyview and District Agricultural Society so they can continue to encourage excellence from the ground up. If I had not been raised around this supportive ag society I do not think I would have had the courage to start Northern Alberta's first adapted programs. They are one few organizations left that strive for inclusivity and know the benefits of multiple generations working together for a common goal. Thank you for your time as you read what the Valleyview Ag society means to my family and our community.



April 20, 2023

Meladine DeMerchant, President
Valleyview & District Agricultural Society
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Dear Meladine,

The Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies wishes to extend our support to the Valleyview Agricultural Society for their renovation / expansion project. Agricultural Societies like Valleyview provide significant and ever-expanding relevance to their communities. We commend the diligence of the organization for their research and planning to ensure the long-term success of their project, their organization, and the community at large. Their diversified approach will ensure adaptability for changing times and continue to positively impact the economic and social growth of the region.

Sincerely,

Tim Carson, Chief Executive Officer

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter as a resident, taxpayer and current business owner in the MD Of Greenview #16. As a resident in the DeBolt community we found ourselves travelling to Valleyview multiple times per week to make use of the current indoor riding arena and joining The Red Willow Roping Club throughout the winter. We appreciate having a facility to use and getting to know all the wonderful people in our surrounding small communities. However, after spending a lot of time there I can see why an update is necessary. The current arena is showing its age and is just too small to house the number of people that take part in events.

I feel having a new indoor arena would be a huge asset to all small surrounding communities and clubs. Our 4-H clubs seem to be increasingly growing every year, as well as youth and adult horse-related activities. I believe creating a space to encourage healthy activity amongst our neighbors and fellow community members throughout our long winters is very beneficial for everyone. Our family will continue to support the Valleyview Ag Society and will use any space available regularly.

Teri Unger

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April 19, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

I am honored to be writing a letter on behalf of the Peace Country Century Ropers. I have been the active Secretary / Treasurer for the past 5+ years but was involved with the club before that.

Peace Country Century Ropers (PCCR) is celebrating their 25th anniversary. PCCR originated in Wembley, Alberta and eventually settled into Valleyview. A more central area for its members. We have members travelling from throughout the Peace Country, Mayerthorpe area and as far north as Le Crete to attend our monthly jackpots! These members not only use our facility, but also buy fuel, use our restaurants, amenities, and hotels as well.

PCCR currently has 42 members, however; in the past we have had an upward of 80 ropers per season. The decline in our membership has been partially due to the small size and deterioration of our facility. Many members have expressed the need for an upgrade to our arena in order to remain competitive as a host venue.

In conclusion, I think a new facility would positively impact our small community in many ways. I look forward to seeing great things happening for the Valleyview & Districts Ag Plex.

Sincerely,



Carrie-Anne Werklund

Peace Country Century Ropers

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April 18, 2023

Open Letter to the MD of Greenview:

The Red Willow Roping Club was founded circa 1980. Originally roping was held in the summertime at Gil Werklund's ranch and later moved to a more central location, the Valleyview Ag Society grounds. The outdoor arena was great and very well used in those days.

It didn't take long for the Ag Society and the RWRC to recognize an opportunity to build a year-round facility. In 1983, construction began with help from the local community. In 1984, it was open for business. The RWRC roped in the winter for the first time. The 4-H achievement days were held inside and were no longer dictated by the weather. Different people and clubs came from all walks of life to make use of this new arena, which at the time was a rare luxury.

Over the last 40 years or so, it is hard to imagine how many people have benefitted, how much has been learned, ideas shared, and friendships made. Not to mention the families, organizations, and businesses. This place has been a hub for all of that.

Forty years has seen a lot of things change. Equine sports and rodeo have grown considerably over the years. Several other larger facilities have gone up and yet we have managed to remain competitive. People love this community and the open atmosphere that comes with it. It has been common to hear compliments to that effect. Despite that, the years have been betraying us, and despite top notch maintenance, the infrastructure is getting old and outdated. The reality is that this facility does not have many years left in it. Frankly we have noticed a dip in membership and can't help but wonder if it is due to the bigger events held in different locations. A new facility will bring that right back to Valleyview where it started for so many of us. A place that allows for the whole community to watch and will encourage more to try these things for themselves. It will allow people from urban setting to mingle with people from rural background and eliminate the disconnect that so many people speak of. This will be a huge boost for our entire community.

So yes, the Red Willow Roping Club whole-heartedly endorses replacing this facility and will continue our support as always.

Sincerely,
Reg Werklund


RWRC President

New build



To: 7805243473

Cc/Bcc, From: loisgoodrich@telus.net

Subject: New build

To whom it may concern

My name is Lois Goodrich and I moved to Valleyview in 1996. The riding arena was the reason we purchased property here as I am a CEF coach and trainer and this building allowed me to teach, ride and train twelve months a year. I understand the old structure is on its last legs and support a new building in our area for the next generation of equestrian people. Thankyou

Lois Goodrich

Sent from my iPhone

Ag society arena



To: [7805243473](tel:7805243473)

Cc/Bcc, From: loisgoodrich@telus.net

Subject: Ag society arena

To Whom it may concern

My name is Bert Trottier. I have been teaching clinics, roping and training horses in the Valleyview arena for over 20 years. I have auctioned off livestock for the local 4h beef clubs and enjoyed many years of working and playing in the Valleyview arena. I hope future generations can enjoy such a facility as well

Thankyou. Bert Trottier

Sent from my iPhone

From: Richard Lynch lynch4l@telusplanet.net
Subject: Indoor arena
Date: Apr 24, 2023 at 7:55:27 PM
To: jwerk@hotmail.ca

To whom it may concern;

The town of Valleyview as well as surrounding area has an extremely strong and dedicated horse community, and there is no doubt a new and larger indoor arena would be utilized to a great extent. Between English riders, reiners, team ropers as well as 4H horse clubs, liberty clinics, barrel racing...even stock dog enthusiasts! My goodness! If there is a community in need of a larger facility, it is the town of Valleyview. It is guaranteed to become a hot bed of activity with opportunity to grow.

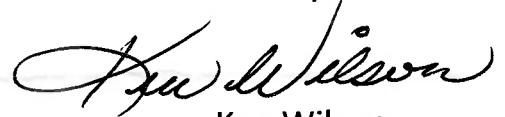
Thank you for your time;
Richard & Genie Lynch of
Pushin' Forty Horse Training

April 19, 2023

Reeve Tyler Olsen & Council Members,

I am writing this letter of support for the Valleyview Agricultural Society, as they move forward in planning to build a riding arena/ facility. I have been a member for the last 25 plus years. The riding arena has been a great asset to this community for many years, like everything it has expired its life expectancy. The building is in dire need of extensive repairs, there comes a point it needs replacing. Would be greatly appreciated if the MD of Greenview could help in this endeavor.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "K".

Ken Wilson



April 20, 2023

To whom it may concern,

We would like to express our thoughts on Valleyview building a newer upgraded Ag Plex.

Our family is actively involved in the rodeo community, from our son riding rough stock and roping to our own stock for Rockin' F Rodeo. As you may know we supply the stock for the mini buckers for the Crocus Hill Stampede.

It would be wonderful to see a new facility that would be able to accommodate practice pens for our rough stock riders, indoor rodeo events ect. Living in Northern Alberta our weather is not always accommodating of hosting the events that we all love to host and attend.

Having this facility would also bring a lot more clinics that would allow our northern riders to increase their skill levels.

Kind Regards

Tyler and Shyla Fells

To whom it may concern,

We would like to offer our viewpoint and thoughts on an upgraded or new Ag Plex in Valleyview. As a family that is very involved in the Equine Industry in Alberta this would be a great, and in our opinion, much needed improvement for those of us living north of Edmonton. We are involved in the Alberta High School Rodeo Association and also other amateur and open rodeo associations in the North Peace country. We have a very large group of house enthusiasts and competitors that live in the area and that would be grateful to have a facility to haul to that could possibly mean not having to drive 7 hours south to compete. It would be phenomenal to be able to host larger scale events in the north. Our High School district is the 5th largest in the world and STILL growing!! It is hard to rodeo outdoors as we have to in the spring and fall to stay competitive with our districts in Alberta who have far more access to indoor arenas. That speaks volumes in terms of what is potentially an untapped market here north of Edmonton. Valleyview is in an excellent location to reach that demand.

We also offer clinics. Again, this is restrictive here since we are so far north. An indoor arena more centrally located would be a huge asset. It would allow us the opportunity to draw people from farther away to come north. We raise our own horses as well and having the opportunity to market and get them seen closer to home is always a benefit. We can not say enough how much we would love to see a facility in Valleyview become a reality. The potential for growth in the industry and for the Town of Valleyview is HUGE!

Sincerely,

Owen and Ginger Patton
P Cross Prospects & Performance Horses

To whom it may concern;

I am writing this letter in support of a new indoor arena facility in ValleyView. We have rodeoed many times with high school rodeo and for WRA's there and more times than not it was in bad weather. A indoor facility would not only benefit the community during the summer on bad weather days, but it would be utilized during the winter for practices and clinics. Teepee creek is the closest Indoor arena and it is hard to book to use, as it must accommodate a large amount of people in the area. Having another option to use would really be nice. It would also be in a great centralized location with accommodations unlike Tee Pee Creek.

My son rides rough stock and he drives from Chetwynd BC to Tee Creek to practice once a month. I know that he would drive another hour just to be able to practice. My other son steer wrestles, tiedowns and team ropes. They often have practices in Teepee, but we don't go because there aren't any accommodations to stay at.

We don't have the availability up north like the southern people for places to practice at or where we can rodeo early spring because of the weather or the other in door facilites are booked up. Our high school rodeo kids only get 4 maybe 5 rodeos in, whereas in the south they get at least 6-8 rodeos. With a facility like this we could utilize it and give our cowboys and cowgirls the benefit of more rodeos, practices and clinics to learn so they can be more competitive. Our northern D3 High school rodeo has growing more than double the last few years. So that shows the opportunity and need for another indoor arena in the area. People from all over the peace country would come to use this arena. We are from BC and would come for practices, rodeos, jackpots and clinics.

I think Valleyview could maintain this type of Facility as they have a lot of businesses in the area to help support it. Like having a vet in the area is huge, accomodations, fountain tire, fuel, and all the other things that go with traveling. I can't see how this facility would not be used. I hope after reading this letter that you see that it is a need in our area, and we would hugely appreciate it if you went forward with it. Thanks so much for time!!

Miranda Brown

Subject Re: Judges Cards
From Dwayne Sorken
<sorkenrodeo@yahoo.ca>
To: randi seely <randiseely@aol.com>
Date Apr 21 at 8:18 AM

Whom it make concern

I Dwayne Sorken / Hard 8 roughstock rodeo productions/
Sorkenrodeo.

I would like to offer our support to the build of a new ag
plex or riding arena in Valleyview.
We would be interested in hosting events there like our
roughstock events. And also winter practices for our
rough stock .

For the roughstock event seating for 500 to 1000 people
plus would be a bonus .

I know that there is other arenas in peace county , that
are busy all the time . Which makes it important for
buildings like them in the Peace Country that have
seating room .

Thank you
Dwayne Sorken

780-832-2376

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April 14, 2023

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the local and surrounding barrel racing community, I would like to express our interest and support in the Valleyview Agricultural Society pursuing building a new indoor arena. Our Valleyview indoor arena has never been suitable for this event due to the small size of the arena. As of right now, we travel to High Prairie, Teepee Creek, and Grande Prairie to practice and compete in barrel racing clinics, jackpots, and rodeos.

It would be convenient to be able to have available to us right in our back yard an arena that is adequate size to host clinics, jackpots, and having the possibility of hosting a barrel racing finals, which competitors travel from British Columbia, and all through northern Alberta.

A new facility would benefit the rural and urban community of Valleyview and surrounding areas, bringing in business, opening job opportunities and having visitors experience the friendly small-town atmosphere.

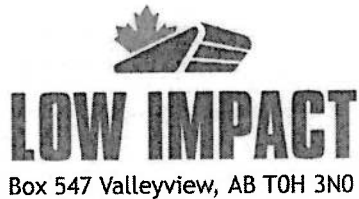
Our local barrel racing community is excited and fully supportive of the Valleyview Ag Society taking on this new venture of a new indoor arena.

Sincerely,



Joni Rohloff

Representative of the local barrel racing community



April 27 2023

RE: New Agricultural Facility in Valleyview, Alberta

Dear Community Stakeholder,

I am very excited to be writing this letter to offer my full support on behalf of myself, my family and our company Low Impact for a potential new Agri Plex for Valleyview and the surrounding communities.

I believe Valleyview is such an amazing location for a facility of this type as it is very central to so many communities and has excellent access right off Highway 43.

The amount of traffic and people that Agriculture and Rodeo events bring into communities is astounding, resulting in a lot of money being spent during these events at local businesses. This includes Gas Stations, Automotive Parts Shops, Local Mechanics, Veterinarian Services, Farrier Services, Grocery Stores, Specialty Stores, Restaurants, Fast Food, Tire Shops, Feed/Tack Stores, Hotels, etc.

With the proper indoor and outdoor facility, many large and small events could be hosted throughout the year including Professional Rodeos, High School Rodeos, Clinics, Tradeshows, 4H Events, etc, etc.

This also creates an opportunity for new individuals and businesses to establish themselves more locally in various related services.

The benefits to our community and our families having access to facilities such as this are immeasurable. In today's world it is becoming so important to find ways to keep families growing together and strong and both the Agriculture and Rodeo Communities are amazing ways to achieve this.

Giving kids the opportunity to grow up caring for animals and showing/rodeoing with them is potentially one of the most rewarding and life altering ways you can raise a child today in my experience. The life skills a child learns from caring for someone other than themselves prepares them for life in a way that nothing else can compare to.

I can speak first hand of the challenges of raising kids in today's world as I have had challenges and drug problems with 2 of my older children. These are both kids that, had I had given them the opportunity of an Agricultural or Rodeo lifestyle and the challenges, responsibilities and rewards that come with it, I could easily see this being a different situation today.

My wife and I now have had our youngest daughter Brettley involved in High School Rodeo in the last few years and I can't tell you how much Brettley's personality has grown and changed in such a positive way in such a short amount of time. She was such a shy kid with very little confidence and in my experience these personalities are the most influential and vulnerable.

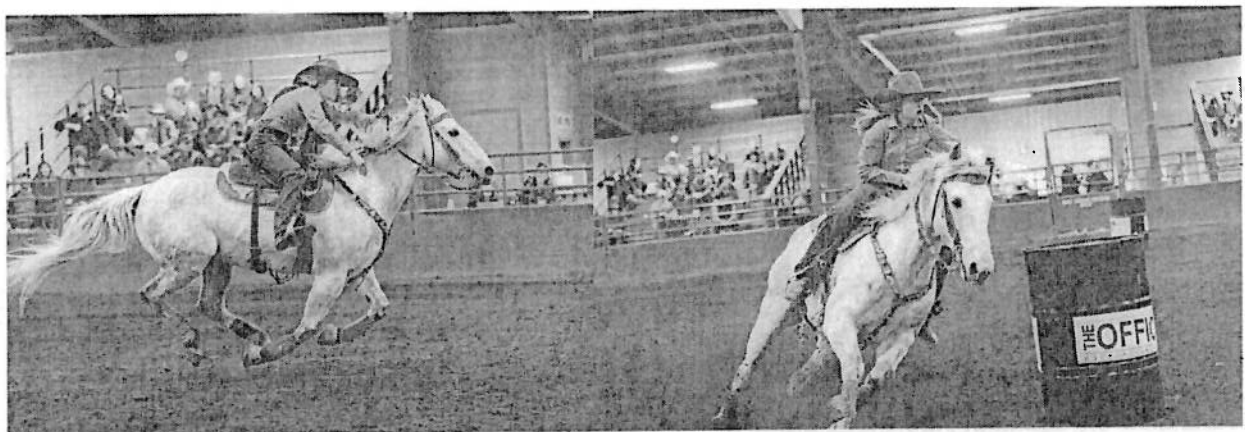
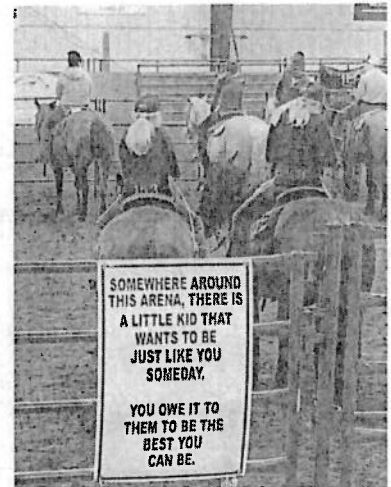
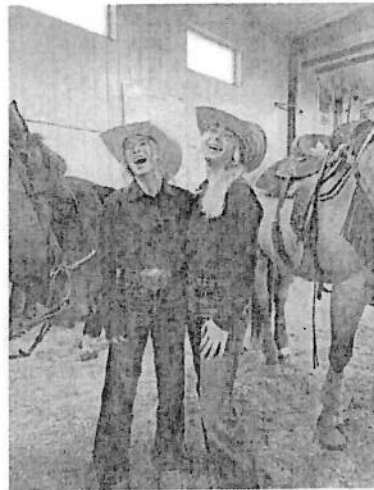
Brettley now has her own horses which she is responsible for and completely looks after which includes getting out of bed before school(rain/shine/sleet/snow) and feeds them, cares for them and rides them 4-5 days a week.

Her confidence has dramatically improved and she is no longer shy speaking with both other kids as well as adults. Her work ethic has increased so much and she is excelling at both school and rodeo and has gained so many lifelong friends. Her having the opportunity to grow up in the Rodeo Lifestyle is something that I would not trade for anything.

Having strong, hard working families are the lifeblood of all successful communities. The Valleyview and surrounding areas Agricultural and Rodeo families have proven this unarguably since Valleyview became a town and future generations in our community deserve our full support.



Troy Gordon
President



Hollingworth Construction

April 8, 2023

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Dear Community Stakeholder,

In 1983, The Valleyview & District Ag Society, in conjunction with the Red Willow Roping Club, built the Jack Williamson Agri Plex- an indoor riding arena and meeting hall for the agricultural community. It is located on over 30 acres of land on top of Crocus Hill in Valleyview, Alberta. With the man power of local volunteers alone, a determined group of people constructed the current post frame arena. While concrete or iron footings were not affordable during that time, the current facility was constructed with hand sawed timbers. Since 1983, the arena has provided a learning and recreational facility for multi-disciplinary equine, bovine, canine and small animal use. The indoor arena and meeting hall have hosted innumerable community dances, fairs and events.

Unfortunately, time has taken its toll on the building and it is quickly coming to the end of its useful life. We have seen the steady decline of facility users. Individuals, rodeo and riding associations have given feedback that the reason for user decline is due to limited arena size, poor footing, limited seating and air quality concerns of the current arena.

Looking ahead, the Valleyview & District Ag Society is envisioning a brand-new facility for the agricultural community to enjoy for future generations. We are excited about the events and possibilities that a new and larger facility will attract and accommodate. For example, hosting a High School rodeo during the winter months is possible with sufficient arena space and spectator seating for 400 people. Events like these would certainly bolster the local economy by drawing participants and spectators from around Alberta, BC and Saskatchewan.

I am in full support of the above mentioned and it is my opinion the new Agri Plex will have a positive impact on my business in the following ways:



Sincerely,

April 20, 2023

To whom it may concern,

We would like to express our thoughts on Valleyview building a newer upgraded Ag Plex.

Our family is actively involved in the rodeo community from barrel racing, roping to rough stock. The peace country has pumped out a lot of great riders in all these realms, but we are in lack as there are not a lot of places to have winter practice pens for our rough stock riders.

It would be wonderful to see a new facility that would be able to accommodate practice pens for our rough stock riders, indoor rodeo events ect. Living in Northern Alberta our weather is not always accommodating of hosting the events that we all love to host and attend.

Having this facility would also bring a lot more clinics that would allow our northern riders to increase their skill levels.

Kind Regards

Blake and Josie Holleis

Jim Harris
Blake Holleis

To whom it may concern,

My family and myself have been involved with the rodeo lifestyle for over 50 years. My Daughter and Granddaughter are barrel racers, as well as rope. My son in law is also an avid team roper. My wife is a timer for rodeos and jackpots. I myself am a professional rodeo judge, as well as a avid team roper.

We are from the Hythe area, and travel extensively to rodeos and jack pots.

We would fully support a Equine Facility in the Valleyview area.

Regards,

Larry Adams