

August 9th, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council:

The MacBride Museum enriches our lives immensely, especially for seniors, but also all age groups. Many of us are lonely, and social events, and social contacts of many kinds are absolutely necessary, particularly now because of Covid 19, but also during so-called normal times. The entertainment events, including story telling of historical events, are particularly very important to us. And, of course, for all age groups, from small children to seniors.

As a senior myself, I realize how many of us are restricted from many social events because of mobility problems. MacBride is suitable for all people with mobility limitations.

I once heard it said that the Yukon has more history crammed into the shortest period of time, and it is all so enthralling. If we don't know our history, we don't know where we are heading.

If the MacBride Museum has to pay the taxes, that it has never had to before, then it will have to cut back on hours, or even close altogether. That would be a disaster. It would take away so much knowledge, interest and pleasure to residents, as well as the many, many tourists that will be coming back to the Yukon again one day.

If MacBride is cutting back hours, how can they keep the excellent and knowledgeable staff who need full-time jobs. The staff is extremely gracious, knowledgeable and welcoming every time we go there. We are all made to feel welcome always.

The City should give MacBride a tax exemption forever.

I started the petition last year because I feel very strongly about all the above. MacBride is our place, it is our clubhouse where we gather. Hundreds of citizens agree with me. I hope the City of Whitehorse will see our side of this problem.

Please find attached an electronic copy of the petition I started.

Regards,

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