



# A Sheila Boyd Foundation Boyd Heritage Museum

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Presented by Craig Shanks

To City of Kawartha Lakes Council

As requested by Craig Shanks regarding the return of the Boyd Building back into the A. Sheila Boyd Foundation's hands – a listing of promised repairs and a written statement that the A. Sheila Boyd Foundation is the sole owner of the Boyd Building, 21 Canal St., Bobcaygeon.

As we, the Foundation, have had two years of COVID-19 restrictions and unable to hold our usual fundraising events, we find ourselves slightly cash poor.

As of the above date, we are not sure if we will have to rent out part of the vacated Library space to help pay bills. It would appear from requested costs associated with that section of the building, the City of Kawartha Lakes' cost was approximately \$23,000 a year.

Mr. Shanks has assured us that certain repairs to the Library section of the building will be done. MVW with Alex Welch visited the building to discuss the chimney mortar which is disintegrating, as well as the broken, small Art Room ramp.

Mr. Shanks has assured us that new flooring will be put down in the vacated Library and Art Room sections.

The wooden door above the Art Room is currently an interior slab door which has peeled and is disintegrating. We proposed a white steel door (matching other exterior doors around the building).

Behind the furnace, over the lower gallery of the Museum, there is no insulation. As a result, the ice builds up in the winter and runs into the hallway between the main Museum gallery and the lower gallery. We have been led to believe that blown in insulation or perhaps expanding foam would correct this problem.

Mr. Shanks has told us that the Foundation will assume ownership of the Chamber of Commerce space and rents would come to the Foundation. Apparently, the existing agreement between the City of Kawartha Lakes and the Chamber of Commerce has two years left. We do not know if that can be revoked and rewritten naming the Foundation, or if that agreement has to be carried out.

The two windows on the west side of the Chamber of Commerce have never been replaced and are in shocking disrepair (rotten sills, etc.). This was also mentioned to Craig Shanks.

The original agreement between the A. Sheila Boyd Foundation and the City of Kawartha Lakes signed by myself and Craig Shanks in 2013, stated that if the Foundation were to disband the City of Kawartha Lakes would take over the Museum and the collection would stay in Bobcaygeon. The Museum would be run similar to Maryboro Lodge in Fenelon Falls. We feel that agreement should remain in place.

If the City of Kawartha Lakes could help the A. Sheila Boyd Foundation in this transition period and giving the Foundation time to assess and restructure our financial position and become self-reliant, we are requesting \$7,000 for the interim period.

We appreciate the City of Kawartha Lakes not charging the Foundation insurance on the building. The Foundation has our own Director's Insurance.

We appreciate the ongoing support from the City of Kawartha Lakes as we endeavor to continue to provide a museum and community space in this heritage building.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara McFadzen". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Barbara McFadzen  
Chair – A. Sheila Boyd Foundation/Boyd Heritage Museum