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### Town Investing in Elks Hall Enhancements

Extensive upgrades to the Kindersley Elks Hall will benefit the growing number of patrons utilizing the facility for events in 2016.

New lobby seating and welcome signage has already been installed at the hall this year, adding to approximately \$30,000 in maintenance that was invested in 2015. An additional \$15,000 has been budgeted in 2016.

This year's scheduled improvements include the installation of new lighting for the entrance and parking lot as well as new toilets in all the facility's restrooms. The following maintenance and upgrades were completed in 2015:

- Roof and wall repairs
- Installation of new fire extinguishers, pull station lamps, and emergency signs and lighting
- Replacement of main water line valve
- Installation of new water heater, faucet mixing valves, and dishwasher
- Purchase of new plastic tables

Effective January 1, 2016, the Town has also updated rental usage fees at the Elks Hall, which include a new minimal capital charge of \$5 per rental to offset future capital maintenance and repair. The fees were approved by Council in December 2015 after an extensive review of more than 20 comparable facilities locally and in other municipalities.

Small catered events, meetings, training, and family celebrations are among the most common bookings at the Elks Hall throughout the year.

"The Elks will continue to support the Town in any way they can to keep the hall up to date and an asset to the community," said Gary Hamilton, representative of the Kindersley Elks Club. Hamilton presented Council with a \$4,000 donation on behalf of the club last year to assist with the cost of upgrades.

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*The Kindersley Elks Club also provides financial assistance to Kindersley and area who require medical treatment not covered by medicare. For more information about this program, contact Gary Hamilton at 306-463-7192 or [organgrinder@sasktel.net](mailto:organgrinder@sasktel.net).*