

# Dear neighbour,

*A message from the LBCA Board of Directors*

**Rainy season is here and we're worried about the roof;**

**It needs fixing and community association is short funds.**

## Why do we need to replace the roof?

Our roof has been a big issue over the years and replacing it is critical. Many of you will recall two years ago when a section of the roof blew off, leaving behind a temporary hole over the arena. Or perhaps you've seen buckets in the lobby collecting dripping rain water. Last spring, staff worked overtime to save soaked carpets when the preschool upstairs was repeatedly inundated with water.

This year, we plan to complete the fourth and final phase of the roof project, and requested \$300,000 from the City of Calgary (CCG grant) and \$125,000 from the Province of Alberta (CFEP grant).

***While the City provided their grant for the roof, the Province awarded only \$48,500, shorting the community by one third, or \$76,500.***

## What can we do about it?

It's election time and soon we will have a new MLA for Lake Bonavista. **If you feel reliable provincial funding for our community is important, please be sure to let candidates know your opinion.** Your voice matters and can make a difference, not just for our neighbourhood, but for the communities we serve.

Given the state of the roof, we have no choice but to proceed with the last phase of repairs. To deal with the grant shortfall, we will be forced to temporarily dip into our reserve fund, and take a hard look at finances, specifically increased program fees for members, community fundraising or service reductions.

## Who pays for recreation centre upkeep?

Like your home, our recreation centre is over forty years old and in need of regular, often costly, maintenance.



Because fees from programs like soccer and hockey don't bring in enough money to cover building upkeep, the community association relies on grants from the province and city.

## Why was our community shorted grant funds?

According to the government we lost out, "due to the high volume of applications received and the limited funds available".

## Facts:

- CFEP grants have not been cut overall in the provincial budget, and according to their website, total funds approved this year are currently well below budget
- Several community associations received the full \$125,000 they requested this year (e.g. Applewood Park, McKenzie Lake, Oakridge)
- One community association, Glenbrook, received \$195,000; that's \$70,000 more than the official grant maximum