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Espanola Town Council Corporate Services Committee 100 Tudhope St, Suite 2. Espanola, ON, P5E 1S6

Dear committee members,

Espanola Pride is a group of volunteers that runs events for LGBTQ+ folks, friends, and families. We help create inclusive spaces in the community.

Our inaugural events last year drew in some 600 attendees, many of them children and youth.

We hope to run a similar programming this year, including a family fun day, a movie night, and socials.

A donation from the Town council would contribute to our success.

Please consider a \$1,000 donation as part of your budget negotiations, in addition to waiving fees for use of town facilities, and covering event insurance.

While it is still early in our planning process, we know some last year's sponsors will renew their support this year.

The 2023 Espanola Pride edition was sponsored by community businesses and partners, including Tanner's, Lions, Design 4 Lean, Moose FM, Domtar and TD Bank.

Our budget for the 2024 edition is \$10,000. We hope to raise funds through grants, community donations, and by selling merchandise.

Please find our financial statement attached to this letter.

We thank you for your time.

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