

5. CORRESPONDENCE

B) MT PLEASANT SCOUT DEN – BROKEN WINDOWS

The following letter has been received from Julie Smythe, Chairperson of the Mt Pleasant Scout Group, seeking funding of \$1700 to enable the Scout Group to replace the remaining 85 glass window panes in the building with polycarbonate in order to protect the building against vandalism.

Mrs Smythe writes:

“We are writing with regard to the ongoing repairs of broken windows at the scout den in Major Hornbrook Road.

We rent this building along with the Clifton Girl Guides. For many years we have been replacing the broken windows at our cost with acrylic or polycarbonate. This has been a huge and on-going cost to our members. Currently we have just had 24 broken panes replaced with polycarbonate at a cost of approximately \$550 (\$378 labour and the balance is polycarbonate – we are still waiting on the cost of the material but have had an estimate).

We need financial help to cover the on-going costs. We have had an estimate to replace the remaining 85 panes at an approximate cost of \$1700 with polycarbonate, or \$1500 with acrylic. We have been using polycarbonate as it is the best and very unlikely to break if subjected to vandalism again. Since having the repairs to the 24 panes completed, we now have another two broken panes.

We are required to keep the building in its original state because of its historic interest and can not change the character of it at all. This means keeping the small panes of glass and we feel that if the building is to be kept in a state to use, the windows must be replaced with polycarbonate.

Would you please grant us \$1700 to make these permanent repairs to the windows. This will enhance our already useful Scout Den and relieve us of the continuing burden of paying for numbers of windows on a regular basis from our dwindling resources.”

The Mt Pleasant Scout Den is owned by the council. It is located on the Old School Reserve and is leased to the Mt Pleasant Scout Group.

Under the terms of the lease the Mt Pleasant Scout Group is responsible for the maintenance of the building.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: For discussion