



REQUEST TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL FORM

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ABOUT YOUR REQUEST

Topic of Presentation: The impact of NB's first Tool Library & DIY Centre and how Saint John can continue to benefit from this as a piece of common infrastructure

Purpose for Presentation (what is the ask of Council): To discuss potential ways for the city to grow in its involvement with our organization and how it might grow its impact.

Background Information: The Saint John Tool Library opened its doors on June 16, 2018 and we had the support of many city councilors in attendance for our grand opening. Since then we have noticed a substantial impact on the arts, culture, and construction industries of our city which is worth discussing with our city council in more detail. We are NB's first tool library and the maritimes first tool library/DIY Centre combination. Most tool libraries are owned by municipal governments and/or by non-profit organizations. Because of the high percentage of non-profits in Saint John, our team decided to start as a private business that operates like a co-op and lives like a community centre. We think there are many benefits for the city of Saint John adopting a more intimate relationship with our group and would like to hear what options might be available for that from our city councilors.

YOUR SIGNATURE

Signature: Brent RJ Harris

Date: December 20, 2018.