Green Bay Economic Development Association P.O. Box 1609, Springdale, NL, A0J 1T0

May 10, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: request for donation to reopen the Regional Visitor Information Centre, VIC located near rte 390 (please note there is a May 31th deadline)

Thanks to people like you in 2016 we raised \$10,000! With that support we reopened our regional VIC and told nearly 10,000 tourists about what our region has to offer. (What a great return on investment!) Despite lobbying both the Premier and the Minister of Tourism in person, the Provincial Government has still not reinstated the \$10,000 grant that allows our VIC to open each summer. Ever the optimists, the GBED Association is back trying to fundraise, to keep the doors open again this summer. It is our hope to continue to direct TCH tourists into our entire region, as we have done for almost **50 years**!

Each summer our regional VIC welcomes between 10,000 - 13,000 tourists on the Trans Canada Highway (TCH). If there is no longer a VIC then zero tourists will be met & encouraged to visit our 42 communities off Routes 380, 390 and 410.

Therefore, we are asking for any amount of a contribution that you have available to help us save our region's VIC. All Contributors will be acknowledged inside the VIC. The deadline for contributions is May 31th, 2017.

New for this summer: Donors will be permitted to submit 1 photo per \$250 donation. ie. 2 for \$500... I mages will be showcased on digital photo frame(s) to increase your profile at the VIC!

(If we do not raise enough money to open you will be reimbursed for 100% of your contribution.)

If you require additional information please feel free to contact the following people at the GBEDA:

David Hayashida (GBEDA secretary) dlhayashida@gmail.com, Sarah Foster (GBEDA manager)

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request for funding.

Fundraising Committee, GBEDA

Please make cheques to: Green Bay Economic Development Association Mailing address: P.O. Box 1609, Springdale, NL, AOJ 1TO