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Jim Goodwin
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Re: Letter of Intent regarding future use of the Venue Facilities

Dear Mr Goodwin;

I am writing to you today to let you know of my excitement of the development of the Venue as a future arts facility in High River. I feel this facility will fill a large gap of much needed creative space within our community. In addition to the opportunities it will create for the performing arts by way of the black box theatre, the planned arts studio space will be a much needed resource for High River artists.

As a textile and fibre artist working out of my home, I look forward to being able to rent the studio space as it will allow me to greatly expand my arts practice. If fitted with a dye kitchen (including large sink, cook surface, and ventilation fan) the studio will be a fantastic resource for my work. I will be able to easily dye larger batches of wool fibre than I can currently work with. Combined with the open space of the studio, this will permit me to work on oversized pieces which my current studio room does not allow. As well, it will enable collaboration with other textile artists and the teaching of workshops which is a great part of my arts practice.

The concept of combining arts spaces will provide a great opportunity for further artist collaboration across genres. Not only can the studio offer a fantastic workspace for visual artists, but this can combine with the black box theatre space for many arts show opportunities. Musical performances can be combined with visual arts and more. This is such an exciting prospect – I can hardly wait!

Even the outside design of the building has my mind wondering. The enormous blank east wall of the building will provide the town with fantastic space for temporary public art installations. Even though this is just an idea in the works, I have already begun brainstorming ideas.

What a thrilling opportunity for the arts community of High River. I look forward to the day I can unpack my equipment and get to work on a new project within the Venue space!

Sincerely,			
Holly Kingdon			