

Ryan Payne  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Foothills County  
309 Macleod Trail  
High River, Alberta  
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Dear Ryan,

I am writing on behalf of Leighton Art Centre to kindly request that our snow removal needs be considered for inclusion on an upcoming Foothills County Council agenda.

As winter approaches, we have seen firsthand how unplowed roads can significantly affect our ability to operate both safely and efficiently. Without consistent snow removal, access to our site becomes difficult for school buses, visitors, staff, volunteers, and even our contracted snow removal service. This disruption forces us to cancel school programs, close exhibitions and the Gallery Shop, and halt other vital activities—affecting not only our reputation but also our revenue.

We have calculated that on days when roads remain uncleared, we lose an average of 92 visitors. This results in a net revenue loss of over \$1,000 per day, not to mention lost earnings for our staff and local artists.

Regular snow clearance would allow us to continue welcoming visitors and school groups, offering meaningful experiences with art and nature while contributing to our community's vibrancy.

We would greatly appreciate it if the Council could prioritize snow removal on the following routes leading to our site (map attached):

- 266 Ave / Township Rd 214A: 1.60 km
  - 128 St W / Range Rd 22: 1.80 km
  - 282 Ave W / Township Rd 213A: 1.20 km
  - Range Rd 23: 0.14 km
- Total: 4.74 km



Please note, we are not requesting that the County clear our internal site, as we have a contracted snow removal service for that. However, timely clearing of the above routes is critical for ensuring safe access for our visitors and contractors.

A document summarizing this request is attached for your convenience. Should you need any additional information or wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to reach out. We truly appreciate your support and understanding in this matter.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christina Cuthbertson', is positioned above the printed name.

Christina Cuthbertson  
Executive Director



## SNOW

### HAVE THE ROADS BEEN CLEARED?

YES

VISITORS, SCHOOL BUSES, STAFF, AND CONTRACTED SNOW REMOVAL COMPANY CAN **SAFELY** ACCESS THE LEIGHTON ART CENTRE SITE

### EXHIBITIONS, GIFT SHOP & SCHOOL PROGRAMS OPEN

#### Positive Reputation

32 visitors experiences Art & Nature  
60 Students have transformative experiences  
Schools re-book field trips next season  
Repeat customers

#### Earned Revenue

Gift Shop Sales: Average \$548 per day  
School Program Fees: \$1280 per day  
On-site Admissions/Donations: \$100 per day

#### Income Earned

Wages for part time staff: \$640 per day  
Income for local artists: \$274 per day

LAC internal site snow removal: \$600 per day

**EACH DAY THE ROAD IS CLEARED:**  
**92 VISITORS INCLUDING STUDENTS**  
**\$414 NET REVENUE**  
**\$914 INCOME FOR STAFF & ARTISTS**

NO

VISITORS, SCHOOL BUSES, STAFF, AND CONTRACTED SNOW REMOVAL COMPANY **CANNOT SAFELY** ACCESS THE LEIGHTON ART CENTRE SITE

### EXHIBITIONS, GIFT SHOP & SCHOOL PROGRAMS CLOSE

#### Negative Reputation

Lost repeat customers  
Canceled school programs and lost repeat bookings  
Schools pre-pay for busing and expect LAC reimburse: \$600/day  
Canceling staff shifts negatively impacts retention

#### Lost Revenue

Lost Gift Shop Sales: \$548 per day  
Lost School Program Fees: \$1280 per day  
Lost on-site Admissions/Donations: \$100 per day

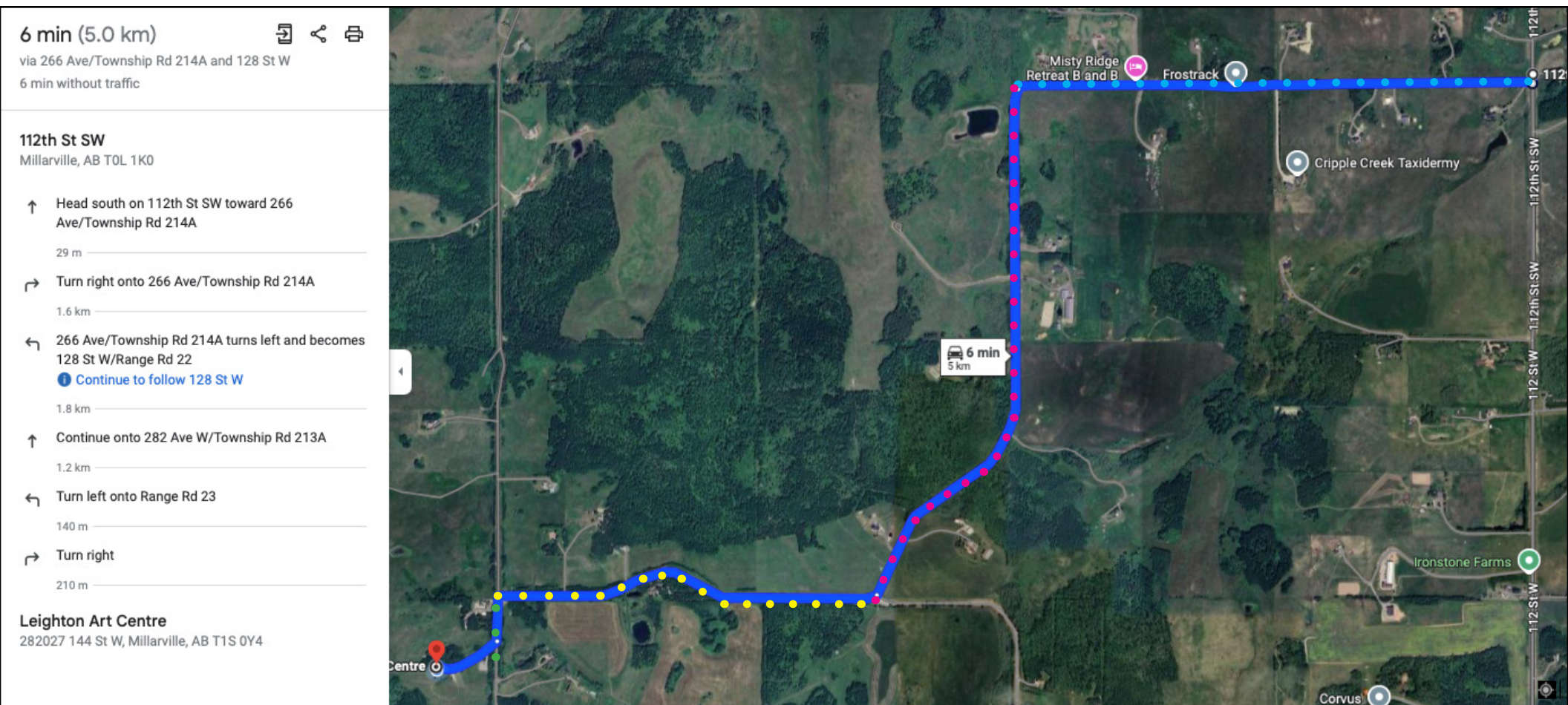
#### Lost Income

Lost wages for part time staff: \$640 per day  
Lost income for local artists: \$274 per day

LAC internal site snow removal: No Cost

**EACH DAY THE ROAD IS NOT CLEARED:**  
**92 LOST VISITORS**  
**\$1014 NET LOSS**  
**\$914 LOST INCOME FOR STAFF & ARTISTS**





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