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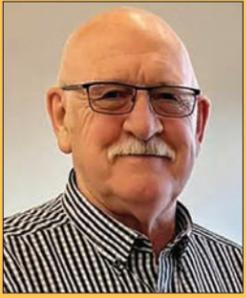
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EMPRESS CONCERT SERIES



Photo by Frank McTighe

East Coast songwriter Lennie Gallant brought his extensive catalogue of rock, folk and country music to the stage of the Empress Theatre on Thursday for a Centre Stage Series

performance. Above, Gallant, a member of the Order of Canada and a Juno Award and East Coast Music Awards winner, jams with Marie André Gaudet.

Council reviews grant applications

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GAZETTE EDITOR

The Town of Fort Macleod received nine applications for grants to organizations totalling \$70,000.

With a budget of only \$50,000 council faces some tough decisions.

Director of community and protective services Liisa Gillingham brought those grant applications to council's finance and infrastructure committee meeting Wednesday at the G.R. Davis Administration Building.

Gillingham told council the budget for grants to organizations is \$50,000.

In recent years, Gillingham said, the town has received both large and small grant requests.

That led to a recommendation council in future consider establishing both large and small funding streams.

That would regulate how much is available for the larger requests at the expense of smaller requests.

"I just don't want to lose sight of

those little ones when we have large asks," Gillingham said.

Council might also want to consider taking some regular annual requests and turning them into budget line items, rather than dealing with them through the grants to organizations process.

Gillingham also said council might want to review the criteria on which grants are awarded.

The 2026 funding requests were as follows:

• Claresholm CARES — \$5,000

to help with operation of the animal shelter.

Gillingham told council the Town of Fort Macleod has previously provided funding, and uses the service provided by CARES.

Previous grants totalled \$3,000 in 2021 and the same amount in 2024.

• Fort Macleod Allied Arts — \$22,050 to help offset operating expenses, which are primarily rent and utilities for the studio on Second Avenue.

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