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Cc: Randy McClelland

Subject: Formal Request for Approval to Install Friendship Arch – Grand Valley Lions 75th Anniversary

Hi Meghan,

On behalf of the Grand Valley Lions Club, I am writing to formally request the Town of Grand Valley's approval to install a Friendship Arch in celebration of our club's 75th anniversary.

One of our members, Lion Lori, has already spoken with the Town verbally about this project, and we are now submitting this as our formal written request.

We are proposing that the arch be placed at County Road 25 (where the new town sign is) near the tree stump, where it will serve as a highly visible and meaningful landmark. This Friendship Arch will not only honour the Lions Club's 75 years of dedicated service to Grand Valley but will also symbolize friendship, unity, and the spirit of community service.

The structure we have in mind is a concrete Friendship Arch (see attached reference picture). The arch stands 6 feet tall with a 4' x 7' base and features the Lions International logos and handshake emblem, representing goodwill and fellowship. The company that builds the Arches will install it.

For our club, this project is both honourable and important, as it allows us to celebrate our milestone in a way that gives back to the town. The Friendship Arch will provide a lasting reminder of the Lions' commitment to serving Grand Valley while also welcoming visitors and residents alike.

We sincerely hope that the Town will support this initiative and grant permission for us to move forward with this installation.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We would be happy to meet and discuss further details if needed.

With appreciation,

Paarul Burge

Secretary- Grand Valley Lions Club

