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To All Members of Mill Bay/Malahat Historical Society:

The Mill Bay/Malahat Historical Society (registered since 2009 and with charity status since 2010), has a mandate to collect, preserve and present historical artifacts and archival material of the Mill Bay/Malahat area.

Since 2007 the Society has operated a small museum within Mill Bay's Pioneer Centre, which we have now clearly outgrown. In 2017 we were one of three signatories on a lease agreement with the Cowichan Valley Regional District allowing us to use the former Mill Bay United Church as the new location for "The Heritage Museum". Also in 2017 a Canada 150 Grant was awarded to cover the costs of the necessary interior renovation of the building. These renovations are now under way.

However, it has become apparent that a separate storage and office space will be necessary to accommodate our growing artifact collection and to continue towards our goal of becoming a recognized, professionally-run Museum. In this regard, MBMHS has committed to purchase a modified shipping container to place on the church property. The purchase of this container unit is not covered by the Grant money and funding is coming out of general Society revenue. We have been able to save about 75% of the needed funds but are in need of approximately \$5,800.00 to meet our target.

We are appealing to all MBMHS members to contribute to the container purchase and conversion into an office/storage space. Can we count on your support to keep our history alive?

A stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations over \$20.00. **If you are interested in sponsoring a specific capital expense, please see over.**

**Gratefully yours,**

**MBMHS Fundraising Committee**

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