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To: The Bourne Family Charitable Foundation

Sherry and Sean and everyone associated with the Bourne Family Foundation,

THANK-YOU for your incredible gift of \$60,000 to pay off the balance of our Solar Array Project mortgage!

We are done! Time to celebrate! Pop a cork! Cut a cake! Light a fire! It's time for a mortgage burning party!

This is a major milestone for the Buckhorn Community Centre.

In 2011 the board approved this \$350,000 twenty year project and by March 2012 we had 312 solar panels on our roof. This green initiative has been very profitable for the BCC. Since then the Solar Array Project has generated 629 Mwh and over **\$460,500** in revenues!! Plus, we have saved the equivalent of 377 tonnes of CO2 emissions or 210,189 litres of gasoline.

We've worked hard to pay down the mortgage but occasionally have had to redirect the revenues to other priorities. This action will save us \$1,116 a month in payments for the next 4 1/2 years! As well, the up side of discovering this year that the panels were delaminating and replacing them, under warranty at a cost to us of \$15,000; is that the new panel technology is nine years improved and superior to the original installation. They promise to deliver higher outputs for the remaining eleven plus years of the Feed In Tariff contract. We expect to produce over \$600,000 more in revenues. Pray for sunny days!!!!

The Bourne Family Foundation has been a major donor to the BCC cause for years. We've used the funds to pay salaries, taxes and utilities. We've made big and small capital purchases. We've funded other important projects like the LED lighting upgrade. All of these expenses have been necessary and very important to our financial viability BUT this extraordinary present will be recognized as a game changer for the BCC. We are debt free! In addition to being a significant financial status it is a liberating state of mind for a Non-Profit!

We hope that all the wonderful small communities that make up this great country will be getting back to normal sometime soon. The heart of this little community is made bigger by your generous support. Sherry, Sean and the entire Bourne Family Foundation, the Buckhorn Community Centre Board of Directors and All of our Members once again,

THANK YOU ! Let's light that fire!

Sincerely yours,

Bill Kent

President, Buckhorn Cultural Center aka: Buckhorn Community Centre & Athletic Association