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Keitha Patton and Katya Hayes, Chairpersons
West Kootenay Women's Association
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Dear Keitha Patton and Katya Hayes:

I am writing to correct an information item in the WKWA Newsletter, December 1999, Vol. 2, Number 8.

The column "Here's the Money", Treasurer's Report reports the following:

"The only revenue that is pre-defined is the rent paid to WKWA by the Women's Centre, which is \$450 per month comprised of \$300 from the funding grants with the provincial Ministry of Women's Equality and the \$150 from the federal Status of Women Canada. These are the amounts our funders are willing to give us towards our costs of running the house, in spite of our request for more money to cover this overhead."

As you know, the present funding arrangement with WKWA requires WKWA to submit an application for operational funding. This application contains a budget sheet. While categories of eligible expenditures are listed, amounts are not. The applicant, WKWA, determines their operating budget. The rent allocation of \$300.00 has been determined solely by WKWA. Furthermore, WKWA has not made any requests to the Ministry of Women's Equality for an increased rent allocation.

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The article, "Women's centre keeps operating – for now" which appeared in the Nelson Daily News, January 25, 2000, perpetuates this misinformation.

Unfortunately, this misinformation appears to be informing the crucial planning currently being undertaken by WKWA. I hope this clarification will support a planning process based on accurate information.

Clearly, it is also important to correct this erroneous impression in the broader community. Please advise what steps WKWA will be taking to correct the misinformation reported in the Nelson Daily News.

Sincerely,



Janice Logan
Regional Program Coordinator

cc: Karen Newmoon, Treasurer, West Kootenay Women's Association