

April 3, 2019

Dear Mayor Seamans and Riverview Town Council,

My name is Guy Messervier and I am the Head Coach of the Riverview High School Football Team. I am writing you today to request funding for a new section of bleachers to be installed in the summer of 2019 for the football field at Riverview High School. As you may be aware, the current bleachers at the field are old and are becoming a safety concern for both the fans that come to our games and the groups outside of our school that use the field. I am asking for \$5000.00 to purchase one section of bleachers. My hope is to have four new sections of bleachers for the 2019 NBIAA High School Football season. I have secured funding from other sources to assist me in this goal.

Riverview Lion's Club	up to \$6000.00
Riverview High School	up to \$6000.00
5 Bridges Bar and Grill	\$3000.00 (for leveling and gravel)
Mike Holland MLA	up to \$6000.00

The cost of each section of bleachers is \$4200.00 plus shipping and taxes. The removal of the old bleachers and the assembly of the new bleachers will not be the responsibility of the Town of Riverview. That is being provided by volunteers and time donated by other professionals. I am asking the Town of Riverview to assist with approximately 20% of the cost.

As a coach of the Riverview High School Football Team, I have made many upgrades to our field that benefit both our team and the reciprocal agreement the Town of Riverview has with Riverview High School. The RHS Football Team raised funds and built a canteen and press box, raised funds to put in new aluminum players' benches, raised funds to bring electricity to the field, and raised funds for new flag poles. These projects were all done on our own with the help of outside organizations. We have never asked the Town of Riverview for any money to assist with these field-improving projects. Installing new bleachers will be a benefit to all who use the field - school organizations and community organizations. Having a safe place for fans to watch football, soccer and rugby games is a benefit to everyone involved.

Riverview High School truly appreciates the maintenance work the Town of Riverview does on the field as part of the reciprocal agreement. The field would be practically unusable without the tremendous amount of work you do. That is why I have not requested money from you for the upgrades that have been done to the field thus far. However, purchasing new bleachers for the safety of all fans is a task a little too big for the Riverview High School Football Team to accomplish on their own. The \$4200.00 I am requesting is a small cost compared to the benefits that will result for our community. Please understand this is an RHS Football Team/ Program initiative. I have, town residents have, players and alumni have been trying to improve this facility for the last 11 years. This is not a RHS Fundraiser. It is not part of the "Friends of the Royals". All funds from that fundraiser go to academic technological initiatives at the school to benefit all students' not just athletes. Our initiative is or could be considered a collaborative effort by the team/program to improve a community facility. My goal is the same as the Town: to make Riverview the best it can be. Thank-you for considering my request and I look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

Guy Messervier

Teacher and RHS Football Head Coach