February 3, 2020

Hi Steve,

In 2018 the Municipality of Brockton gave the Singer Tree money from the Community Well Being program. I know that it was as a result of you and other counsellors revisiting an earlier decision which did not allocate any money to us.

We appreciated very much being reconsidered for the grant money and ultimately receiving it. It was our intent to continue to grow the Singer Tree program for many years to come.

In December of 2018 we put on a Singer Tree presentation as usual but following that presentation there were some issues that developed and as a result we were not able to put on a presentation in 2019. For 21 years we have been a part of the Christmas season in Walkerton and it broke our hearts not to be able to present last year. We feel we have let you down given the trust you put in the Singer Tree to maintain a viable program into the future.

In a recent meeting of the Singer Tree Committee, we decided that we wanted to return the money to the Municipality with our apologies and with a hope that the funds can be put towards a viable program within the community.

We thank you for your support of the arts in Brockton and especially supporting our program.

Kerry Withrow Singer Tree Chair