

# Community Equine Center Proposed Development Plan Equine - Youth Initiative

**A JOINT EFFORT:**  
**Mackenzie County**  
**Local businesses and individuals**  
**La Crete Agricultural Society**  
**Grant Programs**





# RIDING ARENA COMMITTEE MEMBERS



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# IDENTIFIED NEED

- In 2011 there were 850 horses in the La Crete area
- There's a need for a Year-round riding arena for public use
- We need MORE activities for our YOUTH now and for generations to come!!!



# Vision

**Heated facility year-round to be used:**

- **By the public**
- **The 4-H Club**
- **Available for the Disabled Society**
- **Structured activities for community youth**
- **Horsemanship Training**
- **Hoof Care Training**
- **Therapy at many different levels**



# Benefits

- **Community Programs**
- **Community Involvement**
- **Community Volunteering**
- **Youth Programs**
- **Skill Development**
- **Leadership Training**
- **Equine Therapy**
- **Physical & Mental Wellbeing**
- **School Equine and Therapy Programs**

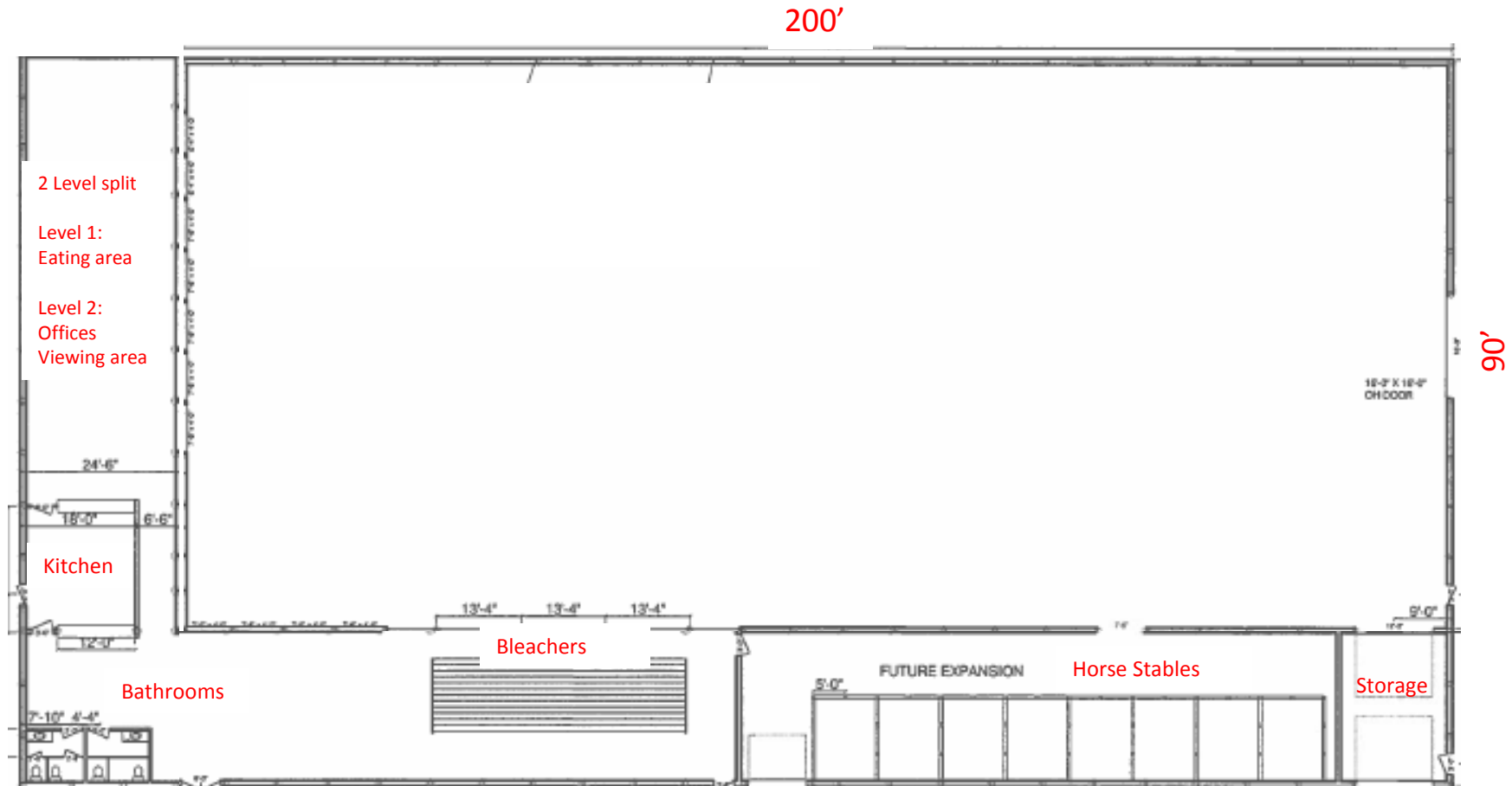


2014 Annual Community Trail Ride=52 Riders

# Agricultural Society Approved Location



# Blueprint for Proposed Riding Arena



# Petra Shelton

Rocky Lane  
Resident



## Therapeutic Riding Instructor

Petra has a wealth of experience working in education and rehabilitation disciplines. She has experience working with clients who have mental health issues. She has a strong awareness of the emotional, intellectual, and social difficulties clients are living with and provides opportunities for personal growth and development.

## Her Programs:

- Effectively help people with physical and developmental disabilities
- improve physical abilities, social interaction skills, and cognitive skills.

## As a Rehabilitation and Wellness Specialist:

- she works with Physiotherapists
  - Occupational Therapists
  - Speech Language Pathologists

to implement rehabilitation programs and activities which help to reduce pain, improve range of motion, increase muscular strength and endurance, and improve language skills.

**And she does all this with the aid of animals.**





**EQUINE ASSISTED  
WELLNESS**

**THERAPEUTIC RIDING**

## Petra's Credentials

- Equine Assisted Personal Development Coach, Higher Trails
- Equine Assisted Learning Facilitator, (Corporate) Higher Trails
- Therapeutic Riding Instructor, Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association (CanTRA)
- Equine Specialist, Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA)
- Aquatic Therapy Specialist, Canadian Aquafitness Leaders Alliance (CALA)
- Lifeguard, National Lifesaving Society (NLS)
- Nutrition and Wellness Specialist, CanFitPro
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation Certificate Program, Mohawk College-Scheduled to complete program in fall of 2014

# 2015 Wish List of County

- **Support letter for grant writing**
- **Seed Money**
- **Commitment to pay utilities**
- **Start up money**

# 2015 Committee “To-Do List”

- **Fundraise**
- **Finalize building plans**
- **Collect quotes**
- **Design programs alongside the schools**
- **Design programs for people with disabilities and various therapies**

# Riding Arena Construction Budget

DESCRIPTION	COST
Construction Quote	\$500,000
Construction Labour	\$160,000
Plumbing and Heating	\$35,000
Electrical	\$90,000
Gravel/Indoor Dirt	\$10,000
Natural Gas	\$4,413
TOTAL:	\$799,413

# Proposed Riding Arena Revenue

Description	Revenue
Committed Community Donations	\$197,000
More commitment letters to be collected	
Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) or Community Initiative Program (CIP)	\$125,000
Mackenzie County	\$125,000
TOTAL	\$447,000

# Census 2011

Peace River	approx. 11,000 (town and rural)	ages 0-19: 16%
Fairview	3,297 town	ages 0-19: 28%
La Crete	approx. 8,000 (town and rural)	ages 0-19: 53%

- We have double and triple the amount of youth as communities surrounding us with little to offer them.

**Please help us nurture and impact  
people in a healthy environment**