

**ACE Meeting**  
**October 15, 2007**

Hello All:

I know it's been while since we met, so I apologize for not sending this out sooner. First of all, I would like to thank everyone who came out to our first meeting of **Citizens Supporting a Culture & Performing Arts Facility**. It was great to see so many different people representing all the cultural groups in and around Edson. I know that there was many people who couldn't attend due to other responsibilities, so I'm sure our group will continue to grow.

I have attached a list of contact information for everyone who was at the meeting. I'm also CCing this e-mail to those who couldn't make it. If you wish to be added to the list, please e-mail me your name, phone number, e-mail address and the group (if any) you represent. I will then add you to the list so that others in the group may contact you.

Below I have summed up what the group's plans are over the next few months.

1. Tuesday October 16 - Peter and whoever else meet with the Red Brick at their monthly board meeting (1:30pm) to discuss having them be "on board" with this project.

2. October 29 - Run stories in both newspapers and on the radio promoting our group and what our eventual goal is.

3. Mid to late November - Hold another meeting, hopefully with a larger group, and begin to form a "strategic plan of action" to get this facility built. This includes getting the Town of Edson, perhaps in conjunction with Yellowhead County, to have a position in charge of Arts, Culture and Tourism. This position would be very similar to the Arts Coordinator in Hinton.

4. February - Meet with Edson Town Council, as well as possible Yellowhead County Council, and bring them "on board". This gives them time to prepare the budget for what we are asking.

In the meantime, here's what everyone can do. Go out and get support from the community. Tell people about our group. Ask them to come to our next meeting. Call the new Council and get them involved.

When we all left the meeting a few weeks ago, we agreed that this would not be a quick and easy process. In fact, we must all be prepared for 4-5 years before we actually see a facility. But we must start somewhere. And on a very positive note, Council Elect Kevin Zahara has been promoting this facility in his campaign. He has even caught the attention of some current Council members who seem to be in favour of this. This is definitely good news. And remember, together, as a group, we can build this thing!

Stay tuned for the next meeting date.

Thanx

Peter