

## **ACE Meeting September 9, 2009**

Hello All:

Below is a report from the Arts Centre for Edson Society (ACES) meeting in September:

**1. Creative Campus Coordinator:** Tracy Templeton introduced herself as the Creative Campus Coordinator. Within her position she would like to create a contact list of all individuals and groups involved in arts and culture to coordinate resources and coordinate dates. Peter will send an e-mail to ACES group so that they may contact Tracy directly to be on her contact list.

**2. Fieldhouse Meeting, August 27:** Peter attended a meeting organized by the Community Services Board regarding the construction of a Fieldhouse Complex. A discussion took place regarding a possible partnership between the Fieldhouse Committee and ACES. ACES decided that we will let the Fieldhouse Committee go through a process of what they need to do, and perhaps down the road we will examine the possibility of a partnership. Kevin agreed to attend their meeting on September 17 and report back to ACES next meeting (he was going to attend that meeting regardless as a representative of Council). Note: the next Fieldhouse Meeting is October 15, 7:00pm at Town Hall.

**3. Cultural Facility Development Sessions, September 19 & 24:** ACES made some last minute plans to prepare for the upcoming sessions. Note: The two sessions were well attended and the information collected is currently in the hands of Facilitator, Kim Ghostkeeper, who will then send it back to ACES to pass onto the Architect. For more information on the information collected please contact Peter.

**4. Creating a Society:** On September 14, ACE was incorporated as a society and hence forth will be known as the Arts Centre for Edson Society. Special thanks to Robyne Wilock for making this possible.

**5. Road Trip to Drayton Valley:** Peter, Doug, and Shari went to Drayton Valley to view their facilities, particularly the McKenzie Centre that houses a banquet room and kitchen facility. The trip was very informative and pressed the concept of including banquet and kitchen facilities in the new Edson centre in an effort to offset costs. Special thanks to Edith for setting up the meetings.

**6. Meeting with Robin Campbell, MLA:** Peter and Kevin attended a meeting with Mr. Campbell and Mayor Greg Pasychny on August 19. Mr. Campbell was very supportive of ACES' initiatives. He also recommended the concept of a business plan in conjunction with the architectural drawings. Kevin, Helen, and Edith volunteered to start preparing a business plan and have it ready when we unveil the architectural drawings in April. He even offered his services to proof our business plan as we develop it. He said things we should focus on are how it meets the needs of aboriginals, seniors, and persons with disabilities.

**7. Meeting with Rob Merrifield, MP & Minister State (Transport):** Peter, Helen, and Gemma met with Minister Merrifield on September 24. He also seemed supportive of our initiatives. He recommended that whatever we do we need to gather a consensus within the community so that everyone supports ACES mandate, and as such avoid any competition or roadblocks towards our final goal.

**8. Possible Meeting with ACES, Edson Public Library, Friends of the Edson Public Library, Edson Creative Arts Society, and the Edson Craft Centre:** Peter brought up the idea to have a meeting between these groups so that each one is on the same page with regards to the future facility and the library. Peter said he would contact the respective groups to arrange a possible meeting.

**9. Support from Arts & Culture Organizations:** ACES is still accepting any surveys and letters of support from organizations willing to support our group.

**10. Next Meeting:** ACES Annual General Meeting, 7:00pm Wednesday October 14 at Holy Redeemer - Everyone is welcome to attend.