

**Arts Centre for Edson Society
Minutes
October 13, 2010**

PRESENT:

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Peter called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

1. Agenda

MOTION: Doug Woodhouse moved to accept the October 13, 2010 Arts Centre for Edson Society agenda. Motion carried.

2. Minutes

MOTION: Edith Lindquist moved to accept the September 8, 2010 Arts Centre for Edson Society minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Business Plan

a. Information from Architect: Peter received an updated project summary from the architect, Mr. Greg McClung. Within the summary was a cost breakdown of the facility and a cost per square footage. The overall area went down 28%. This was due to the revised programme along with tightening up the architectural layout in areas such as the front lobby, kitchen, back of houses, etc. With this, the cost of the facility came down from \$23 million to \$16 million. From here, Peter, Dave and Gemma will meet to discuss how to roll back some of the costs of building even further to make the facility more reasonable for the public. Once this information is finalized, it will be placed into the business plan.

b. Meeting with Town Representative: Shari and Peter spoke to Ann Dechambeau at the Town of Edson and she directed us to Elfie Montanus at the Town Office. Ms Montanus has experience writing business plans for the Town and has agreed to help guide us in the right direction. Peter and Kai will meet with her to discuss preliminary ideas for the business plan.

c. Grant: Doug has set up a meeting with Canada Council regarding applying for a grant to pay for the expenses of a business plan.

4. Involving More Organizations: Under the direction of Mayor Greg Pasychny and MLA Robin Campbell, ACES will open discussions with three groups that will have a major use for a new cultural centre.

a. Aboriginals: Peter will speak to Matricia Brown about the needs of the Friendship Centre and their potential involvement in the process.

b. Seniors: Sonja will get in touch with the Pioneer Cabin Board to discuss the needs of seniors and their input in the process.

c. Persons with Disabilities: Edith will speak to the SCOPE Board to involve persons with disabilities.

The purpose of involving these groups is to create more user groups and hear ideas on how a new cultural facility can benefit them.

5. County Representative: Peter mailed a letter to Yellowhead County Mayor Gerald Soroka about having a County representative sit with ACES, much like Edson Town Council appoints Councillor Kevin Zahara to the arts sector, and in turn he sits on ACES as a Town Representative. County CAO Jack Ramme replied stating “the County is declining to participate as this project is not on their County strategic planning list”. Furthermore, he added the County “wants to hear first and foremost from the Town of Edson that such a project is truly on their agenda for consideration and capital funding. Once or if Town Council confirms its support to move forward with this initiative, the County will then re-evaluate its position as the town would likely want a financial commitment from the County.” It was recommended that ACES send a reply to the County thanking them for their letter and ask if they wish to be on our e-mail distribution list, and when they see an appropriate time to join the process, they may do so.

7. Meeting with Honourable Lindsay Blackett, Minister of Culture & Community Spirit: Kai received a reply from the Minister who outline his schedule is extremely busy. He did direct us towards possible funding through a CFEP grant.

8. Municipal Elections: As election day is on October 18, ACES encourages all its members to vote in the Town of Edson or Yellowhead County municipal elections. They would also like to keep in mind that when members cast their ballot to keep in mind arts and culture, and the future of a cultural facility in Edson. ACES encourages its members to contact the candidates to find out their individual perspectives.

9. Secretary Treasurer’s Report: Due to the absence of Shari McDowell, this report will be deferred until next meeting.

10. Town of Edson Pavilion in Centennial Park: Peter reported that ACES / Town of Edson received a federal grant worth \$179,000 to build a pavilion in Centennial Park. Town of Edson staff will be in contact with ACES about the next steps.

11. Arts Days: ACES members reported that Arts Days was a success, and sends their congratulatory remarks to all those who helped organize the day.

12. Next Meeting / Annual General Meeting: 7:00 pm Wednesday November 10, 2010, in the library at Holy Redeemer.

13. Adjournment

MOTION: Dave Michie moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes approved on _____.

ACES President (Print)

ACES Secretary Treasurer (Print)

ACES President (Signature)

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