

**Arts Centre for Edson Society
Minutes
March 9, 2011**

PRESENT:

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Executive Regrets:

Robyne Wilock, ACES Director	- robyne.wilock@livingwaters.ab.ca
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Peter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Agenda

Kevin added one item to the agenda: 7.1: Town of Edson / ACES Pavilion.

MOTION: Dave Michie moved to accept the March 9, 2011 Arts Centre for Edson Society agenda. Motion carried.

2. Minutes

MOTION: Edith Lindquist moved to accept the February 9, 2011 Arts Centre for Edson Society minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Meeting with Architect & Edson and District Recreation Board /

Architectural Drawings: ACES welcomed Darryl Talpash and Yellowhead County Councillor Ruth Martin Williams from the Edson and District Recreation Board. Dave reported that the meeting on February 10 between ACES, the Architect (Mr. Greg McClung) and Rec Board went extremely well. During the meeting, they walked the Recreation Complex and brainstormed ideas on the future development of the facility and attaching a performing and visual arts component to it. Peter then revealed Mr. McClung's architectural drawings that attach a performing arts theatre and visual arts centre to the current facility. The drawings included a site map, main floor plan and second floor plan. ACES, Mr. Talpash and Ms. Williams spoke about the drawings and came up a future plan. The plan is as follows:

- a. Peter, Dave and Doug (with Shari slated as an alternate) will meet with the Recreation Board at their next meeting on April 18.
- b. A sub-committee will be created between ACES and the Rec Board. Peter, Dave and Doug (with Shari as an alternate) will meet with three members of the Recreation Board between April 18 and May 11. The sub-committee will fine

tune the architectural drawings keeping in mind all renovations and updates to the facility.

c. After both ACES and the Rec Board approves the drawings, the two groups shall make presentations to Edson Town Council and Yellowhead County Council in June.

d. The drawings will then be further revealed to the public during several open houses in the fall, including the Community Registration Night.

Peter also reported that Mr. McClung is making cost estimates for the entire facility. Once he has that information, he will pass it onto the executive of both ACES and the Rec Board.

Mr. Talpash also reported that the Rec Board is looking forward to how these drawings progress and what ideas can be generated to perhaps make this new facility a reality.

4. Business Plan

a. Progress: Nancy Robbins from Leadership West Yellowhead contacted Peter with regards to possibly submitting a proposal for a Community Action Project. Peter suggested that ACES submit a proposal to write a business plan for the future facility.

MOTION: Helen Payette moved that the Arts Centre for Edson Society submit a proposal to Leadership West Yellowhead to create a business plan as a part of their 2011 Community Action Projects. Motion carried.

Peter will write and submit the proposal by the March 25 deadline. If the proposal is accepted, Shari will attend the kick-off event in Hinton on May 26.

b. Grant: Doug continues to research grants regarding a marketing strategy to promote the drawings and concepts to the public.

5. Involving More Organizations

ACES would like information from the following organizations regarding how a new cultural centre can benefit their respective groups, and how their respective groups can benefit a new cultural centre.

a. Aboriginals (Friendship Centre): The Friendship Centre has chosen not to answer the two questions as they do not know the answers at this time. Peter has been collecting letters from individual aboriginals within the community. One such letter he has collected thus far was from Matricia Brown.

b. Seniors (Pioneer House): Sonja contacted the Pioneer House and they simply answered the questions: "if you put a production or concert there, we will probably attend".

c. Persons with Disabilities (SCOPE & McMann): Edith received a letter from SCOPE positively answering the two questions.

d. Person with Disabilities (Reflections): Shari says she will continue to try to contact someone within that organization.

e. Recreation (Recreation Coordinator): Andrea was not in attendance to discuss this item.

f. Local Businesses (Rotary Club): Peter has contacted Troy Sorensen and is awaiting a reply.

g. Local Businesses (Chamber of Commerce): Shari will contact someone within that organization.

h. Regional Arts Organizations (Creative Campus): Shari will be contacting Tracy Templeton.

i. Regional Arts Organizations (West Yellowhead Music Society): Shari is contacting someone within this organization.

6. Public Relations: ACES has brought up ways to continue to get their message out to the public.

a. Facebook: ACES encourages its members to join their Facebook group to stay in touch with the process of the organization.

b. Town of Edson Website: Peter reported that the ACES information is now available on their website. Copies of ACES minutes will now be available on the site.

c. ACES Website: Edith recommended that ACES create its own website. Shari volunteered to do so.

MOTION: Doug Woodhouse moved that the Arts Centre for Edson Society budget \$150 to create a website. Dave Michie seconded. Motion carried.

7. Town of Hinton, Hinton 2040: Community Sustainability Plan: Edith reported that recently the Town of Hinton released a sustainability plan that included five pillars, one of which was culture. Kevin told ACES that the Town of Edson will also be releasing a sustainability plan in the next few months, and one of the focuses will be on culture. Peter advised Kevin that if the Town needed any information regarding ACES to contact them.

8. Town of Edson / ACES Pavilion: Kevin updated ACES on the progression of the pavilion.

9. Money from Organizations, Pandora Players: Shari reported that the Pandora Players will be donating \$100 to ACES. The cheque will be in the account shortly.

10. Secretary Treasurer's Report: Shari reported that there is \$460 in the account for March.

MOTION: Shari McDowell moved that the Secretary Treasurer's report for March 2011 be accepted as presented. Doug Woodhouse seconded. Motion carried.

11. Next Meeting: 7:00 pm Wednesday April 13, 2011, in the library at Holy Redeemer.

12. Adjournment

MOTION: Edith Lindquist moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Minutes approved on _____.

ACES President (Print)

ACES Secretary Treasurer (Print)

ACES President (Signature)

ACES Secretary Treasurer (Signature)