

**Arts Centre of Edson Society
Minutes
September 9, 2015
Edson & District Chamber of Commerce**

PRESENT:

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REGRETS:

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Shari called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

1. **Agenda**

MOTION: Gemma moved to accept the September 9, 2015 Arts Centre for Edson Society Minutes. Motion Carried

2. **Minutes**

MOTION: Ron Christie move to accept the June 10, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

3. **The Next Steps** - Peter

a. **Community Facility - A.H. Dakin project**

- i. **Shari and Peter's meeting with Mike Derricott was positive**
- ii. **Information from town Council meeting September 1**

1. Over the past few months: The town had a press release to move ahead with a capital project. Meanwhile, the Grande Yellowhead Public School Division has released that they will be building a "super school" combining A.H. Dakin and Evergreen Elementary Schools as well as a community facility and have approached the town to take part in the project. The Town of Edson approached Yellowhead County to also take part in the project. The County rejected the idea citing not enough information or time. The Town has not made public what it and the school division plan to incorporate into the new school. ACES is concerned that the theatre project may be delayed even further because of the new expenditure. The county has said they should take the lead in creating a new community facility.

b. **Presentation to the Edson Town Council September 15, 2015**

- i. We are on the agenda. Bring as many people as you can! What information would we like to present? Peter will prepare a presentation.
 1. All councillors were given a copy of our business plan back in November. We should bring copies with us.
 2. There was discussion surrounding which points to bring up during the meeting. Some of which are as follows:
 - a. the length of time ACES has been established, we have applied for and received charity status thus proving our future

commitment, ACES' involvement in Edson's arts community (Rotary Sundays in the Park, Arts Days), our board members are contributing community members, we have patient & cooperative with the town, we have helped with grant applications for town projects and been the go-between for grant monies, we have not fundraised as was recommended by the town, we have completed extensive background work by researching facilities throughout Alberta, developing building and business plans, we are ready to fundraise anytime and have already approached businesses, industries and individuals for their support.

3. Refer to press release from November. Use email from Jim as only response. When are the discussions we are supposed to be included in going to begin? We would like to know where the capital spending will be allocated. Open up to other groups as well.
 4. The Town needs to develop a plan for community facilities to give some direction and create some goals.
 5. Edson has a very vibrant and supported arts community - there have been several instances where there have been two or three arts performances occurring at the same time and all were sold out.
 6. What can we do to help? We can help and we have helped in the past.
 - ii. We should go to Yellowhead County council as well.
4. **Secretary Treasurer Report:** Diana
- a. *MOTION: Diana Inscho moved to accept the Secretary Treasurer's Report as information. Seconded by Shari. Motion Carried.*
 - b. GeoCentric Invoice: \$203.70. Diana will send a cheque in payment.
 - c. Diana will Look into cheques and where sent.
 - d. Donations from board members, \$20 from Clayton, Shari, Peter, Kevin, Diana; \$100 from Ron & Gemma for a total of \$200. Diana will deposit. Diana will find and prepare tax receipts.
5. **Advocacy & Support:**
- a. Displaying Drawings: Peter will ask Krista at the town to print out new drawings. We will then look into putting them on a new frame or leave as is. Shari will locate the current display.
 - i. Picks of the Fringe September 26, 2015 at the Red Brick
 - ii. Arts on Fire. Peter will talk to Robyne about when and where we can display the drawings.
 - iii. Rotary Sundays in the Park September 13, 2015
 - b. Upcoming events - press release, monthly update
 - i. Kevin will submit the list to the media each month.
6. **Edson & District Recreation Society Update:** Ron
- a. The fire suppression system will be complete within the next week,
 - b. There was a flood in the kitchen,
 - c. The lease with the Town comes up in February. At an in-camera meeting in July, the Edson & District Recreation Society voted in favor of the town taking over operation of the Recreation Complex.. A member divulged the information to the manager. The manager has resigned as of October 1st. There will be a meeting with the Town Manager and Mayor and it looks like the town will be taking it over. This could be a positive for ACES. Next society meeting will be September 21st.

7. **Assigning Tasks/Recap:**

- a. Peter will prepare a presentation for the Town meeting for September 15, 2015.
- b. All members please bring as many people as possible to the Town meeting in support of our project.
- c. Diana will deposit money.
- d. Diana will find out where ACES cheques were delivered.
- e. Diana will write a cheque to GeoCentric.
- f. Diana will make up taxable receipts for all donors.
- g. Diana will look into our annual return.
- h. Shari will locate the ACES display.
- i. Peter will organize displaying drawings.
- j. Kevin will provide the media with monthly listings of Arts events in Edson.

8. **Next meeting:**

The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, October 14th, 2015 at Holy Redeemer High school.

9. **Adjournment:**

MOTION: Shari moved that we adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kevin. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Minutes approved on _____

ACES President (Print)

ACES Secretary Treasurer (Print)

ACES President (Signature)

ACES Secretary Treasurer (Signature)