

**Arts Centre of Edson Society  
Minutes  
September 13, 2017  
Holy Redeemer High School**

**PRESENT:**

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**REGRETS:**

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Peter called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm

1. **Agenda**

*MOTION: Clayton moved to accept the September 13th, 2017 Arts Centre for Edson Society Agenda with change to the "Next Meeting date of Wednesday, October 11, 2017". Motion Carried.*

2. **Minutes:**

*MOTION: Gemma moved to accept the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Arts Centre for Edson Society Minutes as amended ("Shari called the meeting to order..." should read "Peter called the meeting to order...". Motion Carried.*

3. **Membership List – Peter**

Peter spoke to Dana McArthur from the Anchor. Dana suggested we collect a list of people who support our mandate so we have more concrete numbers backing us up.

- a. In Person: Peter asked that all ACES members collect a list of 15 supporters from Edson and surrounding area by next meeting. He will set up a template including name, whether they live in town or county, whether they would be interested in becoming a member of ACES, and contact information ONLY if they are willing. We will also ask people at live arts events for their support.
- b. Online: Peter will add a post on Facebook asking the same.

*MOTION: Diana motions that Peter make up a template list for ACES supporters and all members of ACES will solicit people for their support in person, by phone, email, and Facebook. Motion Carried.*

3.1 **Rec Complex – Peter**

It was announced yesterday that an offer to purchase has been made on the Rec Complex by a public group. This dramatically changes our business plan and removes any possibility of attaching the Arts Centre onto that building.

"Edson and District Recreation Complex Sale Discussion

The Town of Edson has been approached for the potential sale of the Edson and District Recreation Complex.

At the September 5th, 2017 Council meeting, Council received an offer from a private group for the purchase of the Rec Complex Building. The Town is currently in discussions with the potential buyer, as well as getting feedback from our partners at Yellowhead County and the various community groups in regards to the potential sale. If the sale does go ahead, there would be a minimum of two weeks of public advertising before the deal can be finalized.

It's important to note that curling will remain at the facility for the winter, and access will remain for the golf club, if the deal is approved.

In both the recent joint Community Services study, as well as past studies (Conrad Report), the suggestion is to move away from the current Recreation Complex in favor of working towards a new multi-use facility, more central to the users. The potential sale of the Rec complex is part of a strategic approach to ensure the development of the best possible recreation opportunities for Edson and area residents. More details will be forthcoming as the process moves forward.

Any questions or comments can be directed to the Town Managers office at 780-723-4401 or by email at [civiccentre@edson.ca](mailto:civiccentre@edson.ca) - FaceBook

#### 4. **Municipal Election - Peter**

- a. Nomination Day – September 18<sup>th</sup>. Election Day – October 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Thus far, Kevin Zahara and Greg Pasychny will be running for mayor. Council candidates thus far are: Gean Chouinard, Janet Wilkinson, Trevor Bevan, Troy Sorenson, Crystal Byer, Doug Woodhouse, Jackie Crew, and Johnny Walker.
- b. Meet with Candidates – Peter will call the challengers and interview them.
- c. The Forum – It is requested that all Chautauqua Member attend the Forum. Peter and one other member from the County will ask a question at the mic. We will also speak to candidates personally.
- d. Questions to Candidates in the media – Peter will compose questions to ask all Town and County candidates via email. He will include a preamble introducing ourselves and our mandate as well as the things we have accomplished thus far in the community and our community involvement. The responses will be published shortly before the election.

#### 5. **Evergreen School Site – Peter**

The Evergreen School site has been decommissioned. The idea was proposed to mention this site as a potential site for the Arts Centre. Because the future of the site and the actions of the GYPSD are too indeterminate at this time, we decided to let that proposal sit until further notice.

#### 6. **Regional Survey - Peter**

- a. We went over the preliminary survey results from the spring. Final results are not available yet.
- b. When the results do come available, we will incorporate them into our business plan.

#### 7. **Donations Via the Website – Peter & Shari**

- a. It was decided that donations through the site are not necessary at this time and would be cost prohibitive. We will table for further discussion.

#### 7.1 **Name Change – Peter**

A change to our name was proposed so that it is more inclusive of the surrounding area. We will table this to another meeting

#### 8. **Rotary Sundays in the Park – Peter**

- a. Volunteering August 13 - Thank you to everyone who was able to help out. It seemed to work great to choose a day when we could all be there.

#### 9. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report - Diana:**

- a. The balance in our account \$2323.47. We have paid \$1,049.12 to Peter to reimburse him for hoodies and sweaters through Kwik Crests.

*MOTION: Helen motions to accept the Secretary-Treasurer's report as information. Seconded by Ron. Motion Carried.*

#### 10. **Press Release for this Meeting – Peter**

Peter will create a press release including the following information: Peter will be contacting the candidates with questions, ACES members will be advocating for a list of Edson and area supporters, we have volunteered for Rotary Sundays in the Park.

#### 11. **Assigning Tasks/Recap:**

- a. All ACES members will collect a list of at least 15 supporters from Edson and surrounding area by next meeting.
- b. Peter will set up a template to list supporters including name, whether they live in town or county, whether they would be interested in becoming a member of ACES, and contact information ONLY if they are willing.
- c. ACES members will ask people at live arts events for their support.
- d. Peter will add a post on Facebook asking the same.
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- h. Peter will create a press release for this meeting.

12. **Next meeting:**

The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Holy Redeemer

13. **Adjournment:**

*MOTION: Diana moved that we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.* The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_

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ACES President (Print)

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ACES Secretary Treasurer (Print)

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ACES President (Signature)

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