

**Arts Centre of Edson Society
Minutes
March 13, 2019
Holy Redeemer High School**

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Peter called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

1. **Agenda**

Motion was made to accept the agenda with additions for the March 13, 2019 meeting by Rose. **MOTION PASSED**

2. **Minutes**

Motion was made to accept the minutes from the February 20, 2018 meeting by Kim. **MOTION PASSED**

3. **Town of Edson & Yellowhead County Multiplex Committee – Peter**

- a. Ron, Clayton and Peter went to the meeting. A motion was made to begin the build in 2021. The motion was defeated and both Town and County Councils agreed to begin building in 2022.
- a. Peter spoke to Mike Derricott for about an hour the day after the Council Meeting.
- b. Statement from ACES – The group drafted a statement from ACES regarding the multiplex.

Statement from the Arts Centre for Edson Society re: Proposed Recreation Multiplex Facility:

The Arts Centre for Edson Society (ACES) would like to comment on the Recreation Multiplex proposed by the Town of Edson and Yellowhead County.

We are all waiting.

The Edson and Yellowhead County communities have waited far too long for a new multiplex facility. We believe our community should wait no longer. We all have families that would benefit from the new multiplex and the sooner it is the completed, the better for everyone.

We believe the needs of our community are broad and varied. Do we want to see a new theatre? Absolutely! But ACES understands that Councils must make priorities and this multiplex was proposed as such in meeting some of the needs of our community and it must be completed before all other projects can begin.

ACES is deeply disheartened that the proposed concept does not include an arts and culture component, nor a performing arts facility, and by the fact that the multiplex is not proposed to begin construction until 2022 with an estimated completion date in 2024. This timeline puts all other major facility plans on hold until the multiplex is complete. ACES feels this timeline is unacceptable to our entire community. The tax implications of beginning now

compared with beginning in 2022 are nominal, if any, taking into consideration that construction costs and inflation will likely rise to counteract any tax savings.

At this time ACES would also like to invite all community user groups from Edson Minor Hockey, the Edson Figure Skating Club, the Edson & District Curling Club, the Edson Orcas, the Edson Aeros, the Men's and Women's Recreational Hockey Teams, the local schools and school boards, and any other potential user groups of the new multiplex, along with Town and County residents alike, to lobby our Councils to see this multiplex become a reality as soon as possible. Needless to say, the community has spoken that we wish for a multiplex for our children sooner rather than later.

We implore our municipal Councils to do the right thing: #BuildTheMultiplexNow!

c. Next steps

- i. We will advocate for a sports facility now and try to convince the Councils to agree to build earlier - like next year. At this time both Councils wish to wait for until 2022 to begin construction. The County does not wish to borrow the money. The County is paying for half of the cost of the facility, however though cost sharing they are funding between 75 to 100%. The focus needs to be to convince the County Council to begin construction as soon as possible. If we can convince the County, the Town will have no choice but to follow along.
- ii. We discussed the draft letter that Peter and Clayton wrote and worked together to edit it. Peter will submit the press release to the newspapers and put it on our Facebook page.
- iii. **Motion was made to adopt the statement as written, to submit it to the media, and to boost it on Facebook up to \$100 by Kim. Seconded by Shari. All in favor. Motion carried.**

4. **Volunteer Appreciation Mixer - Peter**

Many of us cannot go so we can add information about ACES. Diana and Shari will look into pictures.

5. **Volunteer Fair, April 8th – Peter**

Set up/design

. Volunteers – ACES decided not to pursue this venture at this time.

6. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Diana**

The balance in our account as at this meeting is \$1,277.11. Diana makes motion to accept treasurer's report as stated. Rose seconds. **MOTION PASSED**

7. **Thank you cards**

Peter distributed Volunteer Appreciation cards.

8. **Press Release for this Meeting – Peter**

. Peter will send the press release to the media and post on Facebook.

9. **Assigning Tasks/Recap:**

Peter will send the press release to the papers and post on Facebook.

10. **Next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held at Holy Redeemer. Time and date to be announced.

11. **Adjournment:**

Shari made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm. **MOTION PASSED**