

Arts Centre for Edson Society
Annual General Meeting
President's Report
September 8, 2010

Here are the major highlights from the 2009-2010 year for the Arts Centre for Edson Society.

September

- Officially received society status.
- ACES hosted two Cultural Facility Development Sessions so that input could be provided on what the new facility should entail. This information was then passed to the architect, Greg McClung of McClung Architects.
- ACES representatives Peter Taylor, Helen Payette and Gemma Christie met with the Honourable Rob Merrifield, Minister of State (Transport) and Member of Parliament for Yellowhead regarding ACES' current standing.

October

- ACES held their Annual General Meeting where they elected their current Executive, which is as follows:
 - President: Peter Taylor
 - Vice-President: Dave Michie
 - Secretary Treasurer: Shari McDowell
 - Director: Helen Payette
 - Director: Robyne Wilock
 - Director: Doug Woodhouse

November

- ACES approached the Fieldhouse Committee and Edson Town Council about a possible partnership.
- ACES representatives Peter Taylor and Kevin Zahara met with representatives the Edson Craft Centre, Edson Creative Society, Edson Public Library and the Friends of the Edson Public Library about the futures of the library building and the inclusion of the arts groups in the proposed new facility. In the end, the Town agreement states that both arts groups can remain in the library building for as long as they wish.

December

- The Town of Edson asked ACES and the Fieldhouse Committee to "hold off" on a possible partnership as they do not know if there will be land available to house both projects. The Town recommended that both groups continue working on their projects, and they will revisit the idea of the partnership in the future.

January

- ACES opened a Society Bank Account at the Alberta Treasury Branch. To date ACES has collected \$460 to pay for any nominal expenditures ACES might incur.
- Work begun on the ACES Business Plan.

February

- ACES received the draft floor plans of the new facility from Mr. McClung.

March

- ACES received updated drawings of the new facility from Mr. McClung.
- ACES representatives Peter Taylor, Shari McDowell, and Doug Woodhouse met the Town of Edson Council during an in-camera session to present the drawings.

April

- ACES received the final drawings and cost estimate of the new facility from Mr. McClung.
- ACES presented the drawings to the media and the public at the Edson and District Trade Show and Holy Redeemer Dessert Theatre. The community provided positive feedback.

May

- ACES presented the drawings to the media and the public at the Library Book Sale. The community provided positive feedback.
- ACES representatives Peter Taylor and Dave Michie presented the drawings to Yellowhead County Council.

June

- ACES presented the drawings to the Edson Rotary Club.

Future Initiatives

As President, I recommend the following initiatives that ACES should take in the coming year. All initiatives need the consent of the ACES committee.

- Propose to Yellowhead County Council that they have a County representative sit on ACES to offer input and feedback on the process.
- Continue work on the business plan with the goal of finishing it by December. Recommendations of individuals to ask for guidance will be helpful.
- Redesign the drawings so that they are more cost effective for the Town and also reduce the size of the building. Examine the possibility of stage process to building the facility.
- Advocate the Town to allocate land for the facility.
- Revisit the idea of having a partnership between ACES and the Fieldhouse Committee.

Submitted as information, September 8, 2010

Peter Taylor, President

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