

**Arts Centre for Edson Society**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**President's Report**  
***September 14, 2011***

Here are the major highlights from the 2010-2011 year for the Arts Centre for Edson Society.

**September**

- 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
- Displayed first concept drawings at the Edson Public Library.

**October**

- Reviewed first concept drawings and reworked the concept to a much lower cost.
- Began approaching other organizations and members of society to give feedback on how a new cultural facility would benefit them, and in return how they could benefit a new cultural facility. Some organizations ACES approached included SCOPE, the Edson Pioneer Cabin, Aboriginal community members, recreation users, the Youth Interagency, and the Rotary Club. Over the course of the next seven months answers were given and compiled into the business plan.
- Correspondence back and forth between ACES and Yellowhead County to keep them updated on ACES progress. It was agreed to send the monthly meeting minutes to the County Administration who in turn would forward it to the County Council.

**November**

- Members of the Edson Town Council recommended to ACES that they would be more in favour of the theatre concept if it was attached to the Edson & District Recreation Complex. ACES agreed to move forward with this idea.

**December**

- The Edson & District Recreation Society Board agreed to meet with ACES in January.
- ACES heard a presentation from Bridget Lemieux and Val Deardon from the Town of Edson about the new cultural pavilion in Centennial Park that ACES is endorsing.

## **January**

- ACES and the Edson & District Recreation Society Board met and agreed to work together to create a concept that would entail a theatre, visual arts gallery and visual arts centre attached to the Edson & District Recreation Complex.

## **February**

- Mr. Greg McClung of McClung Architects toured the Edson & District Recreation Complex to gain information on the next phase of architectural drawings.

## **March**

- Mr. Greg McClung submitted architectural drawings to ACES.
- ACES submitted a proposal to Leadership West Yellowhead to create a business plan for the project.

## **April**

- ACES presented the architectural drawings to Edson & District Recreation Complex Board.
- Kai So presented a rough first draft business plan to ACES.

## **May**

- A sub-committee made up of ACES and Edson & District Recreation Complex Board members met and toured the Edson & District Recreation Complex to fine tune the architectural drawings and renovations needed to the existing building.
- Leadership West Yellowhead rejected ACES application to create a business plan.
- ACES created a new Facebook page, and will have a webpage sometime in mid-September.

## **June**

- Mr. Greg McClung adjusted the architectural drawings, as per the committee's request, and submitted cost breakdown of the facility.
- ACES decided that a Phase I and Phase II concept will be applied. Phase I included all renovations, a theatre and a visual arts gallery to be completed by 2015. Phase II includes a Visual Arts Centre to be examined in 2020.
- ACES presented the architectural drawings and cost estimates to the Edson Town Council where they voted unanimously in favour of the concept in principle.

## **August**

- ACES presented the architectural drawings and cost estimates to the Yellowhead County Council.

### **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.

- Continue work on the business plan with the goal giving it final approval at the October 17 meeting. The plan will then be presented to Edson Town Council, Yellowhead County Council, MLA Robin Campbell and MP Rob Merrifield.
- Advocate that the Edson Town Council budget more funding for the second phase of architectural drawings. Begin creating these drawings in 2012.
- Create an endowment fund to assist with the private and corporate fundraising campaign that will occur in 2012.
- Look into grants to have a professional lead the capital fundraising plan.
- Have monthly press releases that keep the media and community up to date with ACES.

Submitted as information, September 14, 2011

Peter Taylor, President

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