

Arts Centre for Edson Society
Annual General Meeting
President's Report
September 11, 2013

Here are the major highlights from the 2012-2013 year for the Arts Centre for Edson Society.

September

- ACES held their Annual General Meeting where they re- elected their current Executive, which is as follows:
 - President: Peter Taylor
 - Vice-President: Dave Michie
 - Secretary Treasurer: Shari McDowell
 - Director: Gemma Christie
 - Director: Kristie Gomuwka
 - Director: Helen Payette
 - Director: Patti Shea
 - Director: Greg Templeton
 - Director: Tracy Templeton
 - Director: Robyne Wilock
 - Director: Doug Woodhouse
- ACES approved the corporate and individual fundraising packages.
- ACES website, www.artscentreforedson.ca, went live.
- ACES minutes are now accepted by the Community Services Board.
- ACES attended an informal meeting with the Minister of Culture Heather Klimchuk.

November

- The Town of Edson appointed Krysta Shack, Recreation Coordinator, to sit as a Town Liaison with ACES. Community Services Director Mike Butler will also sit with ACES for the first few months.
- ACES received information from the architect, Mr. Gregory McClung, on the cost of the stage of drawings and studies. It would be \$175,725.00.
- ACES presented to the Town of Edson Council updating them on our progress.
- ACES adopted a new slogan “Arts and Culture Matter”.

January

- Edson Town Council decided not to approve the next level of funding for the architectural drawings and studies. In fact, they not approve any funding to any organization looking for a capital project at this time.

February

- ACES presented to the Yellowhead County Council updating them on our progress.

- The Town of Edson and Yellowhead County officially ratified a new cost-sharing agreement between the two municipalities.
- ACES made a presentation to the Edson Business Support Network.

March

- ACES received six testimonial letters from former local residents showing their support for arts and culture.

April

- ACES made a presentation to the Edson & District Recreation Society.
- ACES had a display at the Edson & District Trade Show.

May

- ACES presented to the Edson & District Chamber of Commerce.

June

- ACES volunteered at the Rotary Sundays in the Park.

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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.

- Advocate that the Edson Town Council budget more funding for the next phase of architectural drawings. Begin creating these drawings in 2013.
- With the recommendation of an accountant, create a charity number.
- Update the business plan.
- Create a membership list of people who would attend events/performances at a new arts centre.
- Have bi-monthly press releases that keep the media and community up to date with ACES.
- Begin creating new partnerships with individuals, groups and businesses that are supportive of this project.

Submitted as information, September 11, 2013

Peter Taylor

President, Arts Centre for Edson Society