

**Arts Centre for Edson Society**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**President's Report**  
*September 10, 2014*

Here are the major highlights from the 2013-2014 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: Greg Templeton
  - Secretary Treasurer: Shari McDowell
  - Director: Gemma Christie
  - Director: Ron Christie
  - Director: Diana Inscho
  - Director: Dave Michie
  - Director: Helen Payette
  - Director: Tracy Templeton
  - Director: Robyne Wilock
  - Director: Doug Woodhouse
- ACES had some informal meetings with local dignitaries that went well.
- ACES members volunteered at the Rotary Sundays in the Park.
- ACES had raised money through donations from Chautauqua and the Jail 'n Bail at the Sidewalk Jamboree.

**October**

- ACES submitted three questions to candidates in the Town of Edson election. Twelve of the thirteen candidates responded to these questions. These responses can be found on the ACES website.

**November**

- ACES updated their business plan to include some new information and statistics.

**January**

- ACES sent a letter to Edson Town Council prior to their Council Retreat. This letter asked Council to consider bringing many of the community capital project groups together to begin working on a long-term plan to see these projects come to fruition. Town Council did not send a response.
- ACES sent numerous letters to local businesses asking for their support of the project.

**February**

- ACES submitted an application to Revenue Canada applying for Charitable Status.

## **April**

- ACES received an informal response from the Town of Edson stating that there has been a change to a major federal grant that has removed facilities from their funding formula. Town Council cannot move forward on any project in 2014. ACES will continue to work towards Council moving forward on a project in 2015.
- ACES assisted the Town of Edson in applying for CEP Grant through the provincial government. This grant will allow the Town to make some improvements to the pavilion in Centennial Park.

## **May**

- ACES hosted a booth at the Edson & District Chamber of Commerce. The response was very positive.

## **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 Edson Town Council begin the planning process for this capital project. Work together to begin looking into funding the next phase of architectural drawings that includes official budgeting of the facility.
- Work towards becoming a charitable organization.
- Have 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 10, 2014

Peter Taylor

President, Arts Centre for Edson Society