

Arts Centre for Edson Society
Annual General Meeting
President's Report
September 14, 2016

Here are the major highlights from the 2015-2016 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: Kevin Zahara
 - Secretary Treasurer: Diana Inscho
 - Director: Gemma Christie
 - Director: Ron Christie
 - Director: Clayton Dearden
 - Director: Shari McDowell
 - Director: Helen Payette
 - Director: Doug Woodhouse
- ACES made a presentation to Edson Town Council regarding the press release sent out in November 2014 that Council would be moving forward with a major capital project. Council argumentatively explained that they would not be moving forward, sighting reasons that they could not decide who would be on a working group and financial reasons. Although Council did not originally answer ACES questions that they brought forward, the questions were answered and that no movement on the project would be done in the near future. Council said that if a major grant became available, it might be a possibility.

January

- The Edson & District Recreation Complex was officially turned over to the Town of Edson to operate.
- ACES met with the Baptiste Church and toured their facilities with the possibility of renovating them into a theatre. It would be a smaller concept, but something to think about in the future. As of right now, there are no funds available to purchase the site.

March

- Peter met with Town of Edson CAO Mike Derricott and Community Services Director Jim Desautels. Peter explained the process of a smaller concept, while they explained that the Town and Yellowhead County needed to reconcile their differences, and that some meetings have been set up to do that. There would also be a community regional survey in the next 12 months to discuss what programming people would like to see. ACES would be invited to take part.

June

- Jim Desautels approached ACES about a funding opportunity for cultural projects from the federal government.

July

- Peter and Diana met with Mr. Derricott and Mr. Desautels about the grant opportunity. They explained that the Town and County need to focus on the regional survey first. Based on those results, decisions would be made on what to do next.
- 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.

- Use social media and the general media to champion the project, and praise the work on Town Administration.
- Take part in the regional survey, and be sure that as many people as possible are heard to say they want a new performing arts centre in Edson.
- Have monthly press releases that keep the media and community up to date with ACES.

Submitted as information, September 14, 2016

Peter Taylor

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