## Arts Centre for Edson Society Annual General Meeting President's Report September 12, 2018

Here are the major highlights from the 2017-2018 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: Clayton Dearden
  - Secretary Treasurer: Diana Inscho
  - Director: Gemma Christie
  - Director: Ron Christie
  - Director: Rose Joudrey
  - o Director: Kim Martin
  - Director: Helen Payette
  - Director: Doug Woodhouse
- The Town of Edson and Yellowhead County released the Community Services Strategic Plan. The study released numerous findings for the future development of a new multiplex in Edson. The report recommended that a new theatre be attached to the new multiplex or attached to a school.

## October

• The Town of Edson entered into discussions to sell the Edson and District Recreation Complex to a private buyer. The proposal was eventually defeated.

## February

• ACES approved their new Vision Plan that outlined their new initiatives. The first priority is to recommend that a theatre be attached to the proposed multiplex. The second priority is to recommend that a theatre be attached to a local school, and to have the construction happen simultaneously with the construction of the multiplex.

# March

- The Town of Edson and Yellowhead County Council entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with regards to moving ahead with a new multiplex
- ACES presented their Vision Plan to Edson Town Council and Yellowhead County Council.

# April

• ACES presented their Vision Plan to the Board of Living Waters Regional Catholic School Division.

## May

• ACES members toured the Hinton Guild Performing Arts Centre and interviewed their manager.

#### August

• ACES volunteered at the Rotary Art in the Park.

#### **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.
- Attend any Town and County Council meetings where the Multiplex Committee makes a presentation.
- Lobby individual members of local government to read the Vision Plan and implement the proposals.

Submitted as information, September 12, 2018 Peter Taylor President, Arts Centre for Edson Society