

**Arts Centre for Edson Society**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**President's Report**  
***September 11, 2019***

Here are the major highlights from the 2018-2019 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
  - Director: Kim Martin
  - Director: Adrienne Tait
  - Director: Doug Woodhouse
- The Town of Edson and Yellowhead County released RFP to develop plans for a Multiplex in the Town of Edson. The Multiplex would not include a theatre. ACES spoke to members of Town Council and Administration regarding their frustration that ACES was not included in the discussions when the information was released.

**November**

- The Town of Edson allocated \$2 million out of their Capital Reserve budget for a future Civic/Cultural project.

**January/February**

- The Town of Edson and Yellowhead County released the designs and preliminary cost estimate of the Multiplex. The cost would be approximately \$70 million and a projected start date for construction would be 2022 and the project would be completed in 2024. Based on this information, and the idea that a new theatre would not be built until after the Multiplex is complete, it means that a new theatre would not be built until approximately 2029. Both Councils have chosen not to include any other components (namely a theatre) in the designs of the Multiplex.

**March**

- ACES released a statement that voiced their disappointment that a new theatre would not be built within the proposed Multiplex. The statement also spoke about the need to proceed sooner with the project so that other projects like a theatre can become a reality sooner. The statement called upon other organizations and user groups to advocate this message as well.

## **May**

- The Town of Edson and Yellowhead County held an Open House to hear feedback on the Multiplex. ACES members attended and asked if the timeline could be pushed ahead so that other projects can be built sooner. Members of the Multiplex Steering Committee indicated that this was not really a possibility.

## **August/September**

- ACES volunteered at the Art in the Park event and at Wop May Days.

## **Future Initiatives**

As President, I recommend the following initiative that ACES should take in the coming year. All initiatives need the consent of the ACES committee.

- ACES take a break from meeting for one year. It has become evident that neither the Town of Edson or Yellowhead County supports the idea of a new theatre in the near future within the proposed Multiplex. Nothing can be done at this time to help move this forward any faster. ACES may meet on a “as-needed-basis” over the next year.

Submitted as information, September 11, 2019

Peter Taylor

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