

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHABASCA HERITAGE SOCIETY
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2004

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:12PM by Peggy Baker.
In attendance were: Peggy Baker, Severna Bosik, Vicky Busch, Mike Gismondi, Greg Johnson, Richard Loken, Jerry Maclean, Merilyn Peruniak, Ann Stiles, Maxine Winder, Agnes Wurfel.
- 2.0 **Agenda:** Two items of new business were added to the agenda: the West Athabasca School renovation and Communities in Bloom. The agenda was adopted as modified.
Moved by Jerry Maclean, Seconded by Merilyn Peruniak, Carried.
- 3.0 **Minutes:** The minutes for the meeting of October 20, 2003 were adopted as printed.
Moved by Merilyn Peruniak, Seconded by Vicky Busch, Carried.
- 4.0 **Treasurer's report:** Vicky inquired about where the Harrison money appeared in the report which led to a request by Mike that the monthly financial reports show the amounts in each of the investment accounts and specifying which is the Harrison investment account and which is site investment account.
The report was adopted as printed.
Moved by Agnes Wurfel, Seconded by Marilyn Peruniak, Carried.
- 5.0 **Committee reports**
- 5.1 **Publicity, Fundraising, and Promotion:** Vicky gave an informal committee report. No new Publicity committee was struck at the AGM so one was spontaneously formed at this time and it consists of: Vicky Busch, Merilyn Peruniak, and Jerry Maclean. Vicky reported that she had ordered 500 more AHS publicity brochures.
- 5.2 **Heritage Site:** Mike reported on the heritage sign project. The Athabasca Heritage Society has applied to the Alberta Historical Resources foundation for \$5,000.00 to assist with the *Athabasca Landing Interpretive Signage* project who will consider the application in March, this subject is further covered in the Chair's Report. There are five completed heritage signs waiting to be installed, these signs are well made and designed to resist weathering, ultraviolet radiation, and vandalism. Present funding will cover a new map (since the old one is deteriorating)
- 5.2A **Chair's Report:** The contract for hanging signs on the Provincial Building has been signed but an impression with the Society's seal was requested. There was some irreverent discussion on the matter of the seal and it was concluded that the

Society does not have a seal and there is no pressing need to obtain one.

The Chair is wondering if it would be worth while to hire somebody to gather all the Society's records and documents in one place and organize them. This suggestion was well received and a motion brought forward to begin the process.

Be it resolved that the Athabasca Heritage Society hire somebody to collect and organize the Society's records and documents.

Moved by Jerry Maclean, Seconded by Vicky Busch, Carried.

The report noted that the web site has been built but volunteers are needed to upload and update the content. Wild claims were made about the web set being easy to manage with some Windows based GUI applications, (sounds like an oxymoron to me). Agnes Wurfel and Severnna Bosik volunteered to take on the web site maintenance work.

5.3 **Trans Canada Trail:** No report.

5.4 **Newsletter:** No report.

5.5 **Canada Day:** Merilyn Peruniak reported that it is time to start planning for the River Rats Canada Day festival. The Athabasca Heritage Society gets more exposure at the River Rats Festival than from anything else that they do but they consistently lose money on their ventures. there was some discussion about ways to make more money out of the River Rats Festival, one of the proposals was to take over the children's Programme if that option is available. A committee was formed to look at improving the Society's activities at the River Rat's Festival with an eye to improving their exposure and profitability. The committee members are: Merilyn Peruniak, Maxine Winder, Peggy Baker, and Jerry Maclean.

5.6 **Membership:** No report.

5.7 **Web Site:** No report, see the Chair's Report.

6.0 **Old Business**

6.1 **Multiplex Project:** Mike Gismondi reported that the multiplex committee has turned their attention to the riverfront venue. Mike strongly recommended that the Society send a letter to the ARMS committee that states the Society's position on the Multiplex riverfront development. There was discussion about whether the Society had once passed a motion allocating \$10,000.00 to the Multiplex project but Peggy read an excerpt from the November 17 AGM which said,

``Motion for a donation to the Multiplex Project was postponed until January or until a presentation can be made.``

Two motions were put forward on this matter:

Be it resolved that Gilbert Perras of the ARMS Committee be invited to come and do a presentation about the Multiplex Riverfront proposal at the Society's next meeting.

Moved by Mike Gismondi, Seconded by Ann Stiles, Carried.

Be it resolved that the Chairperson draft a letter to the ARMS Committee presenting the position of the Athabasca Heritage Society on the Multiplex Riverfront Development.

Moved by Jerry Maclean, Seconded by Agnes Wurfel, Carried.

7.0 **New Business**

- 7.1 **Oral History Workshop:** Merilyn Peruniak has been negotiating with Judy Larmour to put on an Oral History Workshop on March 20, 2004 between 9:00AM and 4:00PM. Judy Larmour charges \$380.00 plus expenses which are estimated to be about \$200.00. Attendance will be limited to 16 participants. The idea was well received and there was discussion about whether it was better that Merilyn manage the promotion of the event herself (with an estimated cost of \$140.00) or arrange for The Learning Connection to handle advertising and registrations. Discussion about an appropriate registration fee led to a motion requiring that the Athabasca Heritage Society sponsor the event:

Be it resolved that the Athabasca Heritage Society sponsor the Oral History Workshop with up to \$500.00 as authorized in the 2004 budget.

Moved by Mike Gismondi, Seconded by Greg Johnson, Carried.

- 7.2 **West Athabasca School:** Agnes Wurfel reported that the West Athabasca School has to be inspected by Tom Ward, Preservation Adviser for Alberta Community Development before it can be declared an historic site. Mr. Ward said that he would come and do the inspection some time in February. The hope is to have the school restored in time for the Communities in Bloom competition this summer but fund raising and promotion of the restoration project would be required. One possible promotional activity is to hold a tea at the West Athabasca School and invite Lieutenant Governor Lois Hole and some local teachers who once taught in one room schools.
- 7.3 **Communities in Bloom:** Mike Gismondi wants to win this year, no more bronze medals for him! Mike proposes to have some heritage related activities as part of the competition. The local Communities in Bloom coordinator is Lisa Darrel.

8.0 **Next Regular Meeting:** Monday, February 10, 2004, 7:00PM, 2nd Floor Dunnice Building