

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHABASCA HERITAGE SOCIETY
Monday, February 14, 2005

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:08PM by Jerry Maclean

In attendance were: Peggy Baker, Severna Bosik, Bertha Clark Jones, Mike Gismondi, Greg Johnson, Bert Lachman, Richard Loken, Jerry Maclean, Marilyn Peruniak, Ann Stiles, Eugene Wiwchar, Tim Wiwchar, Agnes Wurfel.

2.0 **Agenda:** Item 7.5 (Wiwchar House) and item 7.2 (West Athabasca School) will follow in that order immediately after the adoption of the agenda but they will remain in the minutes as items 7.2 and 7.5. The remainder of the agenda remains unchanged.

Moved by Marilyn Peruniak, Seconded by Ann Stiles, Carried.

3.0 **Presentations by Members:** It was the Antiques Roadshow (trademark registered to PBS) starring Marilyn Peruniak, Ann Stiles, Agnes Wurfel, and Bertha Clark Jones who brought their favourite antiquities from home. Peggy Baker followed this with a nice collection of 8mm home movies. The secretary liked it all.

4.0 **Minutes:** The minutes were adopted as printed.

Moved by Agnes Wurfel, Seconded by Bertha Clark Jones, Carried.

5.0 **Treasurer's report:** The treasurer's report was adopted as printed.

Moved by Severna Bosik, Seconded by Marilyn Peruniak, Carried.

Severna produced a budget for 2005 because it is required for the application for a casino license and a CIP grant. The budget was discussed and a few line items were modified. In particular, the line item for the ARMS riverfront donation was changed to \$20,000.00 and the River Rats Festival Donation line item was reduced from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00.

Be it resolved that the 2005 budget be adopted as amended.

Moved by Marilyn Peruniak, Seconded by Bert Lachman, Carried.

Be it resolved that a letter be written to the Town of Athabasca asking that the final mortgage payment of \$5,000.00 be forgiven on the condition that the money be donated to the Multiplex Project. Second, the letter shall ask that the Town of Athabasca and the Athabasca Heritage Society enter into negotiations to donate the Society's riverfront property to the Riverfront Project.

Moved by Mike Gismondi, Seconded by Bertha Clark Jones, Carried.

6.0 **Committee reports**

6.1 **Publicity, Fundraising, and Promotion:** Mike Gismondi reported that ARMS Committee will kickoff their fundraising campaign on February 28. Jerry Maclean, as president of the Athabasca Heritage Society, should go to the fundraising kickoff and present them with a cheque for \$20,000.00 and formally

announce the donation of \$80,000.00 worth of riverfront property.

Lori-Ann Claerhout and Christine Nelson met to design a Multiplex Project fundraising leaflet. The single page leaflet includes a small copy of the architect's drawing of the Riverfront Project.

The Heritage Trail promotional brochures have been printed and delivered. Mike distributed copies to everybody at the meeting. As a point of interest, the brochure says that Hondo has the ``Mosquito Lake Museum'', it sounds rather ominous.

6.2 **Heritage Site:** No report.

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

6.4 **Newsletter:** No report.

6.5 **River Rats Festival:** No report.

6.6 **Membership:** No report.

6.7 **Web Site:** Mike Gismondi reported that Frank Ponto has received copies of the promotional videos that Travel Alberta recorded at the River Rats Festival. Mike suggested that we obtain a copy of the video and perhaps post some of it on the Athabasca Heritage Society web site.

7.0 **Old Business**

7.1 **Multiplex Project:** It has all been said under other items.

7.2 **West Athabasca School:** Greg Johnson reported that there is an initiative grant programme (CIP) which can provide money for the Multicultural Supper and quilt display that the West Athabasca School committee has planned for Heritage Day April 16, 2005. Greg wants to know if the Athabasca Heritage Society will sponsor the CIP grant applications and act as an umbrella organization for fundraising for the West Athabasca School.

Be it resolved that the Athabasca Heritage Society sponsor the West Athabasca School CIP grant application for Heritage Day.

Moved by Greg Johnson, Seconded by Agnes Wurfel, Carried.

Be it resolved that the Athabasca Heritage Society create the West Athabasca School project subcommittee with a budget line for accounting purposes and that the subcommittee be allowed to fundraise using the Society's charitable organization registration number.

Moved by Mike Gismondi, Seconded by Bert Lachman, Carried.

7.3 **Budget Committee Report:** See Treasurer's Report item 5.0.

7.4 **Oral History Workshop:** Marilyn Peruniak reported that Oral History Workshop went well and that there was full registration but three registrants did not show. The cost of the workshop was subsidized by the Athabasca Heritage Society with \$100.00, by the Legion with \$100.00, and by the Athabasca Archives with \$140.00.

7.5 **Wiwchar House:** Tim and Eugene Wiwchar came to this meeting to brainstorm with the Society about possible futures for ``The Wiwchar House`` which is located due East of the United Church. Tim and Eugene suggested that the house could be moved to the former playground site located South of the swimming pool and it could perhaps be used to house the Athabasca Archives. Mike Gismondi countered that the house is not suitable for housing the archives for several reasons and further pointed out that grant money cannot be obtained to move an historic building or to restore an historic building after it has been moved. Further discussion resulted in Peggy Baker suggesting that the house could be left on the present lot if the Town of Athabasca was able to offer an acceptable lot of similar value in exchange.

Tim and Eugene said that they would prefer to see the house preserved and that they want to see something done with the house within three years. It was agreed that an informal subcommittee consider the possibilities for the Wiwchar house and write a discussion paper for presentation to the Town Council. The subcommittee will consist of Jerry Maclean, Severna Bosik, Mike Gismondi, and perhaps Marilyn Mol.

Be it resolved that the Athabasca Heritage Society prepare a discussion paper about the Wiwchar House and present it to the Town Council.

Moved by Mike Gismondi, Seconded by Agnes Wurfel, Carried.

7.6 **Town Heritage Programme:** Jerry Maclean reported that the survey of heritage buildings is proceeding on schedule. About 290 residential and commercial structures were recorded and indexed and the information has been passed on to the consultant who is now looking for further history in the Athabasca Archives.

7.7 **Winterfest:** Mike Gismondi reported that Jerry Maclean, Severna Bosik, Peggy Baker, and himself have volunteered to help with the Billy Loutit Duathlon. Lori-Ann Claerhout is still short of volunteers so now is the time to step forward.

8.0 **New Business**

8.1 **Heritage Supper - April 16:** Agnes Wurfel reported that the Town of Athabasca expects anybody who rents their facilities to show proof that they have \$2,000,000.00 of liability insurance. Discussion among the Society members suggests that such insurance can be purchased on a per-event basis. Agnes will obtain some price quotes and bring the information to the next meeting.

Be it resolved that the Athabasca Heritage Society provide financial support for the purchase of insurance for the Multicultural Supper up to a maximum of \$100.00.

Moved by Agnes Wurfel, Seconded by Severna Bosik, Carried.

- 8.2 **River Breakup Lottery:** Tis that time of year again and Peggy Baker is asking the Athabasca Heritage Society to apply for a license to run the river breakup lottery.

Be it resolved that the Athabasca Heritage Society apply for a license to run the annual Athabasca River Breakup Lottery.

Moved by Peggy Baker, Seconded by Ann Stiles, Carried.

- 8.3 **Quilt Insurance:** Jerry Maclean reported that the damage and replacement insurance for the quilts will cost \$700.00 this year and that money buys \$5,000.00 insurance for each quilt. Jerry suggests that the Society look into other alternatives like donating the quilts to the Town of Athabasca or self insurance or ????. Jerry will follow up on this at the next meeting.

- 9.0 **Next Regular Meeting:** Monday, March 14, 2005, 7:00PM, 2nd Floor Duniece Building