



Volume 49, No. 5
May 25, 2017
Barbara Watson, Editor

Historical Society of Medicine Hat and District

General Meeting
Thursday, May 25, 2017
Cutbanks Room

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME
7:00 p.m.



Irvine: An Invitation

Historical Society of Medicine Hat and District
401 First St. S.E., Medicine Hat, AB T1A 8W2
Membership is \$10 per person.
This includes 5 editions of
SMOKE SIGNALS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Huzzah! The Nominations Committee has succeeded in attracting the following nominees to Board positions:

- First Vice-President: Wayne Craven
- Director-at-Large: Sabrina Prince (Miywasin)

With these nominations, and members' approval at the May 25 AGM, we will have built an excellent foundation for the Board for the next many years. Sabrina Prince, of Miywasin, will bring a unique and fresh perspective to the Board, hopefully engaging and attracting the younger members of our City to our organization.

Wayne Craven will bring to our Executive, and to the President's position in 2018-2019, his tremendous breadth and depth of experience as City Councillor. To facilitate Wayne's transition into the President's role, it will be necessary (and only fair to Wayne!) for me to continue on for a third year as President while the transition takes place. As this is outside of the normal two-year term of the President, the necessary motion for its approval will be voted on at the AGM. I would be honoured to serve for a third year.

We regret to announce that Delle Lovig will be leaving the Board. We have valued Delle's insights and inputs to Board deliberations, and will miss the refreshments with which she has graced our meetings. However, Delle assures us that she will continue to be involved in our social programs, and that we can look forward to her providing sustenance and coffee for our General Meetings. And, we hope to continue hearing her spirited views and advice at our functions!

With these changes, we will still have one open position on the Board for Director-at-Large. I welcome you to put your names forth for nomination from the floor – we can always use more minds at the table and can assure you of a most interesting year of projects and fun at our Board meetings.

Allan Jensen is continuing to pursue the Bus Trip on June 3 - you will see more of this elsewhere in the newsletter. I urge you to join us. These are always excellent events, thanks to Allan's work and a great time is to be had by all.

We will be meeting again in the Cutbanks Room for the AGM on Thursday, May 25 at 7 pm. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Cheers!
Tom

Living History Project Report



We will hear more from the Living History Team in the fall. In the meantime I enjoyed participating in filming a portion of the Firemen interview at the now vacated Firehall on Dunmore Road. You see Camera #1, my responsibility. Ha, look friends, no hands! Actually I was wearing a headset, and if an adjustment was needed David Gee would advise me, and I would make my camera go up, or down, or zoom in or out. The stories told by these veterans, as well as by two firemen still on active duty, were eye opening. You will eventually be able to hear and see complete films of these amazing men and the dangers they regularly faced in their careers.

Barbara Watson

Programme for AGM: Irvine

Speaker: Evelyn Hausauer.

Evelyn will give us an update on recent developments at the Prairie Memories Museum in Irvine. Here's a little leak from Wikileaks – sorry, excerpt about Irvine from Wikipedia:

“A settlement developed around a trading post, and became known as 20 Mile Post - 20 miles from the next trading post at [Medicine Hat](#). It later was renamed Irvine in honour of Colonel A. Irvine, a commissioner of the [North-West Mounted Police](#) who served with [General F.D. Middleton](#) during the [North-West Rebellion](#) of 1885.”

Interprovincial Bus Tour to Southwestern Saskatchewan –Saturday, June 3, 2017

Bus is leaving 7:30 am from the parking lot at the Cultural Centre (Medicine Hat College).

Carefree Express (Lethbridge) coach with washroom facilities.

Estimated passengers: 40-50 (56 max.)

Return time to Cultural Centre: approximately 7:30 pm.

Itinerary – major points of interest:

1. Irvine: Prairie Memories Museum
2. Maple Creek: Jasper Street Cultural Centre
3. Eastend: T. rex Discovery Centre – Eastend Historical Museum
4. Shaunavon: Grand Coteau Heritage and Cultural Centre
5. Allan Jensen, Programme Chair

Further details at the Historical Society AGM. **You are encouraged to contact Allan Jensen directly at 403 502 9006** to make sure that you have a seat on the bus.

.....

Arts & Heritage Advisory Board (A.H.A.B.) Report

The meetings of A.H.A.B. I attended as the Medicine Hat & District Historical Society Representative were held Monday, March 27 and Monday April 24, 2017. Following are some of the items considered:

Monday March 27, 2017

- Committee Goals 2017: were reviewed, suggested changes were reviewed and discussed. A draft of the proposed Committee Goals 2017 will be provided and the goals finalized at the next meeting.
- Committee Reports: reports were received from the Promotions Sub-Committee, and the Heritage Resources Committee.
- Cultural Manager's Report and Esplanade Attendance Reports were reviewed.
- Event Ambassador: "When We Were Young" March 31, 2017 – Anita Pinder.

Next Meeting: April 24, 2017

Monday April 24, 2017

- Committee Goals 2017: were reviewed and approved.
- Committee Reports: reports were received from the Grants Sub-Committee and the Promotions Sub-Committee.
- Information Items: "What's On" and Esplanade Attendance statistics reports were reviewed.
- Event Ambassador: "O Ceramics" Friday May 12, 2017 – Martin Povey.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 29, 2017.

A.J. "Tony" Giesinger
March 8, 2017

The Silent Interview - focus on members

Carmen Flaig says:

- (1) I joined about 7 years ago, and really enjoy "Smoke Signals."
- (2) I am most interested in Western Canadian History.
- (3) I enjoy reading history, and watching it on TV. Learning of all the changes in the world is very interesting.
- (4) I enjoy reading historical fiction, and the non-fiction.
- (5) I would like to see more District history. There are good stories out there about the lesser-known settlers. Years ago there was more going on in the surrounding area than there is now.

Jan Barnes says:

- (1) I don't remember when I joined. I think Adam was a teen-ager then. Allan Jensen persuaded me to be the Treasurer; I do remember that I joined within minutes of being named Treasurer.
- (2) I am interested in all history, and as I get older, the repetition of history intrigues me.
- (3) I like history, because learning how much smarter our ancestors were much smarter we thought they were. And now we are finding out, archaeologically, that we have misunderstood findings in the past. We have learned that it was actually smallpox that killed the Mexican Natives, and not the Spanish army. There's always something new cropping up. We read conclusions about history as we try to understand the world.
- (4) I read both historical novels and straight history books. But the novels had better be quite true to form. There are some excellent programs on TV showing ancient historical artifacts and such.
- (5) I think the society is doing an excellent job. Could we help the outlying areas such as Irvine and Redcliff get their collections together, and help with anything they might need? And I agree that we need to stress more, the lesser-known individuals in the city and area. There are great stories out there if we can find them.

Membership Reminder

Please be ready to pay your membership for 2017-2018 at this time. We appreciate cheques so that we have a clear record of who paid. My mind gets muddled when I have all kinds of \$10.00 bills flying at me. Some people have already paid up to 2018 and we thank you. If you do pay in cash, please sign my notebook, and you will receive a receipt as soon as it can be made out. My staff can only write a few at a time. I hope I have staff.

The Historical Society of Medicine Hat & District partners with the **Esplanade Archives** in *preserving* and *promoting* our rich *heritage*. The Archives are a valuable resource for family research and local historical information. To make an appointment, the Archives may be contacted at 403 502 8582 or at 401 First Street S.E. Medicine Hat, AB. T1A 8W2, also at kimunr@medicinehat.ca

+++++

The Historical Society of Medicine Hat and District website: www.histsocmedhat.ca

+++++

Membership form:

Please Print

Name.....Tel. #.....

Address.....

.....

.....

Postal Code.....Email.....

Fees attached for.....person(s) at \$10 per person for a total of \$.....

Please make cheques payable to:

Historical Society of Medicine Hat & District
401 First Street SE,
Medicine Hat, AB, T1A 8W2

Any member wishing to receive the newsletter by email, kindly email Barbara -
barbara.watson78@gmail.com