

October 3, 1967

The meeting of the Athabasca and District Centennial Committee was held on October 3rd, 1967 with the following members present: Chairman McDonald, R. Berrea, M. Yaciuk, N. Appleby, & M. MacGregor.

This meeting was especially called to discuss plans for the Wind-Up Centennial Ball to be held on October 6th. N. Appleby and M. Yaciuk reported that everything was under control for the dance. Walter Christiansen agreed to look after the purchase of liquor and the bar at the dance; Bert McDonald agreed to rent the dispensers from the Kinsmen Club and the Hotel. Bert McDonald also agreed to act as floor manager for the evening. Door sales were to be looked after by Maria Yaciuk.

It was moved by Bob Berrea and seconded by Maria Yaciuk that we write Major Mitchell and thank him for making it possible for the PPCLI Band to be here with the Caravan.

Moved by Bert McDonald and seconded by Nancy Appleby that we write the Kinsmen Club apologizing for the use of the term "Harvest Ball" in our advertising for the Wind-Up Centennial Ball.

It was decided that we would have one more meeting before the end of the year to settle our finances, etc. Chairman McDonald stated that he would call one around the end of November or the 1st of December.

Moved by Maria Yaciuk that the meeting be adjourned.

*Bert McDonald*  
Chairman.

*R. Berrea*  
Secretary.

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Meeting - Sept. 12, 1967.

Present: Chairman McDonald, Father O'Farrell, S. Chorzempa, Dr. Brown, M. Yaciuk, N. Appleby, J. Eherer, R. Berrea, Mona MacGregor.

Discussion re Caravan Sept. 13 - to arrive at 10 a.m. in morning. Bob MacGregor, Principal of Elementary School attended meeting as he had heard the Caravan would be late in arriving in Athabasca, however, Bob Berrea said they would be ready as scheduled.

Bob Berrea suggested we have two people (able bodied such as Al Fallis and Nancy Appleby) ride a tandem bike for two, dressed in Centennial Costume on the morning of September 13 as the Caravan is approaching town to arouse interest.

Bob MacGregor mentioned that there would probably be around 1200 school children from all over the County coming in to view the Caravan and this would present some sort of a problem as to getting them all to view it in a certain length of time.

No contact with Agricultural Society yet re financial affairs. Val Breckrenridge and Al Fallis are to go over everything together in the near future, and decide upon the splitting of expenses. Chairman McDonald suggested we have a meeting with the Ag. Society to go over all the aspects of the finances arising out of the celebrations.

Al. Fallis said there was \$1,446.54 in bank at present but this was sort of a false statement as there was still some bills that had to be paid.

Maria Yaciuk mentioned that she would run an ad in the Echo with regard to trying to sell the remainder of the flags and also the barrels that were placed around the town. Suggestion was given that the flags be used for the Fair next year, and that perhaps the barrels could be turned over to the town to be put away for the winter and put out again in the spring. Mrs. Yaciuk mentioned that the barrels would be sold for \$6.00 which included the dirt, trees, etc. in each barrel. It was then moved by Bob Berrea and seconded by Father that we ask the town to look after the barrels and see that they are planted every spring.

Discussion of a wind-up Centennial Harvest Ball then took place. Nancy Appleby moved that we have the dance in the Curling rink so that we would have a larger space; this was seconded by Maria Yaciuk. Get tickets out for sale early - the date of Friday, October 6th was decided upon - try to have as many people as possible attend; only charge \$1.50 per person and have a bar and food for sale also which would be extra.

Nancy Appleby and Maria Yaciuk said they would look after all aspects of the arranging of this Centennial Ball - such as tickets, organization, band, etc. Mention was made that they have someone cater and sell hot dogs, coffee, pop, etc. Drinks should be 5 for \$2.00 or .50 a drink and beer 35 cents a bottle.

Military Tatoo to appear September 25th - put ad in Echo advertising this affair - Bob Berrea agreed to look after aspects of this program and Bert McDonald offered to assist.

Al. Fallis reported on The Don Cossack Show coming October 16th - advertising material would be put around town shortly - Prices discussed and it was decided to charge \$2.00 at gate and \$2.25 pre-sale. A committee

was set up (Father O'Farrell and Richard Hall with Nap. Gullion as Chair committee.

Moved by Nancy Appleby and seconded by Bert McDonald that our next meeting be on October 3rd, and if need be, call one earlier.

Moved by Dr. Brown that the meeting be adjourned.

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*Chairman*

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*Secretary*

August 21, 1967

A meeting of the Athabasca and District Centennial Committee was held on August 21st, 1967; the first meeting held since our Centennial Celebrations took place on August 7th & 8th. Members present were as follows: Chairman McDonald, Leo Vincent, Al. Fallis, Nancy Appleby, Dr. Brown and Mona MacGregor. *BOB BERREA*

Everyone felt that the celebrations had gone over exceedingly well; there had been a large number of people in Athabasca during those two days and the attendance at the pageant was very good.

Moved by Dr. Brown and seconded by Al. Fallis that the minutes be adopted as read.

More discussion took place re the celebrations; it was felt that the food concession or Bar-B-Q had not been in a good location as people did not know where to find it. A lot of beef was left over however, Bert McDonald took some of it to feed the Sea Cadets in his back yard on Tuesday, August 8th, and Bob Berrea managed to sell the rest of it. Steve Wasel and Don McLevin looked after the concession.

Moved by Chairman McDonald and seconded by Dr. Brown that letters be sent to Walter Kaasa and Fred Chrusch of the Ukrainian Group, thanking them.

Al. Fallis gave a rundown of the money in and the expenses but as this was not complete it was decided to wait until the next meeting for a full report.

The Queen Dance held on the 5th of August turned out very successful. Corinne Ellefson was voted Queen and won a trip to Vancouver along with an escort. The amount taken in at the Queen dance was \$876.<sup>05</sup>; the expenses amounted to \$345.<sup>02</sup> which left a net credit of \$

Moved by Chairman McDonald and seconded by Dr. Brown that we write to the Festival of Canada to try and reimburse our deficit of around \$619.00 from the Don Messer show.

Moved by Nancy Appleby and seconded by Mona MacGregor that the Centennial Committee hold a wind-up Centennial Dance in the Curling Club; have everyone come in Centennial costume as they did for the Centennial dance in May of 1967; it was felt that this dance should be held some time in October.

Chairman McDonald reported that the Centennial Caravan would be arriving on September 13th; he stated that he had already spoken to the school committee about having the school children view the caravan but that we should see to having a welcoming committee such as the Mayor, M.L.A. and a few other officials on hand when the caravan arrives in Athabasca. Moved by Bob Berrea and seconded by Leo Vincent that we set up a committee to organize the Centennial Caravan day with regard to a display of Centennial flags, advertising, publicity, having John Dahm and the High School Band perform, also Mr. Chrusch with the Ukrainian singers. Bob Berrea agreed to look after this.

Moved by Dr. Brown that the meeting be adjourned.

*Ry McDonald*  
Chairman

*Bob Berrea*  
Secretary.



July 31, 1967

A short meeting of the Athabasca and District Centennial Committee was held in the basement of The Community Center on July 31st with various members present at different intervals of the meeting due to the fact that some were leaving to go to practices and some were arriving from practices.

Chairman McDonald reported that J. D. Loiselle had agreed to look after the seating arrangements at the campsite.

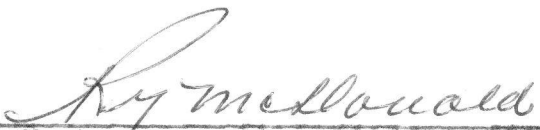
Bob Berrea reported that he had been in touch with The Royal Purple Ladies with respect to having Kool Aid and Water at the campsite for the children on both evenings of August 7th & 8th.

Mona MacGregor reported that the Kinettes had declined to put up a comfort station for mothers and babies as their club had only five members; it was then decided that since the Public Health office were having a comfort station it would not be necessary to have another one.

Chairman McDonald reported that Steve Wasel had agreed to look after a food concession on the grounds by the Anglican Church.

It was decided to hold a small banquet on the evening of August 7th for the dignitaries at the Hotel and have about 25 or 30 people there. Mona MacGregor agreed to look after arrangements along with Bob Berrea.

Maria Yaciuk moved that the meeting be adjourned.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

July 24, 1967

The regular meeting of the Athabasca and District Centennial Committee was held on July 24th with the following members present: Father O'Farrell, Bob Berrea, Al. Fallis, Anne Rypien, Chairman McDonald and Maria Yaciuk acting as secretary.

Father O'Farrell moved that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted subject to the following corrections, this was seconded by ~~Bob Berrea~~ Anne Rypien.

"1 - Amendment to motion dealing with admission of half price to cast members of Athabasca Story to now read "that cast be admitted FREE - .

A discussion took place re "programs" - moved by Father O'Farrell that we have 6000 souvenir programs printed and a nominal fee of 10 cents charged for them on distribution - seconded by Anne Rypien - Carried. Father O'Farrell agreed to look after this.

Moved by Bob Berrea and seconded by Al. Fallis that we send a "thank you" to Peter Marchuk for managing the Bar-B-Q for Don Messer supper. Carried.

Bert McDonald agreed to find out what problems we may have in procuring the Curling Rink to hold the Ethnic Concerts on August 7th & 8th and also for the Don Cossack Show on October 16, 1967.

Motion by Bob Berrea that a reminder be given to Properties Committee that dressing rooms for both men and women are required at campsite for The Athabasca Story; this was seconded by A. Fallis. Maria Yaciuk agreed to check into this.

Moved by A. Fallis that Don Richards of The Elks Club be contacted re seating at site. Maria Yaciuk will endeavour to have a committee formed to take in seating and fencing and will report back on this; seconded by Bob Berrea. Carried.

Bob Berrea agreed to check into contacting The Royal Purple re Free Kool Aid and water for children during the Pageant Story to be supplied by Centennial Committee.

Mona MacGregor agreed to contact Kinettes as to the possibility of their looking after a "Comfort Station" for mothers and babies at the Community Center during the day time.

Moved by Anne Rypien and seconded by Father O'Farrell that Bob Berrea approach the Ladies Curling Club to take on a concession in the Curling Rink and serve food, etc. on August 7th.

Moved by Father O'Farrell that we hold a Centennial Banquet during the supper hour on August 8th. Have refreshments between 5:30 and 6, and dinner at 6 o'clock sharp to be held in the Buffalo Room of The Union Hotel. The charge to be \$2.50 per plate. Bob Berrea agreed to make all arrangements. This was seconded by A. Fallis.

Bob Berrea also agreed to approach Mona MacGregor who had previously offered to feed the dignitaries on the day of August 7th - exact guest list to be worked out later.

Moved by Bert McDonald that free "complimentary" tickets to The Athabasca Story be sent out to special quarters to enhance our advertising, etc. Father O'Farrell agreed to look after the distribution of same. This was seconded by A. Rypien.

Father O'Farrell moved that Bert McDonald look after the purchase of a Queen's trophy, 2 Princess trophies and 2 contestant trophies - this was seconded by Anne Rypien.

Father O'Farrell reported that not all judges had been obtained as yet for the judging of the queens on the evening of August 5 at the Centennial Queen dance but that he would have them shortly.

Maria Yaciuk reported that Jack Mackie would be handling the sale of the tickets along with herself and that the tickets had been printed and distribution was well under way.

It was decided to hold a meeting on Monday, July 31st at 7 p.m. sharp in order that members would be able to leave early to attend any practices, etc. for the pageant.

Al. Fallis moved that the meeting be adjourned.

*Bert McDonald*  
Chairman

*Mona MacGregor*  
Secretary.

July 17, 1967

The regular meeting of the Athabasca and District Centennial Committee was held on July 17th with the following present: Father O'Farrell, J. Eherer, B. Lewis, Leo Vincent, A. Fallis, S. Chorzempa, R. Berrea, F. Dulaska, M. Yaciuk, J. Todd, J. Havard, Mrs. R. Hall and Chairman McDonald and M. MacGregor.

Moved by Father O'Farrell and seconded by J. Eherer that the minutes be adopted as read.

Chairman McDonald reported that we had Hon. H.E. Strom coming for a parade on August 7th. Discussion took place with regard to looking after the officials on the day they arrived. Father O'Farrell agreed to see Mr. Mikkelson and find out if he would look after Mr. Strom; also Father agreed to look after Hon. Gordon Taylor on Tuesday, August 8th, and to get in touch with Mr. Nodding to see if he would look after Mr. Bigg, MP for our area.

It was decided by all present that the parade should start from the old brick school grounds.

Chairman McDonald reported that there were 20 members in the Edmonton Police Pipe Band. Arrangements have been made to look after them by the Legion; they have arranged for 2 motel rooms and the Ladies Auxillary are looking after the feeding of them.

Father O'Farrell reported on the Don Messer show; he stated that we did not break even, however, we were just a little under.

A. Fallis reported that we had \$1454.00 on hand as at July 17th and there was still some \$75.00 or \$100.00 to come in and that we owe Bert McDonald \$200.00.

The sale of the tickets for the Don Messer show were as follows:

100 sold for the \$3.50 seats;  
600 ~~sold~~ for the \$3.00 seats and  
there were 150 left of the children's seats.

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Father O'Farrell on behalf of the Committee, thanked the ladies that put on the Bar-B-Q for the Don Messer Troupe. He stated that it was indeed very successful and that the Don Messer Group certainly enjoyed the food as they were all eating heartily.

Some mention was made that we should pay Ed. Polanski for the use of his truck for advertising purposes. No motion was made.

Frank Dulaska stated that there was not too much to report on behalf of the Agricultural Society - the posters were out - and everything was progressing very well.

Joe Eherer in reporting for the Youth Day Parade on the second day, August 8th, stated that in discussing this with various groups they felt that they would rather be in the Parade on the first day as it would be the bigger and better one, and that the parade on the 2nd day was never as well attended. It was then agreed by all members of the committee to only have one parade on the first day and make it a really gigantic one. J. Eherer stated that the Curling Club Executive did not seem too happy on renting the Rink out for a Youth dance but that he would inquire further and definitely hire an orchestra for Tuesday evening, ~~July~~ August 8th.

Leo Vincant and Bentley Lewis in reporting for the Parade Committee stated that they would be contacting all business places and trying to create a lot of enthusiasm to get this parade on the road.

John Havard in reporting for the Athabasca Story stated that everything was well under way; Castwise they were 70% on the way and have had one rehearsal so far. As of this date they needed more Indians, however, Mrs. Hall said they would definitely get them. Rehearsal schedules would be printed in the Echo.

Mrs. Jane Todd suggested that a large tent be put up by the river so that the ladies could change their costumes without having to hold blankets up.

A lengthy discussion then took place re food concessions;

Moved by Bob Berrea that we approach the Chamber of Commerce to see if they would have a food concession on both days on the lot by the Anglican Church; this was seconded by J. Eherer. R. Berrea agreed to contact the Chamber.

Moved by Father and A. Fallis that we contact the Elks and Masons to look after the seating arrangements for the Pageant. This should be done immediately by 'phone.

Moved by J. Eherer and seconded by Steve Chorzempa that we contact the Kinettes to see if they would operate a Nursery on the days of the Celebrations.

Moved by Bob Berrea and seconded by Father O'Farrell that we contact the Royal Purple to see if they would put a Food Concession at the Pageant grounds - serve free Kool Aid and cold water, etc.!!!

Discussion then took place as to Policing and Parking on the Celebration days; Chairman McDonald agreed to contact Frank Brown, Gordon Lewis, John Asanger, Wayne Sales, Fred Brandt, Cec. Hide, Russell Lewis and also the Legion for Traffic Control.

Moved by Bob Berrea and seconded by Mrs. M. Yaciuk that we charge \$1.00 for adults, .50 cents for children for the Pageant. Cast members to get in for half price - .50 cents for adults and .25 cents for children, 12 and under. Maria Yaciuk to look after tickets.

Moved by Al. Fallis that we write the Don Cossack Chorus to see if they would come here to Athabasca, on Monday, October 17th. This was seconded by Bob Berrea. Al Fallis agreed to contact them.

Discussion then took place for Judges for Queen Contest; Father agreed to look after getting the judges.

MOVED BY FATHER O'FARRELL THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

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CHAIRMAN

*Wm MacGregor*  
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SECRETARY

July 5, 1967

The regular meeting of the Athabasca and District Centennial Committee took place on July 5th, 1967 with the following people present: Chairman McDonald, Dr. Brown, Mrs. A. Rypien, Mrs. M. Yaciuk, Mrs. Nancy Appleby, Father O'Farrell, S. Chorzempa, A. Fallis, B. Berrea, D. Hunter and Mona MacGregor.

Moved by Dr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. M. Yaciuk that the minutes be adopted as read.

Chairman McDonald reported on the progress of the plans for the "The Athabasca Story" - he related that Mrs. Hazel Hall felt that she did not want to take the chairmanship on for the Casting Committee but that she would gladly help on that committee. In discussing the various aspects of this pageant it seemed that we were having a little trouble getting people to take things on but it was generally felt that it would work out and that people would get interested. It was then suggested that Chairman McDonald contact Mrs. Helen Hyde or Mrs. Sandy Richel to see if they would take this on.

Chairman McDonald then read a letter from John Havard, and one from the Board of Stewards of the United Church of Athabasca congratulating the Centennial Committee and mainly the Decorating Committee for an excellent job of decorating the town with the barrels of trees and flowers and the flying of the flags.

Discussion then took place as to who we would get as an official from the Provincial Government to take part in the parade on the 7th of August; we have Hon. Gordon Taylor coming for August 8th, and also J.G. MacGregor coming on August 7th but someone else was needed for this day. Dr. Brown moved that we contact Hon. A. Hooke to see if he would come; Father agreed to look into this with Chairman McDonald.

It was also mentioned that we send a letter of invitation to our MLA Mr. Aloisio, and our MP, Mr. Bigg.

Alengthy discussion then took place on the Don Messer show; Father stated that the tickets were not going too well but he hoped they would pick up in the next week or so. Dave Hunter said the physical aspects for the Don Messer show were looked after and would be all ready for July 15th. The Decorating Committee agreed to decorate the curling arena for this occasion. Dave Hunter telephoned Dave Gordichuk who agreed to be responsible for the concession that evening; he said he would get the Baseball club to look after this.

It was decided that a reception for the Don Messer troupe would take place in Nancy Appleby's yard with Nancy Appleby, Maria Yaciuk, Ethel McDonald and Mona MacGregor looking after it on their own.

Mrs. Annie Rypien reported for the Queen Committee; she stated that the contestant from Grassland had decided not to run but this still left 5 girls running and it was felt that this would be ample. She mentioned that Robinson Store had the tickets and that the girls could purchase more at any time for selling to the public there. It was moved by ~~Annie Rypien~~ Father O'Farrell that we give Centennial Dollars as the prizes - \$15 centennial dollars for 1st prize; \$10 centennial dollars for second prize and \$5.00 centennial dollars for third prize; this was seconded by Dave Hunter.



Dave Hunter mentioned that he had asked Gordon Lewis to look after the parking for the ~~celebration days~~ <sup>Don Messer Show</sup> and that he had agreed ~~and xxxxxxxx~~ to do this.

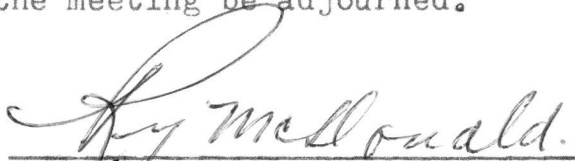
Bob Berrea reported for publicity; he stated that the posters advertising the Rodeo and Pageant was ready to go as soon as the Agricultural society had seen it and approved of same.

Al. Fallis stated that there was the amount of \$366.66 in the bank as of this date.

It was moved by Dr. Brown that we write the Edmonton Police Pipe Band and give them the information they requested in their letter, and also to find out how many of them would be coming so that we could arrange definite accommodation; this was seconded by Steve Chorzempa.

Dave Hunter said he would arrange with Carl Stychin to have a bus chartered for that day and what the cost would be.

Moved by Father O'Farrell that the meeting be adjourned.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary.

June 19, 1967

The regular meeting of the Athabasca and District Centennial Committee took place on June 19th with the following present: Chairman McDonald, Father O'Farrell, Dr. Brown, D. Hunter, A. Fallis, L. Vincent, F. Dulaska, M. Yaciuk, J. Eherer, B. Minns, J. Stychin and M. MacGregor.

A lengthy discussion took place about the Don Messer show - Father O'Farrell reported that the sale of tickets were not going to well but hoped that sales would pick up in the next two weeks. He stated that posters had been put up all over town and that the two drug stores were selling the tickets. Dave Hunter reported that the floor in the curling rink would be poured that week and that the building of the stage was under way - most of the stage was pre-fab and is being built in such a way that it could be used again; it is built in 6 sections - it is portable - sections are 8 x 16 - it will be available to take down and use as 3 stages if necessary. Mr. Steve Radkevich is building it. It could be used in 3 sections - 16 x 16 or 24 x 16 or one 32 x 24 - this portable stage is larger than the one at the Community Center. As for the seating situation at the curling arena - there are 500 reserved seats at \$3.50 and 700 seats at \$3.00. There is ample availability of chairs - E.P.C. has 400, the Elementary School has 700 and there are 400 to 500 at the Community Center. It was mentioned that perhaps the Air Cadets and Scouts could be ushers for the Don Messer show. D. Hunter also mentioned that he had discussed the fire hazards with Fire Chief Bob Montgomery and the Fire Chief thought everything would be adequate. It was also suggested that we have a parking committee that evening - perhaps the local policemen with some help. It was moved by D. Hunter and seconded by Fr. O'Farrell that we have the theatre put slides on screen advertising the Don Messer show. It was also moved by D. Hunter and seconded by Fr. O'Farrell that we put ads in the Westlock Witness and the Boyle Beacon, and that we have tickets available in Boyle, Westlock, Slave Lake, Barrhead. Bert McDonald offered to take some to Westlock as he was going the previous evening to a Druggists' meeting.

Father O'Farrell reported that he had sent out 2000 flyers in the mails.

Some discussion took place as to what type of reception we should have for the Don Messer troupe and Father O'Farrell moved that we investigate the possibility of having a smorgasbord in the Banquet Room of the Hotel - this was seconded by D. Hunter.

Mrs. Nancy Appleby suggested that for a backdrop D. Hunter contact the Royal Purple for their screens.

Moved by Dr. Brown and seconded by Father O'Farrell that the previous minutes be adopted as read.

Chairman McDonald then stated that it was very necessary that we get thinking most seriously about The Athabasca Story so that it could be set up properly as Mr. John Havard would be here on the 9th of July ready to go to work.

Dr. Brown moved that we contact Mrs. Hazel Hall to act as Chairman of the Casting committee, and also contact Mrs. Helen Hyde and Mrs. Sandy Richel. This was seconded by A. Fallis. Chairman McDonald agreed to contact Mrs. Hall first and then Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. Richel could be contacted later.

Dr. Brown reported that the Colinton Gymkana Club has agreed to provide horses - she thought about 4 horses would be all that would be needed. Frank Dulaska stated that the Gymkana Club would also like to be in the parade in their own capacity as the Gymkana Club if at all possible.

Dr. Brown stated that things were getting underway in the Properties department - little trinkets like tomahawks are being made available, and the making of uniforms, such as the RCMP, are being planned. It is also thought that these could possibly be obtained from McDougall United Church in Edmonton.

John Stychin reporting for the Kinsmen Club stated that they had car posters made advertising The Athabasca Story on August 7 & 8, also advertising the Rodeo, and that the Kinsmen Club were also publishing a newspaper pamphlet on the history of Athabasca and getting ads from the businessmen in town.

Leo Vincent reported for the Lions Club and was somewhat concerned as to just what the job was that they had to do - discussion took place as to the job of the Parade Committee. He then stated that he would contact all the various clubs and organizations in town to see what they planned to put in for the parade. Mrs. Yaciuk gave Mr. Vincent a list of all the organizations in town.

Frank Dulaska reporting for the Agricultural Society stated that they were having a giant bingo on July 6th. He also stated that the Midway people would probably be having some food booths on ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ August 7 & 8th. It was not decided as yet if the Ag. Society would use the Curling Rink for the various fair entries.

Chairman McDonald congratulated the Decorating Committee in getting the Baptiste Lake sign done and looking so bright and clean.

Nancy Appleby reporting on the Athabasca Story was a little skeptic as to whether or not the Swan Lake ballet should be done - she felt it would be a little too difficult but would wait until we had all viewed the film, at which time we could advise John Havard.



June 5, 1967.

A meeting of the Athabasca and District Centennial Committee was held on June 5th in the Town Office with the following members present: Chairman McDonald, Dr. Brown, Steve Chorzempa, Al. Fallis, John Stychin, Dave Hunter, Frank Dulaska, Jane Todd and Maria Yaciuk taking minutes.

Paragraph 6 of May 15th minutes were disputed as being incorrect by Dr. Brown; the following correction to be put in:

Omit Eleanor Stazewski and Dr. Brown from "casting".

Dr. Brown moved adoption of amendment; seconded by A. Fallis.

Correspondence was then read out by Chairman McDonald; among which was a letter from John Havard. After some discussion it was decided that Mrs. Nancy Appleby should be contacted to attend the next meeting for a discussion on the contents and other problems relating to The Athabasca Story.

Dr. Brown reported that Mr. Gene Kowalchuk wishes to bow out of properties, however, he will have the school children help in numerous ways. Dr. Brown made several requests for different properties such as horses, canoes and such, this was followed by a lengthy discussion after which it was felt these items would be available from several sources.

Jane Todd reports further discussion with the different Ethnic groups and finds a lot of enthusiasm; many are planning programs and appearances during the two days in addition to being in the parade and Athabasca Story. She also reports that Mr. Fred Crusch will take an active part in these preparations after the 18th of June.

Frank Dulaska did not have too much to report as most farmers are still busy with spring work; he has been approached for a baseball game on August 7, 1967 - All Star team but after a discussion with the committee it was decided that the time element for that day would not allow for a ball game - there were other problems too - one of which was the parking of cars on ball diamond and also bandstand.

Dave Hunter moved and seconded by Joe Eherer that when stage for Curling Rink is made, it should be in three movable parts, in order that it may be used elsewhere from time to time; an example would be for bands and ethnic groups during Centennial Celebrations.

Al. Fallis gave financial report in which he stated most small accounts had been paid and a cheque had been forwarded for flags. Chairman McDonald interceded to say that some funds had now been made available to the committee for the purpose of paying our commitments.

John Stychin reported for the Kinsmen Club on the publicity, which was most satisfactory. He also went into detail about their own

Centennial project which will be a trip from Edmonton to Athabasca in the old Steamer arriving here in time for the parade; in addition they would appear in the Edmonton parade and would have a float behind possibly with the Athabasca Can Can girls. After some discussion with him on the matter of the float it was moved by Dave Hunter that the Chamber of Commerce be asked to present an Official Centennial float for the Centennial parade which would also be pulled behind the Kinsmen steamer in the Edmonton parade. This was seconded by John Stychin.

Maria Yaciuk reported that street tree planting program had been completed and Baptiste Lake sign near completion - should be back in place shortly. She mentioned that she spoke with Chamber of Commerce with regards to town entry signs but too late to get report for this meeting. Will endeavour to get information for next meeting. Miscellaneous sales of flags and barrels for this period amounted to \$106.00 of which \$28.50 was turned over to Mr. Fallis; the balance being still outstanding. A breakdown of the balance outstanding is as follows:

Hospital Auxillary - 1 flag.....	\$7.50
Gymkana Society - 20 flags -.....	70.00
	<u>77.50</u>

J. Eherer reporting for Youth day which will be on August 8th stated that at present there seemed to be lack of enthusiasm but that he would be getting together with Father O'Farrell and hoped to call a meeting of all youth organizations. He also reported that Mrs. Phyllis Fix, a former resident of Athabasca put on an "Athabasca Day" at Penticton, B.C. They had anticipated some 80 former residents who now lived in B.C. to come but that they had had a turnout of over 150 for the occasion.

Dr. Brown moved that the meeting be adjourned.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary



May 15, 1967

The regular meeting of the Athabasca and District Centennial Committee was held on May 15th in the Town Office with the following members present: Chairman McDonald, Father O'Farrell, Dr. Brown, Bob Berrea, Steve Chorzempa, Dr. P. Steblyk, Al. Fallis, Mrs. Maria Yaciuk, Mrs. Nancy Appleby, Mrs. Eileen Chamberlain, Mr. Val Breckrenridge, and Mona MacGregor.

Moved by Dr. Brown and seconded by Father O'Farrell that the minutes be adopted as read.

Dr. Peter Steblyk asked that he be able to give a small report immediately as he had to attend another meeting. He stated that as yet the Kinsmen Club had not done very much, but everything was in the planning stages as far as the publicity for The Athabasca Story went; he said he would be able to report more at a later meeting after they had set down their plans in writing.

Dr. Brown suggested that we write to Premier Manning and tell him that we would eagerly await to hear from him.

Moved by B. Berrea and seconded by Mrs. M. Yaciuk that we hold our meetings on the 3rd Monday, and the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Chairman McDonald reported that John Havard had been in touch with Charles Parker by letter and also to Mrs. Nancy Appleby. Things seem to be progressing quite well. Discussion took place as to character casting and costuming. Dr. Brown suggested that Mrs. Helen Hyde be contacted to help with the character casting so that costumes could be planned. It was moved by B. Berrea that a group such as Dr. Brown, Mrs. Helen Hyde and Mrs. Sandy Richel, along with Mrs. Eleanor Stazewski get together to discuss character casting and costuming; this was seconded by Father O'Farrell.

Dr. Brown stated that Mr. Gene Kowalchuk was having difficulty in finding someone to help with with properties and that he would be away after July 1st attending summer session at the University in Edmonton. Mrs. Eileen Chamberlain suggested that perhaps Arnold Forbes should be contacted to see if he would help with properties.

Chairman McDonald suggested that we write Athabaska, Quebec, and give them a run-down of our Centennial days, and that possibly we would be sending someone from here to visit them on their way to Expo.

Mrs. Nancy Appleby, on behalf of the Art Club, presented Al. Fallis, the Centennial Committee Business Manager with a cheque for \$350.00. Mr. Fallis thanked the Art Club for their wonderful effort in helping the Centennial Committee. Chairman McDonald congratulated the Art Club on their most wonderful Centennial Ball; he stated that there was no doubt that it had truly been a very successful affair, and a wonderful kick-off for our Centennial Year here in Athabasca. It was moved by ~~Dr. Brown and seconded by~~ Father O'Farrell and seconded by Dr. Brown that we thank the Art Club.



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Chairman McDonald also thanked Father O'Farrell (as a member of The Athabasca Ministerial Association) for the Centennial Ecumenical Service in the Community Center; he stated it was very heartwarming to see the wonderful attendance at this service and the very nice way in which it was conducted.

Mrs. Maria Yaciuk reported for the Decorating Committee - Mrs. Joe. Eherer had agreed to look after the planting; action was to commence on Thursday with the placing of dirt in the barrels, then the trees and petunias would be planted.

Mrs. Yaciuk mentioned that the Centennial Star on the Hillside looked extremely attractive and that the Chamber of Commerce were to be congratulated for this effort.

Mrs. Yaciuk said that the Centennial Ball had been very successful in allways, including financially.

She stated that she had ordered more flags as she had run out. The prices of the flags are as follows:

Centennial -	36x54 -	\$8.95
Union Jack -	27x54	7.50
Canada -	27x54	7.50
Canada -	18x36	3.75

Mrs. Yaciuk handed over to Al. Fallis, Business Manager, the amount of \$32.90, being the amount she had collected from flag sales, barrel sales, etc. She stated that she would put an ad in the paper outlining the prices of the different flags and where they were available.

Al. Fallis mentioned that the cheque received from the Art Club would help to pay off bills which are now approximately \$500.00 or slightly over. He stated that he would open a bank account at The Bank of Nova Scotia, and have Bert McDonald and Father O'Farrell along with himself authorized to sign cheques.

Mrs. A. Rypien reported for the Queen Committee - stated that she had put 2 ads in the Echo; was having a little difficulty in getting girls to enter but felt that it would work out okay. The tickets would be out at the end of June after final examinations.

Steve Chorzempa in reporting for the Agricultural Society stated they were having a little difficulty in getting a midway, however, they felt they now did have one, and Mr. Breckrenridge has sent a contract away to be signed.

Bob Berrea in reporting on the Publicity stated that he had sent out some 40 or so letters asking different clubs and organizations in the area what they planned for Centennial, the following are the results:

A.A.R.N. (Alberta Association of Registered Nurses) - held a Baby sitting course during the winter months - 18 students received diplomas.

A.T.A. (Alberta Teachers Association) are writing a History of the schools in the area over the past 100 years.

Art Club held a Centennial Ball on May 5th last.

Lions Club are taking on as a project the planning of a nature park on Muskeg Creek, and they are also running a Beef Bingo.

Kinette Club are planning to supply the new arena with facilities for lunch counter, etc.

Fire Department - to number all streets.

Students Union at EPC - promoting trip to Expo.

Canadian Legion - to have a Field of Honor.

St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Parish - a new organ for the church.

Hospital Auxillary - to hang a flag on the flagpole at the hospital.

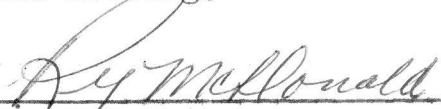
The Merry 8 Bridge Club - to donate a Book on Bridge to the Library.

Discussion took place as to the pricing of tickets for the Don Messer Jubilee Show; it was decided that reserved seats - Block A would be \$3.50 and the rest \$3.00 with Childrens' at \$1.50. Moved by B. Berrea and seconded by Dr. Brown that we have three colors of tickets, and that Father O'Farrell look after the printing of tickets.

Chairman McDonald reported on a 'phone call that he had received from Peter Chapman, Public Relations man at Labatt's Brewery; he informed Chairman McDonald that there was a very good youth band coming from somewhere in the B.C. Interior to appear at the Pow Wow days at LacLaBiche and that perhaps we could get them to appear here on our second day, especially fitting since the Parade that day will be entirely a Youth Parade.

It was decided to wait until the next meeting to discuss the street dances, whether or not we should have one each evening of August 7th or 8th, or just one the first night and have a Teen Dance the second night.

Moved by Father O'Farrell that we adjourn the meeting.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary.

April 17, 1967.

The regular meeting of the Athabasca and District Centennial Committee was held on April 17, 1967 in the Town Office with the following members present: Chairman McDonald, F. Dulaska, Dr. Brown, Father O'Farrell, Bob Berrea, Mrs. M. Yaciuk, S. Chorzempa, Mrs. J. Todd, Mrs. H. McLean, D. Hunter, J. Eherer and M. MacGregor.

Preceding the meeting Mr. Pete Krawecs photographed the Centennial Committee as a group, which photo was sent in to Mrs. Jean Knott, the Centennial Publicity Officer for the Province of Alberta for deposit in the Provincial Archives. Anyone wishing a photo for themselves may purchase one at Bob's Photo Shop for a price of \$2.00.

Miss Gwen Newsham, the French Teacher at Edwin Parr Composite came to inquire about receiving financial assistance to have two or three of her students on an exchange program with students in a town in Quebec. As the town council has been looking into this it was felt that she should deal directly with the Town Council and that probably as much financial assistance that they could possibly give these students would be given.

Moved by Dr. Brown that the minutes be adopted as read and seconded by Father O'Farrell.

Chairman McDonald stated that the "Athabaskan Sea Cadet Corps Band" would definitely be coming for August 7 & 8th and would perform the Sunset Ceremony before the commencement of "The Athabasca Story". Discussion took place as to loding and feeding of the boys for these two days as there would be approximately 46 of them. Father O'Farrell suggested that we ask the Legion and Legion Auxillary to look after the Sea Cadet Band and also the Edmonton Police Pipe Band. Father also suggested that perhaps our own Air Cadet Band could in some way be hosts to the Sea Cadet Band. Father O'Farrell moved that we contact the Legion in this respect and this was seconded by Steve Chorzempa.

It was moved by Chairman McDonald that we invite individual pipers to come for our Centennial Celebrations such as some of the members of the Strathcona Legion, this was seconded by Joe Eherer.

Moved by Father O'Farrell that we write to Premier Manning to see if he could now confirm whether or not he would be able to come, this was seconded by Dr. Brown.

Chairman McDonald moved that we wrote to Hon. Gordon Taylor to take part in our "Youth Parade" on August 8th, and also to officially open the completion of Highway #2 into Athabasca; this was seconded by Father O'Farrell.

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Discussion then took place concerning a two day parade; Father O'Farrell mentioned that there would be advantages and disadvantages to having a parade the second day, and Mona MacGregor suggested having a "Youth Parade" in which the youth and youth organizations could participate only; it was then moved by Mrs. Jane Todd and seconded by Mrs. Helen McLean that we look into the possibility of having a "Youth Parade" on the second day, August 8th. It was moved by Father O'Farrell and seconded by Bob Berrea that Joe Eherer be nominated to look after the organization of the Youth Parade. Agreed.

Dr. Brown reported for the Properties Committee and stated that Mrs. Eleanor Stazewski has already begun to make costumes for the Celebrations. Question arose as to where we would get the RCMP costumes, and Dr. Brown stated that Mrs. Stazewski would even be prepared to make these - evidently the RCMP uniforms that they had at the Town Jubilee came from "The Praying Men". Dr. Brown said that she and Gene Kowalchuk had discussed the idea of swans on the river but wondered how the audience would see the swan on the river!

Frank Dulaska reported for the Agricultural Society stating that they would probably go ahead and make up posters at least a good month ahead of the Celebration days of August 7th & 8th.

Mona MacGregor reported on school projects - mentioned that some 40 High School students would be going to Expo with supervisors; also that the Elementary were putting on a Centennial Pageant on the evening of May 19th at the school - this pageant being planned and written by the Grade 7 students and all the other students in the school taking part in it.

Mrs. Maria Yaciuk reported for the Decorating Committee and mentioned that she had heard nothing from the Indian Head Nursery and that Mrs. Joe Ehere, Sr., is going to take over the planting of the trees. She stated that a rough sign had been drawn up for placing at the entrances into the town - the Chamber of Commerce thought that there should be one at all of the 4 entrances into the town. She mentioned that she had received her order of flags and had many put up in the main streets of our town, also was selling some to individual citizens.

Mrs. Jane Todd reported on the Ethnic Dancing groups - contacted many people to look after a certain group - list of same attached to minutes. She stated that she received very good co-operation from everyone and was wondering if perhaps some time could be allotted them in the afternoon to perform as it didn't seem right that they should go to all the trouble of practicing and not getting enough time to perform. Everyone felt that they should be given time during the day to perform at a certain spot during the Celebrations.

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Mrs. Todd said she would give consideration to working up a program of the different dance groups to perform sometime during the days of our Celebrations.

Chairman McDonald reported that the borrowing of flags from the Clyde Lions Club has been confirmed.

Chairman McDonald also reported that the Centennial Caravan would be here on September 13th, and the Military Tattoo from Western Command would be here on September 25th.

Mrs. Jane Todd asked whether or not any of the Ethnic Groups would be able to put a float in the parade if they should so desire and it was the opinion of all members present that by all means if they should so want to do this to definitely go ahead and do so.

Chairman McDonald said that we had now committed ourselves to a contract with the Don Messer Group for July 15th and the only concern was the place where to have them perform. It was thought that the Town Council would go ahead and use the Centennial grant to put a floor in the Curling Rink, however, there were many details that would have to be settled before confirmation could be given to this big project by the Town.

Dave Hunter reported on the planning of the floor in the Curling Rink; he stated that it was going to cost a great deal more than they had expected; the Town Council was in favour of putting the floor in the Curling Rink and using the Centennial grant however, they were waiting for all the estimates to come in. Mr. Tony Schinkinger has agreed to look after this and the Curling Club will also appoint two of their members along with Glen Osment and Bob Richards from the Town Council. Dave Hunter brought up a plan that he had drawn up as to the seating in the curling rink, giving an idea of how many could be comfortably seated, and allowing so much room for a stage (approximately 24x30), having a ramp lead up to the stage, with easy access to the dressing rooms and washrooms. He felt that possibly it could seat 1360 capacity. Some discussion took place as to having concession booths outside of the curling rink so that people could have coffee, etc. after the show. Seeing there would probably be many people from outside it was felt that they should have a chance for refreshments before they leave for home and to leave Athabasca with a good taste in their mouth!

Discussion then took place on the price of tickets; Dave Hunter suggested \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 but it was decided to leave this to the next meeting and also to bring up at that time the printing of tickets, etc., discuss the diagram of seating, fire regulations,.

It was felt that there should be a box office for the disposal of tickets - to make sure and keep an accurate account of each and every ticket that went out and to whom.

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Father O'Farrell offered to co-ordinate the ticket sales box office and he suggested that we discuss fully the details of the Don Messer show at our next meeting.

Father O'Farrell reported that he had met with the Queen Committee - they have picked out girls for different areas. It was moved by Bob Berrea that we offer a trip to the Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver for the Queen and a chaperone, and this was seconded by Mrs. Maria Yaciuk. If the Queen should decide not to go to the PNE or was unable to, then only half of the fare & cost of the trip should be given to her.

Mrs. Helen McLean inquired as to what was planned as far as what should be on the floats for the parade; it was felt by all the members that they should be historical in nature, significant of our area, period floats, war years, etc. - carry this theme throughout all of the floats in the parade.

Mrs. Helen McLean also asked about the possibility of a Flower Show and it was suggested that she contact Mrs. M. Rypien on this.

Moved by J. Eherer that the meeting be adjourned.

CHAIRMAN .....

*Ry McDonald*

SECRETARY .....

*Bob Berrea*



## ETHNIC GROUPS

GERMAN -  
ITALIAN -  
DUTCH -  
ENGLISH -  
AMERICAN -  
EAST INDIAN -  
  
FRENCH -  
MEXICAN -  
  
IRISH -  
SCOTCH -  
GREEK -  
POLISH -  
UKRAINIAN -  
DANISH -  
NEGRO -  
HUNGARIAN -  
WELSH -  
METIS -  
SWISS -  
RUSSIAN -

Mrs. Margaret Stubel  
Mrs. Lena Marchesi  
Mr. Van Beek  
Mrs. May Wally  
J. Dahm & E. Blosser  
Charles & Rita Sequiera  
(with musical act)  
Mrs. Pauline Kramer  
Mrs. Gislason(Children's  
dance - Richmond Park)  
Mike Murphy, Jean Laporte.  
Mrs. Helen Hyde  
Mrs. G. Skagos  
Mary Kashinsky  
Mr. Krusch  
Mrs. Ole Armfelt  
Mrs. Mapp, Jr.  
Elsie Katona\*  
Jean Yaciuk \*  
Jessie Sale \*



March 20, 1967.

The regular meeting of the Athabasca and District Centennial Committee was held on March 20th in the Town Office with the following members present: Chairman Bert McDonald, Dr. Brown, F. Dulaska, S. Chorzempa, Mrs. M. Yaciuk, J. Eherer, B. Berrea and Mona MacGregor.

Moved by Dr. Brown that the minutes be adopted as read and seconded by Steve Chorzempa.

Discussion of the minutes of the last meeting took place.

Mrs. Yaciuk reported for the Art Club as follows:

Mrs. Yaciuk advised that 20 whiskey barrels had arrived on her doorstep from the Alberta Liquor Board in Edmonton; they were a 65 gallon size and were bought at a cost of \$3.00 per barrel, making the total outlay \$60.00; these barrels will be cut in half for decorating purposes and a tree and perhaps some flowers will be placed in them and placed along the main street; later on these barrels will then be sold to individuals for use in their yards and will be a fund raising means to help towards Centennial expenses.

Mrs. Yaciuk also reported that she was unable to obtain trees from the Department of Agriculture as the City of Edmonton had obtained all of what they had. She has written to the Indian Head Nursery to see about acquiring trees there. Discussion took place as to whether it would be possible to have citizens out digging trees to put in the barrels if need be. The Elementary School children have offered to do the planting of the trees in the barrels on Arbor Day in May.

Mrs. Yaciuk mentioned that she had been printing items in the local paper trying to stir up enthusiasm.

She also stated that she had ordered 12 Centennial flags, 6 Union Jacks, and 50 Maple Leaf flags from Canadiana Textile Fabrics Ltd. She stated that she had also ordered 16 clamps for holding the flags on poles from Ace Sheet Metal. She has also ordered 32 5 foot dowels from Richards Lumber.

Mrs. Yaciuk stated that she spoke to Richards Lumber about advertising Centennial Clean-Up and Beautifying program in their Spring Paint Sale.

The Art Club are also having the "Baptiste Lake" sign painted and brightened up, also the sign at the South Entrance to the town; she would report more about this at the next meeting. The Art Club thought they would try and sell space to different clubs to have their name appear on the sign.

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Mrs. Yaciuk reporting on the Centennial Ball stated that the plans have all been made for this event on May 5th; invitational letters have been sent out. There will be a full art exhibit for three days and the dance will be a closed affair with the Swingtones, an orchestra from Edmonton playing for it. The Art Exhibit will also be open to the public on Saturday afternoon.

Chairman McDonald stated that he had asked the Lions Club at Clyde for permission to borrow their collection of flags for our Celebrations.

Mr. Chorzempa and Mr. Dulaska reported on the Agricultural Society stating that they now have a new secretary, Mr. Val.

Breckenridge; they are now setting out their rodeo program and will begin advertising shortly trying to fit in with Centennial. They reported that all times of the various functions during the day should be able to be set next month for advertising purposes.

Chairman McDonald mentioned having a Reviewing Stand by the Hillside Motel and to have this surrounded with flags and have it set out for the public to be able to watch the parade from there.

Dr. Brown stated that we should write Premier Manning and it was decided to table this until another month or so and he would be in a better position to know if he would be able to attend our Celebrations for certain.

Discussion took place on the parade and whether or not it would be feasible to hold the parade on both days of our Celebrations thus ensuring a good second day as well as a first one; Mr. Dulaska stated that having the Lions Club organizing the parade certainly would help the Agricultural Society a great deal. It was decided not to have any machinery equipment in the parade unless it was of a historical nature due to the size of the parade.

Bob Berrea moved that we seek into the possibilities of having a two-day parade and this was seconded by Frank Dulaska.

Chairman McDonald reported that the Athabaskan Cade Band from Fort Saskatchewan would perform here in the parade and that he also hoped that they would perform their "Sunset Ceremony" just before the opening of the pageant. Chairman McDonald stated that he would be visiting with Mr. Brooks who is in charge of the Cadet Band, during Easter week and would finalize all arrangements with Mr. Brooks then. He also stated that the Edmonton Police Pipe Band would be here and that arrangements would have to be made for transportation, lodging and food during their stay.

Some discussion took place as to the possibility of having two pipers to come on their own, perhaps some members of the Strathcona Legion Band.

It was moved by Frank Dulaska and seconded by Steve Chorzempa that we set up our time scheduling for the two days so that posters could be printed well in advance.

Mr. J. Eherer mentioned that the Agricultural Society would be setting a flat rate on those two days for entrance into the grounds and this would include the rodeo fee; reserved seats would be .50 cents extra.

Dr. Brown thought that casting should be done in the not too distant future, and it was decided to wait to see if Charles Parker would be here and he could possibly handle this in probably the early part of May.

Members of the Kinsmen Club arrived during the latter part of our meeting and these members were: Ray Pardue, Dr. P. Steblyk, Glen Brown, and John Paholok. They inquired as to just what their undertaking would be with regard to publicity and asked if this publicity would be just for the Centennial Celebrations or for the whole Centennial year. Chairman McDonald advised them that this would be only for the 2 day celebrations. Dr. Steblyk inquired as to what financial involvement the Kinsmen Club would be responsible for and Dr. Brown advised that she thought they would not be expected to put out any money for this publicity campaign, however, Ray Pardue then mentioned that possibly the Club could spend a certain amount from their own club.

Bob Berrea mentioned that a Centennial Flyer possibly could be sent out to all the citizens to stir Centennial interest in the district; everyone agreed that this was a fine idea and to go ahead and pursue this further.

Moved by Dr. Brown that the meeting be adjourned.

CHAIRMAN *Ray McDonald*.....

SECRETARY *Bob Berrea*.....

February 20, 1967.

The February meeting of the Centennial Committee was held on February 20th in the Town Office with Bert McDonald presiding; Father O'Farrell, Dr. Brown, D. Hunter, M. Yaciuk, A. Rypien, S. Chertzempa and Bob Berrea, and Mona MacGregor present.

Dr. Brown moved that the minutes be adopted as read and this was seconded by Father O'Farrell.

Father O'Farrell moved that we write a letter to The Country Gentlemen Orchestra asking them to confirm by letter that they will play for the street dances on the nights of August 7th & 8th. This was seconded by D. Hunter.

Moved by D. Hunter and seconded by Dr. Brown that we write to Major Mitchell again to see if it is at all possible to obtain a band for August 7th.

Moved by Mrs. Annie Rypien that we write requesting information on assistance for students travelling to other provinces for Centennial Year, seconded by S. Chertzempa.

The Chairman asked for reports from all the committees present.

Dr. Brown reporting on the Property Committee stated that they had decided to give up the idea of The Canada Goose and the 60 ft. Maple Leaf as the Property Committee felt it would just be too much of an undertaking especially financially. Mr. Eugene Kowalchuk and Mrs. Eleanor Stazewski both agreed to accept as members of the Property Committee. Dr. Brown mentioned that they would have to have some money to get started and it was agreed that \$300. to \$400. be allowed this Committee for the many things they would need in the very near future. Dr. Brown also felt that the casting for The Athabasca Story should be named so that planning for costumes could be gone ahead with.

Mrs. Anne Rypien reported for the Queen Committee; a scale of the planned Queen Float was presented and this gave the Committee a very good idea of what was planned in this respect. Mrs. Rypien stated that she would be advertising in the Echo for Queen contestants.

Mrs. Marie Yaciuk reported for the Decorating Committee and stated that the Art Club discussed a number of ideas and issues at their monthly meeting and the following is a resume of their ideas:

- 1: Mrs. Yaciuk has inquired about the charge for flagposts but as yet the firm she asked had not given her a price; it was however, decided that flagposts probably would not now be needed if we were given permission to use the Calgary Power poles to put the flags on.

- 2: The erection of a Welcome sign as you enter the town from the south with all the names of the various clubs in town and what day of the month they meet on.
- 3: To have the bridge lit up during the tourist season if possible, especially during the months of July and August. (Some discussion took place here as to this possibility, because it was felt this was a dramatic point in "The Athabasca Story").
- 4: To have a Centennial sign or emblem with 1867-1967 put up on the hillside; this has already been looked after by the Chamber of Commerce.
- 5: To commence a strong campaign to all citizens of this district to clean and beautify their homes and places of business; this to be done by word of mouth, through the Echo and other ways to instill enthusiasm among the residents for a Centennial beautification program.
- 6: To have 2 flagpoles at the River Campsite with perhaps a Centennial flag, or Maple Leaf or Union Jack.
- 7: To purchase whisky barrels from The Alberta Liquor Board; it was thought 20 of them at \$3.00 a barrel and saw them in half, filling each half with dirt and planting a tree in each one with perhaps a few flowers around the edges. Mrs. Yaciuk then suggested that these could probably be sold for around \$10.00 to interested individuals around the end of August or early September.
- 8: The Decorating Committee would like to order a large quantity of flags - Centennial and Maple Leaf - both for decorations and re-sale to anyone interested. Chairman McDonald moved that Mrs. Yaciuk write inquiring about price, etc. of these flags and then order a fair amount of them. This was seconded by D. Hunter.

Chairman McDonald stated that the Town Council had approved of the expenditure of \$500.00 for the Centennial Committee to use for the present urgent needs.

Mr. Bob Berrea reported for the Publicity Committee and he stated that he would commence putting ads in the paper and getting the publicity underway. He asked the secretary to write to Mrs.

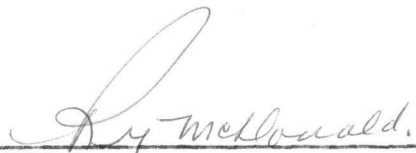
Eileen Chamberlain or Mrs. Nadine Kiselyk to see if either one of them would be interested in acting as secretary for the Publicity Committee. It was moved by Father O'Farrell that Bob Berrea approach the Kinsmen Club to see if they would work on Publicity for Centennial, this was seconded by D. Hunter.


Members of the Centennial Committee that agreed to report at our meetings of various ideas and things being done on the following: Bert McDonald stated that he would look after material for The Athabasca Story, keeping public informed, etc. and to pass information along to the Publicity Committee; Mona MacGregor agreed to report on what the schools in the County were doing; Dave Hunter agreed to report on what was being done insofar as parks and parkland was concerned and Steve Chertzempa to report on what the Agricultural Society was doing.

Moved by Dave Hunter and seconded by Dr. Brown that we write to The Royal Purple at a later date to see if they would take on the job of "The Homecoming Committee"; that is, to set up a booth on that day for the purpose of welcoming all past residents of Athabasca, and to make them feel welcome at our Celebrations.

Moved by Father O'Farrell and seconded by S. Chertzempa that Dave Hunter approach the president of the Curling Club, Ken Stafford, to discuss with him the idea of putting a floor on the Curling Rink for Centennial Celebrations and for different things going on during the following months, such as The Don Messer Jubilee Show.

Moved by Father O'Farrell that the meeting be adjourned.

  
Chairman.

  
Secretary.



A meeting of the Centennial Committee was held on January 22nd, 1967, with the following members present: Father O'Farrell, Dr. Brown, D. Hunter, J. Eherer, E. Loxam, F. Dulaska, S. Chertzempa and M. MacGregor.

Moved by Dr. Brown and sec. by J. Eherer that the minutes be adopted as read.

Moved by J. Eherer and sec. by Father O'Farrell that D. Hunter make a telephone call immediately to find out if the Country Gentlemen were interested in playing for our street dances on August 7th & 8th. D. Hunter contacted Neil Hurskainen and he confirmed by telephone that they would definitely play on those evenings. The rate being \$75.00 per evening, and that if they would have to play on an extra occasion during those days, or longer than usual, they would have to charge a little extra.

Moved by D. Hunter and sec. by S. Chertzempa that Dr. Brown be the general chairman for the Properties Committee. Dr. Brown agreed to take this chairmanship on.

Moved by Dr. Brown that we contact Mrs. Eleanor Stazewski and Mr. Eugene Kowalchuk to find out if they would act on the Property Committee. Seconded by F. Dulaska.

Moved by D. Hunter and sec. by J. Eherer that we contact the Lions Club to see if they would act as the Parade Committee for our Centennial Celebrations.

Moved by Father O'Farrell that the secretary write the Hall Committee to book the Community Centre for Saturday, August 5th for the Queen Dance - sec. by Ed. Loxam.

Discussion took place on transportation in the town for the two celebration days, booking of buses, etc. and it was decided to bring this up at a later meeting.

Moved by Father that we contact the Edmonton Police Pipe Band, and the Edmonton Fire Department Band to see if they could appear here for the Parade on August 7th. Sec. by Dr. Brown.

Moved by Dr. Brown that we contact Mrs. Mamie Boyle, the Performing Arts Office for the Alberta Centennial Committee and explain to her what Athabasca is doing for Centennial Year, and to see if there is any way in which their Committee could help us, and also inquire about Student Exchange Assistance. It was also suggested that the contact the National Film Board, Room 2, Post Office Bldg., and The Special Events Director, CBXT, 8871 - 75 St., Edmonton, and explain to them our undertakings for Centennial Year. It was mentioned that we should go into a little detail when writing to the above people about the production of "The Athabasca Story"; that John Havard from Toronto would be directing and producing it, and that it included a cast of around 300. Also mention that John Havard formerly was a director at the Scarborough Amphitheatre in England, and that he produced and directed "The Preying Men" in Edmonton several years ago.

Moved by D. Hunter and sec. by Father O'Farrell that we write to the Mayor at Arthabaska, Quebec and ask if they intend to join in with us.

Moved by Father O'Farrell that we adjourn the meeting.

CHAIRMAN

*R. J. McDonald*

SECRETARY

*S. Chertzempa*



December 19, 1966.

The Centennial Committee met on December 19th with the following members present: Chairman McDonald, Dr. Brown, Father O'Farrell, A. Fallis, S. Chertzempa, Mona MacGregor and the Decorating Committee comprised of Mrs. Yaciuk, Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Gordon.

Moved that the minutes be adopted as read by Al. Fallis and sec. by Father O'Farrell.

Mrs. Yaciuk and her committee asked a few questions as to just what their job would be, and how any expenses would be paid, etc. It was then moved by ~~Father O'Farrell~~ <sup>Al. Fallis</sup> that the Decorating Committee take full charge as to the theme of Centennial in the decorating and that they plan ideas for householders and businessman to do some decorating around their yards and place of businesses for Centennial year. This was seconded by Father O'Farrell.

Father O'Farrell reported on the Queen Committee meeting that was held with Mrs. Rypien, Mrs. Stychin and Mrs. Kavelok and himself - all asked agreed to be on the Queen Committee. It was decided that the Queen would benominated as follows:

- 50% of overall sale of tickets;
- 25% on poise and personality;
- 15% on participation in activities;
- 10% on written essay of 250 words on  
"What Centennial Means To Me".

Mrs. Rypien suggested that the float comprise of the 7 Queens from Smith, Rochester, Grassland, Elscott, two from Athabasca and one from North of the river - the age group to be from 16 to 24. The cost of tickets to be .25 cents each or 5 for a \$1.00. It was decided to put a write-up in the Echo around the end of February asking for girls to put their names in as contestants. Moved by Father O'Farrell that we accept the suggestions of the Queen Committee with regard to the Queen contest, seconded by S. Chertzempa.

Moved by Chairman McDonald that a letter be sent to the County Council asking that a representative from their Council be on the Centennial Committee - seconded by Father O'Farrell.

R. McDonald reported that Bob Berrea had accepted as Publicity Chairman and that Frank Dulaska had accepted as a member from the Agricultural Society on the Publicity Committee but that Ed. Polanski had declined.

Frank Dulaska reported on the annual meeting of the Agricultural Society - all the members were in favour of working together with the Centennial Committee for the Celebrations on August 7th and 8th. There would be some trouble getting a midway as the one they usually hired would be in Grande Prairie on thoses days however, Mr. Dulaska mentioned that they would try and get the same one as Lac La Biche.

Dr. Brown read a letter that was received from John Havard on Nov.20th.

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There was some discussion of the acquiring of some assistance from the Centennial Commission of Canada re student exchange - J. Eherer stated that he had read an ad in a paper about the Centennial Commission giving assistance re the exchange of students from Eastern Canada to Western Canada. He agreed to find out more about this and report at a later meeting.

Moved by J. Eherer that we write the Director of the Athabasca High School Band asking them to participate in the Centennial Activities on August 7th & 8th.

Moved by Father O'Farrell and sec. by A. Fallis that we write Don Messer in Halifax to see if he is planning a circuit tour of Western Canada and invite him to be in Athabasca on either August 7th or 8th.

Moved by Father O'Farrell that we adjourn the meeting.

CHAIRMAN ... *R. McDonald* .....

SECRETARY ... *B. D. Sneyd* .....

November 21, 1966.

A centennial committee meeting was held on the 21st of November with the following members present: Chairman McDonald, Fr. O'Farrell, Dr. Brown, R.N. Russell, J. Eherer, A. Fallis, D. Hunter, S. Charzempa, and M. MacGregor.

Dr. Brown moved that the minutes be adopted as read and sec. by Fr. O'F.

Discussion took place as to having a Centennial Queen contest; it was decided there should be a key float with the contestants and the Queen and that the Queen be presented with a trophy. Moved by Father O'F. that the proceeds from this event be split 50/50 with the Centennial Committee and the Agricultural Society. Sec. by Mr. Russell.

Moved by Father O'Farrell that trophies, 1st, 2nd and 3rd be awarded to the contestants with permanent inscriptions (centennial & rodeo trophies); sec. by J. Eherer. Carried.

It was also mentioned that the queens should be encouraged to decorate their horses quite elaborately for the occasion.

Moved by D. Hunter that an invitation be extended to the Athabasca High School band to participate in the Celebrations on August 7 & 8th; the band director to add any adults in the band as he sees fit. Seconded by Father O'Farrell.

Chairman McDonald stated that he had been speaking to Mrs. Hazel Berrea about her taking on the chairmanship of the Decorating Committee and she felt that she would like to decline being chairman but would certainly be willing to help with the committee. She suggested that we contact Mrs. Maria Yaciuk and she if she would act as Chairman and form a committee with the Art Club. It was moved by Dr. Brown that we write Mrs. Yaciuk a letter asking her to be Chairman - seconded by S. Chorzempa.

Moved by D. Hunter and seconded by Fr. O'Farrell that we write a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the County Council suggesting that we have a representative from their Council on our Centennial Committee.

Moved by J. Eherer that we contact Mrs. Annie (Mike) Rypien to act as Chairman of the Queen Committee and that we also contact Mrs. Louise Kavelok and Mrs. Michelle Stychin to be the other members of the committee. Sec. by Mr. Russell.

Discussion took place re student exchange; D. Hunter mentioned that we should give some thought to exchange of students with a town perhaps in Eastern Canada of approximate size to Athabasca - somewhere east of the Great Lakes. Bert McDonald mentioned Arthabasca, Quebec because of its similarity in name and population, etc.

It was then moved by D. Hunter and sec. by Father O'Farrell that we write to the Mayor of Arthabaska with the idea of "twinning" the two towns for the Centennial celebrations.

Father O'Farrell moved that the letter be written both in French and English and that we get the aid of Father Bois or the High School French teach, Miss Newsham in writing the letter in French. Sec. by D. Hunter.

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D. Hunter maintained that we establish right off the bat that the students which will represent Athabasca be chosen so as they will be the best ambassadors for Athabasca; aid in choosing should be received by members of the High School Staff.

A. Fallis moved that we contact Bob Berrea to act as Chairman of the Publicity Committee - this was seconded by J. Eherer. Dr. Brown moved that we contact E. Polanski to see if he would act as a member of the Publicity Committee - sec. by A. Fallis. Chairman McDonald agreed to contact these men. The members of the Agricultural Society stated that they would mentioned having one of their members on this Publicity Committee at their annual Agricultural meeting on Monday, Nov. 28th.

Chairman McDonald told the Committee that Mr. Chrusch was in to see him about the Ukrainian Choir performing at any time during the celebrations. Mr. McDonald suggested that perhaps they could perform on a platform on September 13th when the Centennial Caravan comes to Athabasca and this concert could be sponsored by the Centennial Committee.

Moved by Father O'Farrell and sec. by S. Chertzempa that we write the Cold Lake Air Base for a flypast on the first day of our celebrations.

Moved by R. McDonald that we contact Labatt's (via Peter Chapman) to see if we could have their float for our parade on August 7th. Sec. by A. Fallis. It was suggested that a letter be written to Mr. Chapman.

R. McDonald moved that we also write to The Bay, Molson's, Calgary Brewing, the Provincial Secretary (Gov't. float) about acquiring their floats for August 7th. Sec. by A. Fallis.

Moved by Father O'Farrell that we adjourn the meeting.

CHAIRMAN ..... *R. McDonald* .....

SECRETARY ..... *D. B. Gregor* .....

October 31, 1966.

A meeting of the Athabasca and District Centennial Committee was held at the Town Office on Monday, October 31, 1966 with Bert McDonald, Father O'Farrell, Dr. Brown, Dave Hunter and Mona MacGregor present.

It was moved by Dr. Brown that Father O'Farrell put a report in the Echo as to the progress of plans in order to keep the public informed. Agreed.

Letters from John Havard, Premier Manning, Lieutenant Governor MacEwan were read for information to all present. Moved by Dave Hunter that correspondence be adopted as read.

Dr. Brown moved that we set the third Monday of every month for our committee meeting - this was agreed upon by all members present.

It was moved by Father O'Farrell that we officially invite Mr. J. G. MacGregor to be an honored guest on August 8th. Agreed.

Moved by Dave Hunter that we write the Strathcona Legion Pipe Band and the PPCLI Band as soon as possible and ask them to perform at our celebrations. Agreed. The discussion of getting a few more bands took place, and the Edmonton School Boys' Band and the Edmonton Police Force Band were brought up but it was decided to wait until we had heard from the two aforementioned bands.

Dr. Brown moved that we write to The Country Gentlemen Orchestra at Thorhild immediately asking them to play for the street dances on both evenings of August 7th & 8th. Agreed.

Bert McDonald moved that we have Mrs. Mamie Boyle, the Performing Arts Officer for the Alberta Centennial Committee, out to Athabasca to familiarize her with our project of the pageant and other celebration activities. Mrs. Boyle is responsible for the implementation of the Alberta Performing Arts program and it was felt that she could give us some assistance along with some publicity. This was decided to be left in abeyance.

It was felt by all members of the committee that people in the district be kept informed through the Centennial Committee of the projects, etc. which will be underway for Centennial year.

Bert McDonald moved that we set up flags along the sidewalks downtown (implanted poles in the cement) in regular heights - it was thought this would be very effective and that this should be promoted. Dave Hunter mentioned that the Lions Club at Clyde had a collection of flags from all over the world and that possibly these could be borrowed and arranged in a prominent spot downtown.

Moved by Father O'Farrell that a Decorating Committee be set up, and that Mrs. Hazel Berrea be asked to be chairman of the

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Decorating Committee. It was suggested that perhaps the Art Club could help her with this end of it. Father asked that a letter be written to her asking her to take this on. It was thought that if she did accept she could attend our meetings commencing in January.

Ideas were brought in as to how we could encourage the various clubs in town to have a Centennial project - it was felt that all clubs should strive for two things to do; one for the Centennial Celebration itself, and one for the year - something in the form of a project that would last for years to come (i.e. Jubilee Park) - ideas should be fed everywhere in order to arouse enthusiasm.

Bert McDonald moved that we have a member of the County Council represented on our committee. Agreed.

A discussion took place as to putting the production on in Edmonton (Kinsmen Park, Jubilee Auditorium), and most of the members agreed that it would be best to keeping it in Athabasca and work diligently on doing a good job here.

It was also moved that we instigate a lively clean-up campaign within the town for the celebrations.

Father O'Farrell moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Wm. S. Sargent  
Ry. McDonald.



The first meeting of the Athabasca and District Centennial Committee was held at the Town Office on Monday, September 26/66 with the following in attendance: Mr. Bert McDonald, Dr. J. Brown, Father O'Farrell, Mr. Frank Dulaska, Mr. Russell and Mona MacGregor. A small meeting previous to the above had been held in order to organize a Centennial Committee.

Mr. John Havard has been appointed producer and director of "The Athabasca Story". Bert McDonald met with Mr. Havard in Edmonton in July to discuss the production. Mr. Havard was given \$100.00 to help with his expenses for coming to Edmonton from Toronto.

The Town Council have endorsed the production of "The Athabasca Story" and have agreed to pay Mr. Havard \$1500.00 plus expenses. Mr. Havard was sent an agreement by Mr. McCallum on behalf of the town for his signature, and also one-third of the contracted amount was sent to him.

Mr. Havard will spend a month in Athabasca prior to the presentation of the pageant.

Dr. Brown mentioned that we owed it to our community to provide some sort of Centennial Program, and that at least two days should be given to Centennial Celebrations. It was felt that August 7th & 8th would be the best time along with the Annual Rodeo and Fair. Both Mr. Dulaska and Mr. Russell agreed with this, and said they would discuss it with the Agricultural Board and report as to whether or not the Board was in favour of same. It was thought that the stampede would have to be put on a little earlier in the afternoon on those two days so that the pageant could start at dusk and it was felt that this could be arranged.

The building of more bleachers was discussed and this is to be brought up at our next meeting.

It was decided that we should get letters out to the dignitaries as soon as possible - Hon. E.C. Manning, asking him to officially open the pageant and Lieutenant-Governor W.C. Grant MacEwan to act as Parade Marshall, and also Mr. J. G. MacGregor as an honored guest.

It was also decided to inquire about bands which we would be able to get - bands mentioned were the Edmonton Police Force, Lord Strathcona (Calgary) Regimental Band, Strathcona Legion and the Air Force Band. Pipe Band.

Father O'Farrell advised that he would look after the ordering of the Centennial stationary.

Bert McDonald advised that Mr. Al. Fallis agreed to be Business Manager for this committee. It was also mentioned that we would need a Publicity Chairman, a Costume Committee, Property Committee and Food Committee.

Dr. Brown suggested that as soon as we knew just what had to be done re properties, costumes, etc. that we contact the schools and perhaps the children could help in some of this in their spare time, or art class.

Discussion was also held regarding organization of all the activities for those two days, and it was further suggested that we have buses running from South Hill to Main St. to eliminate vehicle traffic downtown.

In closing it was decided that the steering committee should meet at least once a month and to try and keep everybody informed as to what was going on with our Centennial plans.

*W. D. Snegor*  
*Ry McDonald*