

# PEMBINA LOBSTICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## ANNUAL REPORT

2020



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## **MISSION**

Pembina Lobstick Historical Society engages and builds community identity promoting the people and cultures of the Pembina Lobstick area through educational programs, exhibits, oral and written histories, and locally produced arts and crafts.

## **VISION**

Like the Pembina and Lobstick Rivers that change with the seasons but continue to flow, we will change with the seasons and continue to flow in cultural, historical and educational directions within our community.

## **MANDATE**

Pembina Lobstick Historical Society collects, preserves, and displays artefacts in good condition related to the railway development, coal mining, agriculture, lumbering and cultural aspects of the people living past and present in Entwistle, Evansburg and the surrounding area. Exceptions can be made for rare artefacts not exclusive to the local area. This is subject to the Museum's ability to preserve, document and store those artefacts, and then share the stories and educate the community.

## **MOTTO**

Capturing our Past ~ Connecting our Future

## **President's Message**

2020 has been a very unusual year for Pembina Lobstick Historical Society and Tipple Park Museum. The year began as the year before had ended with many activities, programs and meetings. In March everything was shut down due to the COVID-19 virus and the pandemic. It took a while to figure out how to work from home and still keep the museum viable. During the summer the situation opened up a bit and visitors could come although there were fewer of them. Some outdoor programming could be held. Then in December everything was shut down again. It has certainly been an interesting year! Looking forward to a new and exciting year in 2021.

## **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting and volunteer appreciation were held in February. The positions on the board for March 2020 to February 2021 were:

President – Irene Lawton  
Vice-president – Giselle Hagman  
Secretary – Laura Liknes  
Treasurer – Liz Lauer

Director – Stacey Nash  
Director – Nancy Dinsdale  
Director – Michelle Dionne  
Director – Lisl Gunderman  
Director - Darrel Hunter

## Membership

- Membership within the Society this past year was 18. These members contributed about 425 volunteer hours to the betterment of the Society, the Museum and the community. Twelve (12) non-member volunteers contributed about 75 hours. Everyone is to be commended for a job well-done.
- Pembina Lobstick Historical Society is a member of Alberta Museums Association. The AMA provides resources, courses, and possibilities for financial support.
- Pembina Lobstick Historical Society is a member of the Canadian Museums Association. This also provides resources and the possibility of financial support.

## Visitors

As a Recognized Museum, Tipple Park Museum is held accountable to a certain standard for the enjoyment and safety of visitors and staff. Because of this, Tipple Park Museum has become more well-known and is attracting visitors from many places.

- There were 525 visitors to the museum this year. These visitors were from Ontario, British Columbia, Newfoundland and Alberta.
- Classes of students were not permitted to visit the museum this year.
- The Farmers' Market was held outside this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. The vendors set up tents along the pathway in Tipple Park. This was well received by both vendors and customers. About 4757 people attended during the season, an increase of about 310 people.
- The total number of visitors was about 5280.
- In addition to the above, the board room was used by numerous groups during January to mid-March. They were the Chamber of Commerce, Yellowhead County, Thrive Wellness Group, PARS, Lobstick Garden club, Citizens on Patrol, 4-H as well as Pembina Lobstick Historical Society.
- The public space in the reception area was rented 4 times.

## Farmers' Market

- Pembina Lobstick Historical Society continued the sponsorship of the Evansburg Farmers' Market this year.
- An average of 19 vendors per week participated this year with a good variety of garden products, baking, crafts and other artisans. There were 36 different vendors.
- Summer staff provided a craft bag for children to take. They also sold various museum items during the market.



## Staff

- Melissa Killick worked until mid-March when she took maternity leave. At that time, Samantha Lee was hired for one year. It was an interesting and sometimes frustrating for her as the museum closed, was open and then closed again. However, during that time she put activities on line as well as presented several outdoor programs.
- Hailey Kasha continued to work as a part-time casual staff for 18-20 hours per week. Much of her time was spent attending to the opening and closing of the Museum for evening meetings. In mid-March she took early maternity leave. Heather McGown was hired for this position which she held unto December when the museum was shut down.

- Jakob Kubke continued to work on Fridays doing accessioning and other tasks.
- Cameron Thomas was hired as a summer student from July to mid-October. He worked at a variety of tasks that needed doing at the museum.
- Heather McGowan was hired to manage the Farmers' Market.
- Many more artefacts were catalogued and accessioned. Pictures were also taken and attached to the catalogue sheets in the computer.
- Staff members have completed grant application forms anticipating some financial support.
- Guided tours were given by staff members.
- Thanks to Jenny Seibel and Christopher Read for their help and support

## Exhibits

- **Entwistle – the Toughest Town in the West** – An exhibition about the history of Entwistle including the railway, the development of the town and even some unusual businesses that were there.



- **An Art Exhibit and Sale** – An exhibition of the art work of local artisans. It included painting, textiles, ceramics, woodworking and sculpting. A number of items were purchased from the artists.



- **Window Exhibits** - A variety of individual exhibits including birds, textile making, posters with information, and artefacts found in the yard were displayed in the back windows for passers-by to view.
- **Story boards** along the path often coordinated with the artefacts displayed in the window.

## Programs

This year there have been many opportunities for community members and other visitors to learn about a variety of topics and to visit the Museum more often.

- Pint-Sized Explorer program continued each week throughout January for 2 to 5-year old children
- Von Killick donated his time to teach guitar lessons in January.
- A volunteer appreciation evening was held in February.

- Family Day activities were held at the museum with activities inside and outside. Thank you to Jeff Bruner and his team for leading the building project, to Liz and Paul Van Heck for the fire, hotdogs and hot chocolate.



- A Winter Birthday party package was held in February.
- A Family Star Night was held which included the inflatable planetarium from Telus World of Science



- A Ukrainian Egg coloring workshop was presented to a home school group.



- Two Pioneer camps were held – The first camp featured activities that would have taken place in and around the home. Megan Greenwood introduced the participants to some ranch skills. The second pioneer camp focused on various culture and traditions of the early people in the community.



- The Nature camp explored aspects of science and nature through a variety of outdoor activities.



- The Viking camp taught the participants about Viking Age Scandinavia through games and crafts.



- An outdoor movie night was held on the Heritage House grounds.
- The Pumpkin Festival was held on two evenings to allow people to social distance during activities. It was well attended.



- A Knitting workshop was held for a few weeks.
- An after-school Christmas craft of making an advent calendar was held.

## Archives

- Work has continued in the archives room organizing and labelling. This is definitely a work in progress.

## Improvements and Future Planning

- Several staff members created designs and exhibits for the museum display room.
- Tipple Park Museum website is updated regularly.
- Most of the interior of the A-frame was sheeted and painted in preparation for new exhibits. The artefacts were rearranged to make pleasing displays for visitors.
- A replica veranda was built onto the front of the Mazeppa log house.
- Goals for future improvements are:
  - Prepare and install story boards for each artefact in the machine shed

- Renovate the upstairs of the Mazeppa log house to make it ready for exhibits.
- Upgrade the lighting in the historical buildings

## **Professional Development**

- The Farmers' Market Manager Training in Leduc was attended by Heather McGowan
- Samantha Lee was a participant in an on-line CMA course

## **Fundraising**

- Toxic Roundup was held in Evansburg in September. Volunteers help unload toxic items from people's vehicles, cook hot dogs and hamburgers, and serve cake. In return the society receives a financial return from Edson Recycling. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with this activity.

## **Governance and Finances**

- The financial books have not been audited at this time due to COVID-19 regulations.
- Thank you to Yellowhead County for the operating grant of \$76 900.00 that we received which enabled the Society to operate for the year.
- A grant was received from Canada Summer Jobs for \$3 600.00 to assist with staff wages.
- Thank you to the following individuals, clubs and businesses that made donations:
  - Dan Mazeppa - \$500.00 ( for upkeep of the Mazeppa log house)
  - Sandra Scherger - \$30.00
  - Servus Credit Union - \$300.00
- The Financial Report is included in Appendix I.
- The proposed Budget for Pembina Lobstick Historical Society for 2021 is included in Appendix II

## **Conclusion**

It has been a very busy year. I would like to thank each member, staff and volunteer for their continued support and the time and effort that each has contributed to the betterment of Pembina Lobstick Historical Society and Tipple Park Museum.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irene Lawton  
President  
February 5, 2020

# APPENDIX I

**YEAR END FINANCIAL  
REPORT FOR  
PEMBINA LOBSTICK  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Year End Financial Statement for Pembina Lobstick Historical Society 2020**

**Bank Balance Jan. 1/2020** \$ **20,622.36**

**Revenue**

Grants	\$ 3,800.00
Hall Rent	\$ 750.00
Membership	\$ 50.00
Other Revenue	\$ 6,260.89
Yellowhead County programming	\$ 75,900.00
	\$ 1,295.50

**Total Revenue** \$ **89,056.39**

Bank Balance fwd	\$ 20,622.36
Total Revenue	\$ 89,056.39
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$ 109,678.75</b>

**PEMBINA LOSTICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY YEAR END EXPENSES 2020**

Avertising	\$	1,272.70
Bank Charges	\$	344.70
Exhibits	\$	1,880.01
Fundraising	\$	150.00
GST	\$	528.95
Insurance	\$	681.86
Maintenance	\$	977.82
Membership	\$	100.00
Covid	\$	152.41
Office	\$	1,912.09
Other Expenses	\$	3,686.28
Preservation of Artifacts		
Professional Development	\$	560.00
Programming	\$	3,801.10
Revenue Canada	\$	13,192.72
Supplies	\$	939.60
Telephone	\$	2,626.89
Volunteer/staff Appreciation	\$	585.15
Wages	\$	52,944.44
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>86,336.72</b>

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<b>Dec. 31, 2020 Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>23,342.03</b>
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>109,678.75</b>

# APPEN DIX II

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR PEMBINA LOBSTICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2021**

Revenue		Proposed for 2021
	County	\$74 848.00
	Donations	\$ 500.00
	Farmers' Market	\$ 2 000.00
	Fund Raising	\$ 1 200.00
	G.S.T. Refund	\$ 500.00
	Membership	\$ 80.00
	Other Grants	\$ 5 000.00
	Programming	\$ 500.00
	Sales	\$ 200.00
Total		\$85 828.00
Expenses	Advertising	\$ 1 500.00
	Employer Benefits	\$15 000.00
	Farmers' Market	\$ 2 500.00
	Fund Raising	\$ 0.00
	Insurance	\$ 700.00
	Maintenance	\$ 500.00
	Membership	\$ 200.00
	Mileage	\$ 0.00
	Office/Computer	\$ 1 000.00
	Preservation Artifacts	\$ 0.00
	Programming	\$ 1 500.00
	Supplies	\$ 300.00
	Telephone	\$ 2 760.00
	Volunteer Appreciation	\$ 200.00
	Wages	\$55 808.00
	S/C	\$ 360.00
	Postage	\$ 100.00
	Sundry	\$ 400.00
	GST	\$ 1 000.00
	COVID	\$ 500.00
Total		\$85 828.00

