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## President's Message

**H**appy New Year and welcome to the continued pandemic of 2021.

There are legacies that follow each and every President when they step into this position – it looks like the pandemic will remain during my term in office – so what to do??

I believe we all have to look at how grateful we are that this has been such a mild winter. People are out enjoying activities that they might not have appreciated before. As the year progresses and the vaccines become available, we will cherish the time when we are able to enjoy our special social events of the year – who knows; maybe we need to have a Post Pandemic Pancake breakfast in September or October. All I can say is that it will more than likely be one heck of a blowout!!!

### **An update to some of the areas that have been tackled by your new Board**

Ad hoc By-law Committee – How to increase membership, WITHOUT changing the date of 1890. I believe that the history established back in 1920 is important to keep, but if we make a few tweaks to the words “friend” or “associate,” we would be able to include pioneer families that were in Alberta at the turn of the century. Some of those families remain on the land and have contributed

greatly to our wonderful Province.

Connecting to our “sister” Historical societies – Currently the SAPD website reflects those additions. If you scroll through the Facebook pages for [Millarville Historical Society](#), [Bar U Historic Ranch](#), and [Chinook Country](#),<sup>1</sup> to name a few, you will see that we are now connected to each other's sites. We have physically reached out to some of these groups and, if and when the pandemic leaves, we plan on working together to enhance our grass roots through various activities.

If we think about how the Phoenix rose from the ashes, the historical article on the McDougall Memorial United Church certainly reflects that possibility (see pages 4 - 5). We wish to thank the McDougall Stoney Mission Society for allowing us to re-publish their story.

Oh, how I could go on and on! Unfortunately, I need to close and will continue to send you updates through my monthly communications and the next newsletter in May.

Take care, be safe and keep on masking!



**Lynn Hoosier, President 2020-21**

<sup>1</sup> Click the links to visit the websites for [Millarville Historical Society](#), [Bar U Historic Ranch](#), and [Chinook Country](#) Historical Society.

*Happy New Year to all of the descendants of the Southern Alberta Pioneers*

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# Membership Report

by Maureen Peckham  
Membership Secretary

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## IN MEMORIAM

- George Heaton
- Alice Huggard
- Maurice Ronald Tebo

## WELCOME BACK

- Alan Love

## NEW GOLD CARD MEMBERS

- Joanne Murphy
- Mary Tebo
- Marilyn Harke
- Brian Harris

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

- Megan McWhan, descendant of Caroline Hope (Paling), Dewinton 1889
- Carl Ringdahl, descendant of Alexander Gillies, Ghost River 1884

**T**hank you for notifying me of any changes to your mailing address, phone number or email address. Your email can reach me at [membership@pioneersalberta.org](mailto:membership@pioneersalberta.org) or you can phone me at 403-271-5483

**REMINDER: Your \$40 2021 Membership Fee is due now. See page 1 for details.**

# Social Committee Report

by Maureen Hill  
Social Committee Chair

**T**here is not much to say this month! It appears as though we will not be able to see one another again early in this new year. But we are all waiting, hopefully patiently, for the Pandemic to be over so we can have some sense of normalcy and resume our SOCIAL EVENTS. The light at the end of the tunnel is visible, which wasn't so during the Spanish Flu in the last Century. So perhaps the summer and fall will bring about more positive results.

Some new events for 2021 are in the works, with thoughts of having them outdoors to ward off any bugs behind the masks.

Some of them include

- skating next winter
- a St. Paddy's Day celebration
- outdoor movie night at the Building
- picnic at some point or
- other celebrations.

Unfortunately, skating this January had to be canceled.

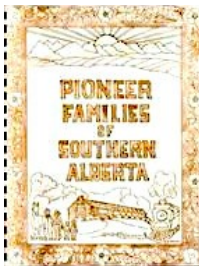
We are trying to build our relationship with some of the communities around Calgary that are part of our Southern Alberta Heritage. This will hopefully not only build our relationships but also new memberships so our organization does not go by the way of the DODO BIRD, like so many have recently.

We are also constantly trying to look ahead for fun events to bring families together. Please visit the SAPD website to see this year's [Calendar of Events](#).

I would like to welcome **Bev Prieur, Elaine McDonald** and **Steve Bibby** for assisting me with the Social Committee. They are all currently directors and work full time. THANK YOU so much.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of SAPD and without YOU we would not exist, so please consider doing YOUR part and assist us all.

Further information will be coming as we know more about the status of health for us all.



## Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta

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# Memorial Building Committee Report

by John Hutchings, Past President & Building Committee Chair

The members of the Building Committee for 2021 are:

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## Facility Lifecycle Report

On July 28, 2020, consultants to the City of Calgary (from whom we lease our building) conducted a Building Condition Assessment (BCA), which assesses the physical condition of our property, amenities, and the building systems. From this BCA, a comprehensive “Life Cycle Report” was issued that identified Short-Term needs (next 5 years) and Long-Term needs (next 25 years) that are recommended to keep the building and property maintained.

There were twenty-three (23) items identified that require attention in the next five years and one hundred and six (106) items on the Long-Term list (2025 to 2045). Most of these items are minor and can be accomplished with minimal costs using volunteer labour while other larger items require Professional Contractors to do the work. The BCA process is done every five years.



Following are some of the major items identified that require attention to in the next five years and beyond:

### Year One

- Repair and refinish the log walls
- Replace gutters and downspouts
- Repair south wooden entrance doors
- Repair stone mortar on Chimney

### Year Two

- Replace windows in upstairs main hall

### Year Three

- Replace cable fence and posts on south and west side of property

### Year Four

- Replace fencing and gate around garbage bin

### Year Five

- Replace sanitary sewer Infrastructure

### Beyond 2025 to 2044 (Long-Term)

- Replace roof shingles
- Replace kitchen cabinets
- Lay new asphalt in parking lot
- Replace front gate

This Lifecycle report is a particularly useful tool as it provides a road map of our maintenance needs and budgeting.

Up to 75% of the major costs should be covered by the City of Calgary through their Community Conservation Grant (CCG) program. The building committee is dedicated to keep the costs as low as possible by undertaking several tasks on our own on a volunteer basis. If any members out there who are handy with the tools and would like to help, please contact me or anyone on the committee, I am sure we can find something for you to do. One tradesman who would be especially welcomed is an **Electrician**.

# McDougall Memorial United Church

by Sharon Griffin, MSMS Treasurer and Brenda McQueen, MSMS Past President, SAPD Member

This past summer has been exceptionally busy at the McDougall Stoney Mission Society site, despite the COVID-19 pandemic. The restoration of the church building started in May and continued through the summer months. While we had to cancel our planned cross-cultural events and activities, we were fortunately able to continue to regularly meet with small groups of elders and community members, outdoors of course, to continue discussions towards reconciliation and the future.

The reconstruction of the church has been truly remarkable and was possible through funding from our generous donors and the amazing efforts of the crew from



Chalmers Heritage Conservation (CHC) working steadily throughout the summer. The early stages of the project saw the timbers salvaged from the fire put into place and then the clay chinking pressed into place to create a seal. The roof and walls were next, and we were finally able to see the building in place on the horizon. In early August work began on the bell tower and the multiple layers of siding were added, as they had been over the years of the original building. By fall, the roof had its cedar shakes and the exterior was



painted in its historic white and green colours. On a chilly day in October, we had a smudge ceremony performed by Stoney Nakoda elders, and then raised the new bell, a CPR bell from 1875 donated by the Thorsteinsson family, into the bell tower. Hearing the beautiful sound of the bell ringing for the first time in three and half years was wonderful! The doors, windows and shutters are now in place and the CHC crew continues to work on the interior. We are very much looking forward to a day next June where we can welcome everyone to the site to officially re-open the McDougall Memorial United Church.

Now that the restoration is nearing completion, we are extremely excited to start work on an even bigger project, the development of a comprehensive Enhanced Interpretive Program at the site. The need for



this project was identified through discussions between the Society and the Stoney Nakoda people during gatherings, meetings and sharing circles over the past three years.

About a year ago, we started to meet with a

group of Stoney Nakoda elders, youth, community members and families to discuss the project, its direction, and opportunities for engagement. These meetings continued through this past summer, gathering in small groups at the site.



The Enhanced Interpretive Program will interpret the history of the area "Through the Eyes of the Stoney" and will be presented in the ȩyāñé Nakoda language, with translations to English and French. We have been fortunate to receive grant funding from a federal government program that supports the reclamation, revitalization, maintenance and strengthening of Indigenous languages. This funding will allow us to work on the first phase of the Interpretive Program through this coming winter where we will capture several Stoney Nakoda elders telling their stories on video,



in their language.

Their involvement in this project is extremely important to ensure that the full history of the site is told in a way that respects the oral tradition of the Stoney, as well as ensuring that the language and history is preserved in a way it is recollected by the Stoney Nakoda people.

These video resources will be made available through our website to be used by the Stoney youth to learn their history in their own language, which in turn will increase the use and proficiency of the ȩyā́hé Nakoda language.



They will also be used by non-indigenous Canadians to educate them about the First Nations values, traditions and stories embedded in the site.

As we move forward, the Enhanced Interpretive Program will also include the development of new interpretive walk throughout the full 44-acre site, with panels highlighting the stories and historical facts from both the Stoney Nakoda and the mission/settler perspectives and the production of a 20-minute



AV presentation detailing the history of the Morleyville Settlement and the Stoney Nakoda people to be shown to people while visiting the site. We anticipate the involvement of the Stoney Nakoda community, McDougall family descendants, and other relevant historical and area people and information. Ultimately, this new interpretive program will enable our society to provide significantly enhanced educational and recreational activities for the greater community.

Our relationship with the Stoney Nakoda people dates to the establishment of the Morleyville Settlement by Rev. George McDougall in 1873, the building of the first Methodist Church in southern Alberta in 1875, and the signing of Treaty 7 in 1877.

We have worked hard over the past three and half years since the fire to reconnect with the Stoney Nakoda people; to start rebuilding and reconciling the relationship that had deteriorated over the years. This work has resulted in stronger bonds between the descendants of both the McDougall family and the Stoney families that signed Treaty 7. We look forward to the summer of 2021 where we can once again host cross-cultural events at the site to help us continue our efforts to re-establish community linkages and provide teaching opportunities to forge a new future together in the original spirit of the Treaty relationship which was based on trust and mutual respect.

We wish to acknowledge and extend our sincere thanks to our generous donors, including several McDougall family descendants, interested Society members, the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, the Calgary Foundation, the Department of Canadian Heritage, the MD of Bighorn, and the United Church Justice and Reconciliation Fund for their support of the Society and our projects.



For more information about the Society, or to make a donation, please see our website at [mcdougallstoneymission.com](http://mcdougallstoneymission.com)



# Casino Report

by Gene Blakley  
Casino Chair

**A**s of this time, we

have been scheduled for a Casino at the Elbow River Casino on **Friday and Saturday, March 26-27, 2021.**

The new COVID rules will mean that we will require three volunteers for the **Day Shift (11 a.m. to 7:15 p.m.)**, three volunteers for the **Nite Shift (6:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m.)** and four in the Count Room.

This is quite different from before and will allow us to use younger volunteers and thus keep our more susceptible members safe from possible exposure.

However, the rules and dates could change depending on the severity of COVID.

I have contracted Bill Swager as our Coordinator and we have finalized that contract. Renewal of our Casino License can be this month, January 2021, as sixty days before the event is adequate.

Anyone willing to undertake the Day Shift or Nite Shift positions of

- General Manager
- Banker
- Cashier/Runner
- Count Room Manager or
- one of three Count Room staff on either March 26 or March 27

can contact me at 403-931-2264 or [fshrcrk@xplornet.com](mailto:fshrcrk@xplornet.com).

Volunteers can work more than one shift BUT CANNOT change positions

Volunteer Forms can be downloaded from <https://aglc.ca/forms/casino-volunteer-worker-application>.

Once completed, they can then be scanned and emailed to me or dropped off at the SAPD building. Our ID# is 14769

Thanks in advance to anyone who is willing to take on these roles.

And KEEP SAFE as you are our highest priority at SAPD.

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Click on the links below to learn more about these two sister historical groups

- ⇒ [Friends of the Bar U Historic Ranch Association](#) and its [Facebook](#) page
- ⇒ [Millarville Historical Society](#): several posts & pics by SAPD member Gene Blakley

Kathleen Rogers has recommended the following book as it features an SAPD story.

**"111 Places in Calgary that You Must Not Miss" by Jennifer Bain**

Available through [Indigo](#) and [Amazon](#)



In last September's newsletter, we listed the Memorial Building kitchen inventory that we are hoping to sell.

If you wish to purchase any of the remaining items, please contact:

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|---|------|---|------|
| 1. Royal Doulton (England) Capital Hotel Porcelain white luncheon plate | (1)  | 19. Gray Box: compact (key attached to bottom)                            | (1)  |
| 2. Sherry Glasses   | (27) | 20. Large black cashbox (key attached to bottom)                          | (1)  |
| 3. Wine glasses: white  | (10) | 21. Serving Tray (blue)   | (1)  |
| 4. Wine glasses (different)   | (30) | 22. KENWOOD CHEF: MAJOR appliance (England) mixer: 3 paddles              | (1)  |
| 5. Water glasses (short stem)   | (6)  | 23. Box of a variety of board games including Bingo Roller (all in 1 box) | (1)  |
| 6. Beverage dispenser with stand  | (1)  | 24. Meat Slicer General 419 White U.S.                                    | (1)  |
| 7. Johnson Bros. saucers with gold rim                                  | (57) | 25. Aluminum Stock Pot (estimated 3-4 L) with lid                         | (1)  |
| 8. Johnson Bros. saucers gold rim                                       | (22) | 26. Trio of Decanters for a bar: Scotch, Vodka, Bourbon                   | (1)  |
| 9. Grosvenor: B&B white   | (40) | 27. Hanging votives for Christmas Tree                                    | (30) |
| 10. Grosvenor: Dinner plates  | (2)  |   |      |
| 11. Royal Doulton: Sandwich plates                                      | (47) |   |      |
| 12. Christmas Chocolate fondues (New)                                   | (3)  |   |      |
| 13. WEDGWOOD SUMMER SKY BLUE (England of Etruria Barloston) saucers     | (67) |   |      |
| 14. WEDGWOOD (as above) Teacups   | (12) |   |      |
| 15. WEDGWOOD (as above) Dinner Plates                                   | (36) |   |      |
| 16. WEDGWOOD (as above) Luncheon Plates                                 | (88) |   |      |
| 17. Water goblets   | (59) |   |      |
| 18. Wine glasses (white)  | (7)  |   |      |

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