



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

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President's Message

What a Spring for Pandemic Year 2020/2021 – you just never know what Mother Nature is going to throw your way, from the mild winter to almost a month of freezing temperatures in February, then plus temperatures for March and most of April. Well, has Spring finally sprung?

Here's hoping – new calves in the farmyards, pesky gophers popping up, green grass enticing horses that have been eating dry hay all winter, and crocuses, tulips or daffodils showing their lovely heads (whether in the garden or in a store near by). It sure looks like Spring has arrived in Alberta!

Even though we have not been able to utilize our lovely building, your current Board of Directors have been busy "beavers" behind the scenes.

A new Business Plan and Strategic Plan have been prepared and signed off by the City of Calgary; we should be good for the next five years before further revisions are required. Here is a list of what is in the works:

- Preparations are under way to celebrate the 100 Anniversary of our 1922 incorporation
- Maintenance of the building: log and door refurbishment, and restoration of stonework to fireplace and flagpole base, only

to name a few things needing work

- Applications made
 - to maximize Grant opportunities towards funding for the work required on the building
 - for Relief Funding from the City of Calgary
- Review of and revisions to the current SAPD By-laws to bring them up to-date; these will be presented to members prior to the AGM in October
- Install updated technology to manage our membership data
- Work on increasing historic photo displays in time for Stampede 2021, if this event moves forward
- Plan a Donor Recognition event to take place at the Memorial Building for all those members who actively took part in the last building upgrades

Every member of your Board has been working on these and other projects to ensure our survival in this crazy upside-down world!!

As time goes by, members who have given so generously of their time, find that they need to pass the baton along to the newer members coming up. The following positions will become vacant in 2022 and we would like to welcome some new



Lynn Hoosier, President 2020-21

faces to the Board for next year. They are:

- Membership Secretary
- Social Committee Chair
- Fundraising Committee Chair
- Public Relations & Communication Chair

Apparently, we are not the only organization going through the struggle of finding volunteers but, if you have an interest in giving some of your time to these or any of our positions, it would be appreciated.

I can only close by saying that our pioneer "history families" believed that it was important to continue to capture what made the western way of life so exciting and laid the groundwork for our success.

When our trails do end, let's hope we are satisfied with what we have accomplished for the next generation.

Take care, be safe and keep on masking!

Proposed SAPD By-Law **REVIEW**

by Lynn Hoosier, President

The last time changes were made to the **SAPD By-Laws** was in 2014. As we continue to move forward within our organization, changes, upgrades, or enhancements are required in order to stay current.

One of the areas that our By-Law Sub-Committee looked at was adding a new category called "Friend Member," which will allow SAPD to accept new members whose families came to Southern Alberta after 1890.

Undoubtedly, these people would consider themselves "pioneer families" as they have spent over a century helping to establish Alberta as the amazing Province that it has become.

Now that these By-Laws have been revised by the Sub-Committee to reflect on some of the proposed upgrades to the current SAPD By-Laws, and reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors, it is time to present these to the Membership.

We would greatly appreciate having our Membership review the enhanced By-Laws, which is accompanied by a Change Guide that will help you follow along as to what is proposed. Your input is important so if changes are required prior to the AGM in October, they can be made in a timely manner.

Click on this [link](#) to jump to the webpage where the By-Laws and Change Guide are on the SAPD Website.

If there are questions or concerns, please email Lynn Hoosier directly at president@pioneersalberta.org. Or take the opportunity to discuss your concerns with the Sub-Committee on **Sundays: June 13 and/or June 27 between 11:30 am – 2:30 pm**. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Membership Report

by Maureen Peckham
Membership Secretary

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IN MEMORIAM

- John Black
- Ruth Storey
- Eleanor Murphy
- Mary Harvie

NEW GOLD CARD MEMBERS

- Sandra Brosteaux
- Iona Shaw
- Lyle Taylor

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

- Mira & Kristen McKay, Descendants of Samuel McKay, Ft. McLeod, 1877
- Kim Wachtler, Descendant of Frederick Burton, Calgary 1886
- McWhan: Casey, Christopher, Alan & Donald and Lisa Kroeker, Descendants of Joseph Hope, Red Deer Lake 1886 & Catherine Hope (Paling), Dewinton 1889
- Michael Allan Kobluk, Great Grandson of Ebineezer Healy of Springbank, 1887

Please notify me, Maureen Peckham, of any deaths in your family, changes to mailing or email addresses, or to phone numbers, by email at membership@pioneersalberta.org or by phone at 403-271-5483.

If you have paid your

2021 Membership Fees
thank you!!

If you have not, **REMEMBER**

Send your cheque to SAPD, 3625 – 4 St. SW,
Calgary T2S 1Y3 or

E-transfer to membership@pioneersalberta.org

For age 18 to 79, the dues are \$40

Social Committee Report

by Maureen Hill,
Social Committee Chair

Here I am again with not much to report. We continue to be hopeful of gatherings at some point, but it appears as though now is not the time.

Although the Stampede is going to carry on this year with restrictions, at this time we do not know what those will be, and we are not comfortable putting our members and guests at risk.

Due to variants and continued cases of COVID-19, we have decided to cancel all events once again for the summer. It is possible, if there is a miraculous turn around, that we may be able to get together in the early fall.

We will keep you posted if anything changes. Consider regularly checking out the [SAPD Calendar of Events](#).

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding.

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Find a complete list of Directors and Committee Chairs on the Pioneer's [Contacts](#) page.

Memorial Building: To reserve the hall once we are given the "all clear" to congregate again, contact **Gabrielle Leah** at 403-807-0550, email her at sap.rentals@pioneersalberta.org, or go online www.pioneerbuilding.ca.

Cards & Remembering: Notify **Peggy Barr** at 403-246-2843 to report any illnesses or a death in your family.

Historical Committee: The hall is closed until further notice but you can contact **Alan Lynas** at 403-228-7815 to ask about committee meetings. To have your Family History entered into our archives, submit your write up to our Librarian, **Kelsey Hipkin** at 403-700-8698.

Newsletter: Our newsletter is published January, May and September. Send your stories, articles and photos to **Val McKinney** at newsletter@pioneersalberta.org by the 15th of the month prior to these publication months.

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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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As mentioned in the last newsletter, consultants to the City of Calgary (who we lease our building from) conducted a Building Condition Assessment (BCA) that assesses the physical condition of our building and property.

From this BCA, a “Life Cycle Report” was issued that identified 106 items that require action over the next 25 years, including 23 items that require attention in the next five years. Most of these items are minor and can be accomplished with minimal costs. The BCA process is done every five years.

The Building Committee has identified the following major items that are eligible for government funding and will require professional contractors to execute.

- Refinish the south entry door exterior wood slab surfaces
- Investigate the condition of the timber log walls and devise a scope of work to restore the condition of the walls

- Repair and refinish the timber log walls on the building perimeter based on findings and recommendations
- Replace gutters and downspouts
- Replace spalled/missing stones and re-point cracked mortar joints on the flagpole stone base, and the stone pillars at the site east entry gate
- Repair stone mortar on the chimney structure on the building’s west elevation



- Refinish hardwood flooring surfaces located in the southwest basement storage room
- Replace windows on the original building – north, south and east elevations
- Seal longitudinal cracks in the parking lot asphalt pavement



With the help from our Project Manager, Jason Moroz from Three Peaks Group, the City of Calgary has issued formal letters granting “Project Support in Principle.” This is the first step towards formal approval, and it also confirms that we are eligible for funding of up to 75% of the costs to a maximum of \$300,000, which will come from the Capital Conservation Grant (CGC). In addition, the City will support our application for further funding under the Provincial Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP).

The next steps toward formal approval are providing Scope of Works and contactor quotes, technical reviews, and financial reviews.

We have engaged a contractor who specializes in heritage building renovations to provide a Scoping document along with estimates for these projects (except the parking lot repairs). Since the building is designated as a Municipal Heritage Site, we must

get approval from the City’s Heritage Planning Department before final approval is granted from the City.

Along with these major projects, there are several other minor projects that we would like to get done this year such as:

- Installing Community Little Library Box
- Installing a guard rail at the top of the stairs
- Painting various areas of the building
- Restoring benches



Our annual Spring cleanup day that was scheduled for April 18 could not be held due to inclement weather. There is not a lot of work required this year due to the building being sparsely utilized due to COVID restrictions. However, we want to keep the building and the grounds looking pristine. Further announcements will be made about a cleanup day, although the number of people required will be limited.

As always, we are greatly appreciative of volunteers stepping forward to either donate their time or money to complete the never-ending tasks that need to be done to keep our beautiful facility in fine form for our members, renters and the many dog walkers who pass by each day.

In fact, one Parkhill neighbour was so enamoured by our gardens that she provided a generous donation towards purchasing items for them. If anybody else wishes to follow suit and make a small donation towards the gardens, simply go to our website and follow the instructions on the [Donations and Building Fund](#) page, under Membership..

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