



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Some of you must be wondering why two newsletters and two messages??? Well, let me explain...

As we moved forward in developing the various changes to the Bylaws for both the SAP Descendants and the SAP Foundation, it became clearer that we really are two separate organizations.

From our past history, I can see how quickly we "joined" the two together – given that we have the same Executive and Board members, and I believe that this caused some confusion for the newer members. I know it did for me.

So we need to recognize the difference between the two entities.

1. The SAP Descendants deal with our history, our membership, social activities, parades, advertising, casino, the library and education events.
2. The SAP Foundation is strictly about the Memorial Building – its upkeep, revenue, maintenance, and lease with the City of Calgary.

With the current pandemic closing us down for social events, we were able to concentrate on more of the Foundation requirements this year.



Lynn Hoosier
President
2020-21

And so, what better time to introduce a new look to the way we do business:

- two newsletters that provide the necessary information for each of the SAPD and SAPF areas,
- a clearer definition as to who does what, and
- acceptance by the various governing bodies as to how our business is conducted.

The Notice of Special Resolution for SAPD and SAPF is required in order to amend Bylaws. These are mirrored in the newsletters for both groups and they are posted on both the Descendants and the Foundation websites.

We hope to see you on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at the Memorial Building to vote on these changes.

Notice for Members of a Special Resolution

At the Special Meeting of Members set for October 16, 2021, a motion will be tabled for the following:

1. Repeal the Bylaws of the Southern Alberta Pioneers' Foundation, dated 2015, in their entirety and
2. Replace them with the bylaws posted on the [SAPF website](#)

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FOUNDATION

Annual General Meeting



Saturday, October 16, 2021

Commencing at 1:00 PM

Presiding: Lynn Hoosier, President 2020—2021

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Oct. 17, 2020
2. Business arising from the minutes
3. Treasurer's Report — Brian Rogers
4. Appointment of the SAPF Board of Directors for 2021—2022
5. Special Resolution
6. Vote on proposed SAPF Bylaw changes
7. Motion to Adjourn

**In compliance with the Government of Alberta Restrictions Exemption Program,
the Memorial Building will be following the Restrictions Exemption Program.
Further information on the steps to attend the AGM will follow.**

2020-2021 Board of Directors

OFFICERS

President

Lynn Hoosier403-680-3113

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Shawn Hendry 403-464-1737

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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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Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF)

An application for a CCRF grant to cover 75% of the costs for the major items identified on the **Life Cycle Report** was submitted on July 23, 2021. This was a very comprehensive application, taking several hours to complete. We are not really sure if we will be successful as our Foundation seems to be at the bottom of the Federal Government priority list. The following projects were included in the application:

- Investigate the condition of timber log walls and devise a scope of work to repair and restore them
- Repair and refinish the timber log walls on the building perimeter based on findings and recommendations
- Repair stone mortar on the chimney structure on the building's west elevation
- Refinish the south entry door exterior wood slab surfaces
- Replace gutters and downspouts
- Seal longitudinal cracks in the parking lot asphalt pavement
- Replace windows on the original building: North, South and East Elevations

- Replace spalled/missing stones and re-point cracked mortar joints on the flagpole stone base, and the stone pillars at the site's east entry gate
- Refinish hardwood flooring surfaces located in the southwest basement storage room

Front Doors

The front doors have deteriorated so bad that it was decided that we cannot wait for funding, but need to refurbish them ASAP. Therefore, we have engaged Blandford Decorating Ltd. to do the work at the end of September. Thank you Jeff Hill for overseeing this task.

Memorial Bench

One of the benches in the yard was damaged by the lawn mowers: the left legs need to be replaced. While the parts have been ordered, they will not be delivered until November. The lawn mowing service is covering all costs.

Handicap Lift

Shortly after the lift was inspected (yearly government-mandated inspections done by Alberta Elevating Devices Amusement Rides Safety Association [AEDARSA]) and

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serviced by Venture Elevator Inc., the lift broke down because the pit stop was corroded and had to be replaced. Venture Elevator Inc. did that work too.

Rentals

The number of rentals has increased substantially after a slow year due to COVID-19. Fortunately, many of the functions that were booked last year were postponed rather than just cancelled outright.

Since the restrictions were eased in late June, the phone calls and enquiries have been non-stop. Indicative of this was that, in mid June, we only had one booking for July, but we ended up with ten.

There is still some apprehension due to the COVID Delta variant; however, hopefully our bookings will continue to be strong. We rely on the rental income to keep our facility running.

Expressions of Appreciation

Renters of the Memorial Building have given us many compliments over the years. Expressions we have heard include:

- Calgary's hidden gem
- The beauty of the building and its gardens will take anyone's breath away
- Stunning with the fall colours on sunny days
- A cozy venue
- A must for any history buff: it honours the heritage of Southern Alberta
- Our leasing Agent has been described as very helpful, supportive and readily available, and making the planning and implementation of an event easy and stress free

Memorial Building reservations are managed by Gabrielle Leah: phone 403-807-0550, email sap.rentals@pioneersalberta.org, or go online www.pioneerbuilding.ca.

Potential Centennial Project

As our Centennial year is fast approaching – 2022! As per our Strategic Planning initiatives, we are hoping to develop some sort of gathering spot in the yard. There has been no conceptual plans yet but our thoughts are that it would be nice to have a brick patio with a fire pit and benches. To pay for this we can sell bricks with family memorial names on them and have sponsors for the benches and fire pit. Suggestions and feedback are

welcome and encouraged as this could become a real focal point of our beautiful grounds.

Gardens



Our gardens have never looked so good, which is a direct result of the many, many hours our leasing Agent, Gabrielle Leah, has put in to making the facility beautiful and presentable for our clients and members. Most of these hours are on her own time. Again, this year the sunflowers are stunning, attracting people from all parts of the city to see.

