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ANNUAL REPORT



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jan Shields

I'd like to welcome you all to our new space in Centre 2000. There will be time for exploration at the close of our meeting today. I know you are as delighted as I am for this longtime dream to finally come true. As you already can see we have significantly increased our ability to host researchers and volunteers. In addition, we have more than quadrupled our unprocessed storage space and our vault. We also have a server room, a quarantine room, a technology and special media room, and a dedicated conservation space. There is still some work to be completed before our formal Opening on the 22nd of May but as you can see, we are well on our way!



We have several tasks ahead of us today. One is to approve the Bylaws for SPRA as they have been edited and revised. The most important change is related to our funding partners. At our last Board meeting, the representatives from our funding partners suggested that it was unnecessary for them to have voting privileges. This became an important consideration due to our application for AGLC membership which requires 75% any vote of the Board be from elected Board members. That would require a significant increase in the number of elected members on the Board.

In addition to our usual reports, we will also be conducting elections for returning Board members whose terms are up, and, of course, we will also entertain any nominations from the floor.

Our most satisfying yearly task will be to name this year's recipient of the Beth Sheehan Award.

At this time, I would like to our Board and volunteers who helped out in many ways to complete the move. More importantly, I would like to compliment our staff, Ellyn Vanderkerhove, Jack Lawrence, and Teresa Dyck for their dedication and hard work over the last several months. It was a monstrous task that was completed in pretty rough conditions that required excellent organization skills and much heavy lifting.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ellyn Vandekerkhove

First, I would like to thank you all for coming out today. Without your generous support none of the work we do to gather, preserve and share the history of the South Peace Region would be possible.

2023 came with a lot of excitement, and a lot of challenges for the Archives. We continued to work towards our new home in Centre 2000, with all the opportunities it presented. This was a rare opportunity to decide what our new space will look like, and create a facility from the ground up, ensuring that it will fit our needs for years to come. Our staff and board worked hard to prepare our organization and our collection for the move.

At the same time, however, we were forced to delay our relocation by one year to 2024. This put us in the position of operating multiple locations at the same time, which strained our operations to their breaking point. We also were continuing to operate out of a space that had been filled beyond capacity, making it difficult to continue our work. It was difficult at times not to be discouraged and overwhelmed.

But for every challenge that we faced, our community rose up to help us. We were amazed by the generosity and support that we received. The City of Grande Prairie and Centre 2000 helped us to lower our operating costs, and allowed us to eliminate our offsite storage. Record donors were willing to hold onto and store record donations that we could not accept yet, and researchers and volunteers were incredibly flexible to work in the space we had left. All of our staff, volunteers, board, and community went above and beyond to ensure we not only survived this year, but continued to grow. Without the support of so many people, everything you see around you would not be possible.

While we are excited to take these next steps, it is important for us to take a moment to celebrate how far we have already come. It was 2007 when we first identified the need for a new facility, so this next step has been years in the making. Everything here shows the dedication of our staff, board, volunteers and members to preserving and sharing our regions history. It also shows the support of our funders, and the incredible generosity of so many donors who make what we do possible. I would like to thank everyone whose hard work and support has made all of this possible. I know that together we can continue to build the Archives and serve our community.



SOUTH PEACE REGIONAL ARCHIVES SOCIETY

Vision

Preserving and Sharing the Past.

Mission

The purpose of South Peace Regional Archives is to gather, preserve, and share the historical records within the region, both now and in the future. We add value to people's lives by increasing their understanding and appreciation of the past.

Mandate

The mandate of South Peace Regional Archives is to acquire, preserve and make accessible to the public records of on-going value from individuals, families, businesses and organizations, which reflect the political, social and economic life of the south Peace River Country of Alberta. These records are in all formats and media, including textual records, photographs, films, sound recordings, maps, plans and drawings. South Peace Regional Archives covers the area within the boundaries of Birch Hills County, the City of Grande Prairie, the County of Grande Prairie, the Municipal District of Greenview, the Municipal District of Spirit River and Saddle Hills County.

Values

We will not compromise on the following values in the attainment of our Vision:

Professionalism
Accountability
Accessibility

Community
Collaboration
Service

Impact
Learning
Adaptability

COLLECTIONS CARE

Accessions

The South Peace Regional Archives would not exist without thoughtful archival donations from members of our community. 2023 was a challenging year for accepting donations, however, as we were above capacity for our holdings. For this reason, we have had to put several large donations on hold, with the individuals or organizations involved agreeing to hold onto them until after we reopen in a few short weeks. Even with these constraints we were able to accept 38 small accessions in 2023.

Processing

Even with our limited physical space and competing priorities in 2023 created barriers to processing, but staff were still able to complete processing for 14 fonds. One of the most exciting collections we processed was the Roger Field fonds (693) which included 22 framed watercolours and 639 architectural drawings for the career of Roger Field, who helped design the building we are currently standing in.

Other collections processed included the Farmer's Union of Alberta Local 103 fonds (698), the Grande Prairie Leisure Centre Photograph Collection (699) and the Reaume Family fonds (696). Once we are reopened to the public, staff will begin working to address our processing backlog and make all of our records accessible to the public.

Database Conversion

In fall 2021, the Archives began working to convert 37,187 descriptions from 642 fonds that make up our archival database over from Access to Access to Memory. This will help to ensure that we have accurate and accessible records of our holdings, and make it easier to share information regarding our collection. This is a time consuming process, as it requires staff to manually move each description, and we are also manually checking each record for accuracy of content and location. In 2023 Archives staff fully converted 125 fonds. In total to date, 319 fonds and approximately 20,000 individual descriptions have been converted or 54%.

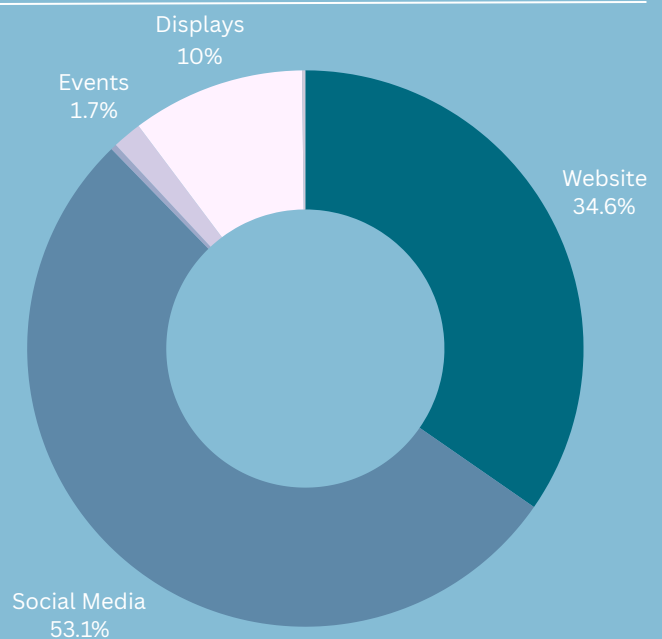


ACCESS AND AWARENESS

The archives interacts with our audience in a variety of different ways

WHERE DO WE INTERACT

See the different avenues where the archives impacts people



Website

Our website continues to be a crucial tool for conducting research and accessing our collections. It contains several databases, our finding aids, and several research guides. It also provides a lot of our business transactions as people can access our store, make donations, and book appointments. In 2023 our website was viewed 60,589 times, from more than 6000 individual users. While many of the views were local, some ranged the globe with the website being viewed from 102 separate countries. Additionally, some of our records are available on Alberta on Record, hosted by the Archives Society of Alberta. We have not yet received the user statistics for 2023 from them, but in previous years our records reached approximately 30,000 people, and we anticipate similar usage this year.

We launched our new website in April 2023. We rebuilt the website from the ground up, trying to focus on ease of access and usability. This website has increased access to our collection, allowed us to continue to grow our digital presence, and showcase our services.

Social Media

This year we have continued to see amazing engagement from our social media platforms! Once again our most popular Facebook series was #Throwback Thursday, a weekly post featuring an image from the archival collection. Other Facebook content included the #SoldiersSpotlight, which highlights a different soldier each week. Across our Facebook page we had a combined reach of 87,944, a 12% increase compared to 2023.

Our Instagram page, which is slowly growing momentum. We have focused on sharing our #ThrowbackThursday posts on this platform, and had a combined reach of 2023. In total our social media channels had a reach of 92,821.

Channels at a Glance

Website: Reach 60,589

Alberta on Record: Reach 30,000

Facebook: Reach 87,944

Instagram: Reach 2023

Youtube: Reach 2854

Telling Our Stories

The Archives' quarterly magazine continues to serve as a valuable outreach resource for members and the community at large. In 2023, Telling Our Stories covered the topics of Celebrations (March), Architecture (June), Books and Literature (September), and Winter Holidays (December). We worked throughout the year to feature Indigenous Content, and contributions from guest contributors.

We printed and distributed more than 600 physical copies of the magazine, as well as a number of digital subscribers.

Displays/ Exhibits

Once again, the Archives partnered with the Grande Prairie Museum to make small exhibits available to the public. This year we maintained our display on war-time letter writing in the Grande Prairie Museum.

As part of a practicum placement from Athabasca University, Treva London developed "Blueprints: Building History," an exhibit exploring building designing and drafting featuring items from Fonds 693: Roger Fields Fonds, which was put on display in the Grande Prairie Museum Community Room. These exhibits were viewed by the museums 17,565 visitors.

Access

Providing access to the records in our collection continues to be an essential part of the Archives' mandate. This can take the form of in-person visits to the archives, remote research requests, or record reproduction requests. In 2023 we adjusted our opening hours to be open Wednesdays - Saturdays, to allow more people to access the archives which resulted in positive changes.

Staff spent a total of 189 hours working on research requests this year. Remote research requests remain the largest category of these, with just over 200 requests coming. We also fulfilled 28 reproduction requests, and had 104 in-person researchers.

Programs and Events

This year the Archives was once again kept busy with events and programming! Staff conducted several presentations on archives and local history throughout the community including at the Swan City Rotary Club.

We presented our popular Cemetery Tours of the Grande Prairie Cemetery. We once again presented "Wonder Women of the South Peace," which talked about the lives of some of the fascinating women who helped to build our community and "Crime and Punishment in the South Peace" which explored murder and mischief through some of our region's most fascinating crimes, and the lives of the people who were involved with them. We also revised and presented our "World War I and World War II" which discussed some of the brave men and women who served in the World Wars. These cemetery tours proved immensely popular, with 60 attendees taking part.

Once again we partnered with a variety of community groups to put on events. We worked with the Peace Country Historic Society to take part in the 2023 Heritage Fair which had 37 students taking part, sharing history projects they had completed. We also participated in the City of Grande Prairie's Heritage Day event which saw 2354 attendees visit a day long event include booths set up by various community groups. Finally we worked with the City of Grande Prairie, Grande Prairie Museum, and Grande Prairie Seniors Reading Theatre on the annual Heritage Village Folktales Tour. The event was a guided after-hours tour featuring historical stories with both fact and fiction, with 270 people participating.

We also were lucky enough to work with Bear Creek Funeral Home and TodayFM on the third Ghost Stories event, which shared spooky stories from the region. 100 people attended over two nights, and \$4250.00 was raised for the Archives.

Events at a Glance

Folktales: 270

Heritage Day: 2354

Ghost Stories: 100

Cemetery Tours: 60

Heritage Fair: 37

Other: 140

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Gail Prette

A Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Statement, and a comparative Budget for the fiscal year Jan to Dec, 2023 are attached. The following is a compressed version of these documents:

Balance Sheet

As at December 31, 2023 we had:

Assets:

\$38,555.40	in the operating - Chequing account
\$75,904.01	in the Contingency Fund
\$25,192.01	in the Building Fund - Chequing account
\$9144.79	in the Building Fund - Savings account
\$315,655.41	in Accounts Receivable
\$200.00	in Petty Cash
\$1,000.00	in the Reserve GIC (Mastercard)
\$4,875.89	in Prepaid Expenses
\$24,425.56	in Fixed Assets (equipment)
\$494,953.07	TOTAL ASSETS

Liabilities & Equity:

\$156,910.25	Accounts Payable
\$871.17	Mastercard purchases
\$3197.45	Peace Country Land Database and WCB
\$81,205.13	Deferred Revenue
\$252,769.07	Equity - SPRA'S Net worth
\$494,953.07	TOTAL LIABILITY & EQUITY

Note: Accounts Receivable refers to payments to us that we have requested but we had not received the money on December 31, 2023. This amount includes two grants disbursements for our renovation.

Accounts Payable refers to payments we made in 2023 that had not been cashed by the vendors on December 31, 2023. This includes a payment to HD3 Contracting and Micro Computers Plus.

Deferred Revenue includes fundraising for the renovation that will be utilized in 2024.

Profit and Loss Statement

The section of "Ordinary Income/Expense" includes our regular operating expenses. "Other Income/ Expense" includes our capital renovation project of Centre 2000.

Budget Vs Actual

The attached report has explanations under "notes" as to why there are variances between projected budget and actual income and expense.



2023 Financial Statements

Auditors Report

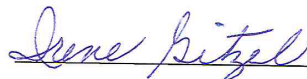


Notice to the Reader


We, Irene Gitzel and Cathy Scott, being members in good standing, have reviewed the Balance Sheet and Income Statement of the South Peace Regional Archives Society as at December 31, 2023. This information has not been audited. We believe these statements to be free of material misstatement and present fairly the financial position of the South Peace Regional Archives Society.

It is our recommendation that these statements be accepted as complete and adopted by the membership as the final statements for the fiscal year January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023.


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South Peace Regional Archives Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2023

	Dec 31, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
1000 · ATB Chequing	38,555.40
1102 · Contingency Fund	75,904.01
1110 · Building Fund Chequing	25,192.01
1120 · Bulding Fund Savings	9,144.79
Total Chequing/Savings	148,796.21
Accounts Receivable	
1200 · Accounts Receivable	315,655.41
Total Accounts Receivable	315,655.41
Other Current Assets	
1290 · Petty Cash	200.00
1305 · .Reserve - GIC	
1310 · Reserve - Mastercard	1,000.00
Total 1305 · .Reserve - GIC	1,000.00
1350 · Prepaid Expenses	4,875.89
Total Other Current Assets	6,075.89
Total Current Assets	470,527.51
Fixed Assets	
1500 · Computer Equipment	
1510 · Computer Equip-Orig Cost	37,142.30
1520 · Computer Equip-Amort	-33,041.56
Total 1500 · Computer Equipment	4,100.74
1550 · Equipment	
1560 · Equipment - Orig Cost	62,320.60
1570 · Equipment - Amort	-41,995.78
Total 1550 · Equipment	20,324.82
Total Fixed Assets	24,425.56
TOTAL ASSETS	494,953.07
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 · Accounts Payable	156,910.25
Total Accounts Payable	156,910.25
Credit Cards	
2075 · Mastercard ATB	871.17
Total Credit Cards	871.17
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 · Peace Country Land Database	3,188.93
2400 · WCB Payable	8.52
Total Other Current Liabilities	3,197.45
Total Current Liabilities	160,978.87
Long Term Liabilities	
2600 · Deferred Revenue	81,205.13
Total Long Term Liabilities	81,205.13
Total Liabilities	242,184.00

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South Peace Regional Archives Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2023

	Dec 31, 23
Equity	
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	6,559.20
3900 · Retained Earnings	244,724.15
Net Income	1,485.72
Total Equity	252,769.07
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	494,953.07

Profit and Loss

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South Peace Regional Archives Profit & Loss January through December 2023

	Jan - Dec 23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Operating Grants	
4010 · City of Grande Prairie	72,278.00
4020 · County of Grande Prairie	70,761.00
4030 · Municipal District of Greenview	56,240.00
4040 · M.D. Spirit River 133	9,100.00
4050 · Saddle Hills County	10,000.00
Total 4000 · Operating Grants	218,379.00
4100 · Project Grants	
4160 · Peace Country Land Database	1,000.00
4180 · Miscellaneous Grants	500.00
Total 4100 · Project Grants	1,500.00
4200 · Sales and Service	
4210 · Book Sales	89.54
4220 · Fees for Service	
4223 · Research Fees	132.00
Total 4220 · Fees for Service	132.00
4230 · Misc Sales	1,077.31
4240 · Photograph Sales	570.00
Total 4200 · Sales and Service	1,868.85
4300 · .Donations	
4310 · Donation - Tax Receipt	5,640.00
4315 · Lifetime Members, Tax Receipted	500.00
4320 · Donation - Non Tax Receipt	3,030.00
Total 4300 · .Donations	9,170.00
4400 · Interest	1,391.35
4500 · SPRA Society Membership	2,352.06
Total Income	234,661.26
Expense	
6020 · Amortization Expense	9,140.40
6030 · Bank Service Charges & Interest	96.88
6040 · Square Fees	96.60
6200 · Conservation Expense	120.51
6300 · Facility Fees	
6320 · Facility Insurance	4,037.60
6330 · Off-Site Storage	5,483.80
6340 · Relocation Expenses	46,463.28
Total 6300 · Facility Fees	55,984.68
6375 · Newsletter	983.37
6400 · .Office Expenses	
6410 · Office Equipment	271.67
6420 · Office Equip Repairs/Maintenanc	164.00
6430 · Office Supplies	2,161.42
6450 · Telephone & Internet	1,608.68
Total 6400 · .Office Expenses	4,205.77
6500 · Professional Dev.	
6510 · Workshop Registrations	537.00
6520 · Mileage and Travel	601.40
6530 · Memberships & Subscriptions	280.02
Total 6500 · Professional Dev.	1,418.42

Profit and Loss

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South Peace Regional Archives

Profit & Loss

January through December 2023

	Jan - Dec 23
6600 · Professional Fees	
6610 · Accounting	3,973.15
6620 · Computer Services	2,294.22
Total 6600 · Professional Fees	6,267.37
6700 · Project/Event Expense	
6705 · Misc Events/Projects	64.82
6740 · Projects under Grant	
6746 · Peace Country Land Database Exp	1,000.00
Total 6740 · Projects under Grant	1,000.00
6770 · SPRA Society Expenses	376.96
Total 6700 · Project/Event Expense	1,441.78
6800 · Volunteer Expense	226.11
6850 · Staff Expense	246.17
6900 · Wage & Benefits	
6910 · Wages & Salaries	138,376.14
6930 · CPP Expense	7,608.66
6940 · EI Expense	3,157.92
6950 · WCB Expense	578.50
6970 · Benefits	3,226.26
Total 6900 · Wage & Benefits	152,947.48
Total Expense	233,175.54
Net Ordinary Income	1,485.72
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
7100 · Building Fund Income	518,361.00
7200 · Building Fund Interest Income	7,218.06
Total Other Income	525,579.06
Other Expense	
8000 · .Building Fund Expenses	
8040 · Bldg Fund - Bank Fees	79.99
8050 · Bldg Fund - Construction	471,605.57
8070 · Bldg Fund - Professional Fees	53,893.50
Total 8000 · .Building Fund Expenses	525,579.06
8500 · Suspense	0.00
Total Other Expense	525,579.06
Net Other Income	0.00
Net Income	1,485.72

Budget Vs Actual

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South Peace Regional Archives Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through December 2023

		Jan - Dec 23	Budget	% of Budget	Notes
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
4000 · Operating Grants					
4010 · City of Grande Prairie		72,278.00	72,278.00	100.0%	
4020 · County of Grande Prairie		70,761.00	70,761.00	100.0%	
4030 · Municipal District of Greenview		56,240.00	54,600.00	103.0%	
4040 · M.D. Spirit River 133		9,100.00	9,100.00	100.0%	
4050 · Saddle Hills County		10,000.00	10,000.00	100.0%	
Total 4000 · Operating Grants		218,379.00	216,739.00	100.76%	
4100 · Project Grants					
4160 · Peace Country Land Database		1,000.00	1,000.00	100.0%	
4180 · Miscellaneous Grants		500.00	0.00	100.0%	
Total 4100 · Project Grants		1,500.00	1,000.00	150.0%	
4200 · Sales and Service					
4210 · Book Sales		89.54	400.00	22.39%	
4220 · Fees for Service					
4223 · Research Fees		132.00			
4220 · Fees for Service - Other		0.00	100.00	0.0%	
Total 4220 · Fees for Service		132.00	100.00	132.0%	
4230 · Misc Sales		1,077.31	100.00	1,077.31%	
4240 · Photograph Sales		570.00	500.00	114.0%	
Total 4200 · Sales and Service		1,868.85	1,100.00	169.9%	
4300 · .Donations					
4310 · Donation - Tax Receipt		5,640.00	6,000.00	94.0%	
4315 · Lifetime Members, Tax Receipted		500.00			
4320 · Donation - Non Tax Receipt		3,030.00	2,500.00	121.2%	
Total 4300 · .Donations		9,170.00	8,500.00	107.88%	
4400 · Interest		1,391.35	600.00	231.89%	
4450 · Government Rebates		0.00	0.00	0.0%	
4500 · SPRA Society Membership		2,352.06	1,750.00	134.4%	Increase in membership fee
Total Income		234,661.26	229,689.00	102.17%	
Expense					
6020 · Amortization Expense		9,140.40			
6030 · Bank Service Charges & Interest		96.88	160.00	60.55%	
6040 · Square Fees		96.60	125.00	77.28%	
6200 · Conservation Expense		120.51	500.00	24.1%	
6300 · Facility Fees					
6305 · Capital Expenses		0.00	0.00	0.0%	
6310 · Utilities, Maintenance, etc.		0.00	0.00	0.0%	
6320 · Facility Insurance		4,037.60	4,000.00	100.94%	
6330 · Off-Site Storage		5,483.80	5,500.00	99.71%	
6340 · Relocation Expenses		46,463.28	47,596.54	97.62%	
Total 6300 · Facility Fees		55,984.68	57,096.54	98.05%	
6375 · Newsletter		983.37	1,000.00	98.34%	

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South Peace Regional Archives Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through December 2023

January through December 2023						
			Jan - Dec 23	Budget	% of Budget	Notes
6400 · .Office Expenses						
	6410 · Office Equipment		271.67	1,000.00	27.17%	\$1559.02, moved to capital assets
	6420 · Office Equip Repairs/Maintenanc		164.00	350.00	46.86%	
	6430 · Office Supplies		2,161.42	2,000.00	108.07%	
	6450 · Telephone & Internet		1,608.68	1,920.00	83.79%	
Total 6400 · .Office Expenses			4,205.77	5,270.00	79.81%	
6500 · Professional Dev.						
	6510 · Workshop Registrations		537.00	1,500.00	35.8%	
	6520 · Mileage and Travel		601.40	500.00	120.28%	
	6530 · Memberships & Subscriptions		280.02	500.00	56.0%	Discount Chamber of Commerce
Total 6500 · Professional Dev.			1,418.42	2,500.00	56.74%	
6600 · Professional Fees						
	6610 · Accounting		3,973.15	4,900.00	81.09%	
	6620 · Computer Services		2,294.22	2,500.00	91.77%	
	6635 · Legal Fees		0.00	500.00	0.0%	
Total 6600 · Professional Fees			6,267.37	7,900.00	79.33%	
6700 · Project/Event Expense						
	6705 · Misc Events/Projects		64.82			
	6740 · Projects under Grant					
	6746 · Peace Country Land Database E		1,000.00	1,000.00	100.0%	
	Total 6740 · Projects under Grant		1,000.00	1,000.00	100.0%	
	6770 · SPRA Society Expenses		376.96	500.00	75.39%	
Total 6700 · Project/Event Expense			1,441.78	1,500.00	96.12%	
6800 · Volunteer Expense			226.11	250.00	90.44%	
6850 · Staff Expense			246.17	250.00	98.47%	
6900 · Wage & Benefits						
	6910 · Wages & Salaries		138,376.14			
	6930 · CPP Expense		7,608.66			
	6940 · EI Expense		3,157.92			
	6950 · WCB Expense		578.50			
	6970 · Benefits		3,226.26			
	6900 · Wage & Benefits - Other		0.00	153,100.00	0.0%	
Total 6900 · Wage & Benefits			152,947.48	153,100.00	99.9%	
Total Expense			233,175.54	229,651.54	101.53%	
Net Ordinary Income			1,485.72	37.46	3,966.15%	
Other Income/Expense						
Other Income						Capital Project
7100 · Building Fund Income			518,361.00			
7200 · Building Fund Interest Income			7,218.06			
Total Other Income			525,579.06			
Other Expense						
8000 · .Building Fund Expenses						
	8040 · Bldg Fund - Bank Fees		79.99			
	8050 · Bldg Fund - Construction		471,605.57			

Budget Vs Actual

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			Jan - Dec 23	Budget	% of Budget
					Notes
	8070	Bldg Fund - Professional Fees	53,893.50		
	Total 8000	.Building Fund Expenses	525,579.06		
	Total Other Expense		525,579.06		
	Net Other Income		0.00		
			1,485.72	37.46	3,966.15%

FUNDING

Municipal Funding Partners

The South Peace Regional Archives is public, non-profit organization with charitable status. Through a unique and collaborative funding partnership between our municipal partners, we are able to offer our services across the region to both urban and rural residents. In 2023, 93% of the Archives' income came from the generous support of our municipal funding partners: the City of Grande Prairie; the County of Grande Prairie; the Municipal District of Greenview; the Municipal District of Spirit River; and Saddle Hills County.



Other Funders

The South Peace Regional Archives also receives income from project-based grants, book sales, society memberships, and donations from the public. In 2023, we received support from the Northwestern Alberta Foundation, Edmonton Community Foundation and Grande Prairie & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society. We are grateful for all funding support.



Centre 2000 Funders

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The work of the South Peace Regional Archives would not be possible without the support of our volunteers. In 2023, they contributed more than 645 hours of service, including: generating content for the Archives' magazine and social media; maintaining our databases and reference files; completing transcriptions of archival records; assisting with public research requests and public events; and so much more. This past year we have had both in-person and remote volunteers who have been actively contributing their time and expertise to expand the reach of the Archives. Many of these volunteers also serve on Committees for the Archives. We are extremely grateful for all of their assistance.

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BETH SHEEHAN AWARD

Before we had an archives in the south Peace, Beth maintained an archives in her home, with a comprehensive library of books on the Peace Country, a large bank of clipping files, brochures from hundreds of events and organizations, thousands of photographs, and taped interviews of many pioneers. It was her joy to assist anyone researching the history of the south Peace.

When she left the farm in 2003, she transferred her collection to the archives, and it has become a valuable resource for researchers. Beth passed away in 2013 at the age of 93. We are grateful that she had the foresight to leave her collection for the benefit of future researchers.

When the South Peace Regional Archives Society was formed in 2007, we established the Beth Sheehan South Peace Archives Award to recognize individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the goals of the Archives.

Dr. Daryl White

This year we are pleased to award the Beth Sheehan Award to Dr. Daryl White. Daryl White has been a long time member of this organization. He first joined the Board of Directors in 2010, and served as a member until 2023, making him one of our longest serving board members.

Beyond that, Daryl has been an active volunteer at the archives. His technical expertise has been instrument in the Peace Country Land Settlement Database, where he has spent countless hours converting each installment from Access to MySQL so it can be accessible online. He also led the research and implementation of the AtoM database, setting up a trial version, troubleshooting during the conversion process, and even lending us computer equipment for the early stages of the project until our server could be purchased. He is always willing to stop by and try to address any issues we are having with AtoM in particular, and this database project would not have been possible without his support.

Daryl is also always willing to assist with other projects in the Archives, including presentations, articles, and research assistance.

Outside of our organization, Daryl has also supported our mandate through his work at the Northwest Polytechnic. Beyond sharing our local history with his students, he has organized for the Archives to present to many of his history classes, ensuring that they are aware of what Archives are and how they support historic research.

We would like to thank Daryl White for all of his work helping us to efficiently preserve and share the records of the south peace.



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