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ANNUAL REPORT



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jan Shields

Welcome everyone to our 2025 Annual General Meeting. I would like to thank you for your attendance today and for your ongoing support of the South Peace Regional Archives. Without your support the Archives would not be where it is today.


When we last met our move to the new space in Centre 2000 had hardly begun, but through the exceptional organizational skills and hard work of at the Archive staff and many volunteers the move has been completed. Many thanks to our Executive

Director, Ellyn Vandekerkhove, our Archivist, Jack Lawrence, and our Access Coordinator, Teresa Dyck for the long hours they spent making sure the move was done efficiently. I would also like to thank our contractor Dale Nelson who completed the needed renovations to the space in a timely manner and went beyond his mandate to assure many projects outside his direct scope were also completed.

Of course, SPRA's move to a new space which increased our ability to add to the archival records of local governments, organizations, families, and individuals of the South Peace would not have been possible without the support of our funding partners - the Municipal District of Greenview, the Municipal District of Spirit River, the County of Grande Prairie, the City of Grande Prairie, and a new supporter, Saddle Hills County. In addition, the Archives received many generous donations from individuals and organizations within the South Peace. When you next visit the us be sure to have a look at our Donor Wall.

Unfortunately, in early December an unexpected drainage problem caused damage to parts of the new space, leading to the need for repairs and replacement of some sections of the walls and of the floor in the area housing unprocessed material and additional work spaces. We are still waiting for that work to be completed and the staff has had added work to make those tasks possible.





In spite of everything the staff, with the help of volunteers and student workers continues to complete research and process archival material. You will meet one of our student workers, Alyssa House, later this morning when she will present the research of the Trelle family which she has completed as one of her assignments. Alyssa has proved to be an invaluable resource for the Archives with her research skills and productive work ethic.

And of course the overall governance of SPRA is completed by the Board of Directors who give their time and knowledge to support the vision of the Archives and its activities. Unfortunately, sometimes ongoing involvement of Board Directors comes to an end and I would like to thank Maxine Maxwell, Meaghen Peuramaki-Brown, and Gary Dixon for their service on the Board and while they have found it necessary to resign due to other responsibilities, I know they will remain strong supporters of SPRA.

In closing, I would also like to share with you my decision to step down as President of the Board of Directors. I have been in the position for many years and I think it is time for new leadership. I will remain on the Board as Past President and, of course, as a supportive member of the Society.

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.

This is the third annual report that I have presented in my time here, but in some ways it has been the most challenging. As I sat down to write this report I struggled with how to describe and summarize 2024. The year was of course dominated by the relocation of the Archives to Centre 2000. All of our regular day to day activities stopped or were put on hold to make the undertake this one monumental project.

Even once we were open to the public, behind the scenes we continued to adjust to our new home. Coordinating finishing touches, and of course adapting our work to fit our new space. The flooding in December forced us to once again pivot our work to adapt to a new challenge.

So when I try to summarize 2024, the constant that I can land upon is change. The creation of a new facility is a massive shift for our organization, and we continue to adapt and grow in response to that.

At the same time, however, our mission and our work remain the same. The focus of our work will also be the records in our care, and we now have a facility that supports that. In the next year we are focusing on our collections care, working to address our processing backlog and build our systems to support our records.

The other constant that I can see over the past year is the support that we have received from our community. I would like to thank everyone who made this strange year possible from our staff, volunteers, and board members, all of our funders and, of course, our members.



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. Due to the relocation, we weren't able to accept donations for the early part of 2024. Between May – November we accepted 28 new donations. Unfortunately, we had to temporarily halt accepting donations again in December 2024 due to the flood, but began accepting them again in early January 2025.

Processing

Following our relocation, our priority has been addressing our processing backlog that had built up partially due to space constraints in our previous location. First, staff went through all of the records to ensure that highest priority items would be addressed first.

Staff completed processing on 38 accessions in 2024, including more than 290cm of textual records, 2725 photographs, 332 slides, 62 negatives, and 334 postcards. In addition, staff were working on processing the R. Kay Trelle fonds, which was completed in 2025. The collection was extensive, consisting of approximately 250 cm of textual records, 186 technical drawings, and more than 12,806 photographs, negatives, and slides.

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. By the end of 2024 we had fully converted 494 of 642 fonds, or 77%.

In addition staff began work to upload digitized photographs into the database. This will allow us to search for and see digitized items directly in the database, making them more accessible. We hope to complete this project by the end of 2026.

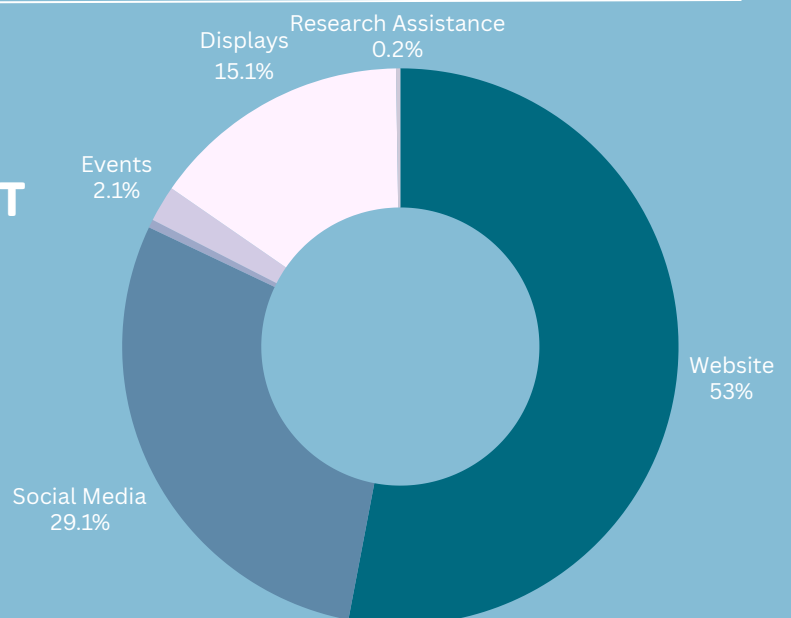


ACCESS AND AWARENESS

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 2024 our website was viewed 66,349 times, from more than 11,000 individual users. While most of the views were local, some ranged the globe with the website being viewed from 127 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 2024 from them, but in previous years our records reached approximately 30,000 people, and we anticipate similar usage this year.

Social Media

As staff focused on the relocation and processing, we decreased our regular posting schedule during the move. We maintained our regular #ThrowbackThursday series, which highlights one historical image every week from the archival collection.

Staff also had a lot of fun with “Taste of History,” a limited run monthly blog series, where staff tried recipes from our collections. While some were more successful than others, the series proved popular on social media.

Across all of our platforms, our social media had a combined reach of 37,489.

Telling Our Stories

The Archives’ quarterly magazine continues to serve as a valuable outreach resource for members and the community at large. In 2024, Telling Our Stories covered the topics of Immigration (March), Romance (June), Agriculture (September), and Food (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.

Channels at a Glance

Website: Reach 66,349

Alberta on Record: Reach 30,000

Facebook: Reach 36,376

Instagram: Reach 1113

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 until the summer, and then put in a new display featuring the history of the Royal Purple.

We also partnered with the Museum to refresh the long running photo hall display located just off their main gallery. The new photographs feature military and sports history.

Staff are currently working on our first exhibit in our new location, which we predict will open in May 2025.

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. We were closed to all forms of access during the relocation until May 22, 2024. We also closed for in person researchers for December 2024.

Even with these limitations to access, we still had a number of people accessing our services. In total we provided assistance to 145 remote and in person researchers, and had an additional 167 visitors to the facility.

Programs and Events

In addition to the move, in 2024 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 Grande Prairie Rotary Club, and at PROBUS.

We presented two Cemetery Tours this year “Immigrant Stories,” and “World War One and Two.” Some of the offerings had to be cancelled due to smoky weather conditions, and we had a total of 5 participants.

Our opening event for the new facility was held on May 22, 2024 and had a total of 93 participants attend. For this event we partnered with the Chamber of Commerce for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and the catering was generously donated by Red Rock.

Finally, we did a trial homeschooling program regarding remembrance day in November 2024, with 15 participants taking part. There was a short presentation discussing the history of the World Wars and their impact on the community. We also discussed how you can use archival records, and showed some records from our collection related to the wars. Finally, the students worked on collage and journaling exercises using archival sources. While this was a small program it has helped us begin to develop ideas for educational programming at the Archives.

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 2024 Heritage Fair which had approximately 100 students taking part, sharing history projects they had completed. We also participated in the City of Grande Prairie’s Heritage Day event as well as the County of Grande Prairie’s Alberta Days in September. Finally we worked with the City of Grande Prairie, Grande Prairie Museum, Disturbing the Peace Podcast and Generations Readers 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 180 people participating.

Events at a Glance

Folktales: 180

Heritage Day: 2143

Opening Event: 93

Cemetery Tours: 5

Heritage Fair: 100

Other: 142

Relocation - Centre 2000

Project Summary

The goal of this project was to renovate and outfit the bottom floor of Centre 2000 to relocate the South Peace Regional Archives. Construction began in Centre 2000 in October 2023. Work included: new interior walls, bathroom, millwork, flooring, ceilings, new LED light fixtures, and modifications to the electrical, HVAC, plumbing, and fire alarm systems. In addition, furnishings and specialized equipment were purchased to utilize the larger space.

The construction of the facility was ongoing from October 2023 to Fall 2024. The Archives began the process of relocation in February 2024, and the furnishings and equipment were installed at this time. The Archives opened to the public in the new location on May 22, 2024.

Benefits

This relocation has seen a variety of benefits for our organization. First, we are now able to more securely store our archival collection. The relocation has allowed us to eliminate our offsite storage and store our entire collection in a safe climate controlled facility. The vault is more than five times the size of our vault at the museum, allowing more records to be stored in this environment for years to come.

It has also greatly expanded our public working space, increasing the amount of researchers, programs, and volunteers we are able to accommodate. Despite being open for only 6 months of the year, we were still able to accommodate more than double the amount of in person visitors than in the entirety of 2023.

We have also been able to expand the types of community supports we can offer in our facility. In 2024 we were able to offer our first education program, and several community groups have utilized the Mary Nutting Room. Being able to offer an accessible meeting room with an integrated video conferencing system allows us to support other groups and bring more diverse groups into our facility.

Project at a Glance

Staff hours: 1890

Volunteer Hours: 156

Project Cost: \$1,190,000

Increase to sq. ft: 5631

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Eleanor Dalen

A Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Statement, and a comparative Budget for the fiscal year Jan to Dec, 2024 are attached. The following is a compressed version of these documents:

Balance Sheet

As at December 31, 2024 we had:

Assets:

\$55,015.59	in the operating - Chequing account
\$6696.27	in the Contingency Fund
\$11,652.27	in the Building Fund - Chequing account
\$9398.09	in the Building Fund - Savings account
\$71,623.35	in Accounts Receivable
\$200.00	in Petty Cash
\$1,000.00	in the Reserve GIC (Mastercard)
\$4,153.87	in Prepaid Expenses
\$250.00	in Undeposited Funds
\$503,489.17	in Fixed Assets (equipment and leasehold improvements)
\$663,478.61	TOTAL ASSETS

Liabilities & Equity:

\$ -19.04	Accounts Payable
\$607.61	Credit Cards
\$3188.93	Peace Country Land Database
\$4123.68	Payroll Deductions Payable
\$394,076.72	Deferred Contribution - Bldg Fund
\$8731.64	Deferred Revenue
\$252,769.07	Total Equity
\$663,478.61	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, 2024. This includes a final payment from our YCW and CCSF grants that were received in early 2025.

Deferred Contribution - Bldg Fund include amounts that will be pulled out to cover the amortization of our leasehold improvements.

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.

2024 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, 2024. 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, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

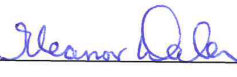
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South Peace Regional Archives

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2024

	Dec 31, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
1000 · ATB Chequing	55,015.59
1102 · Contingency Fund	6,696.27
1110 · Building Fund Chequing	11,652.27
1120 · Building Fund Savings	9,398.09
Total Chequing/Savings	82,762.22
Accounts Receivable	
1200 · Accounts Receivable	71,623.35
Total Accounts Receivable	71,623.35
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	4,153.87
1499 · Undeposited Funds	250.00
Total Other Current Assets	5,603.87
Total Current Assets	159,989.44
Fixed Assets	
1500 · Computer Equipment	
1510 · Computer Equip-Orig Cost	37,142.30
1511 · Computer Equip. - Bldg Fund	68,694.38
1520 · Computer Equip-Amort	-35,296.95
1521 · Comp. Equip. Bldg F - Accum. Am	-18,890.95
Total 1500 · Computer Equipment	51,648.78
1550 · Equipment	
1560 · Equipment - Orig Cost	62,320.60
1561 · Equipment - Bldg Fund	189,294.11
1570 · Equipment - Amort	-46,060.74
1571 · Equip. Bldg F - Accum Amort	-18,929.41
Total 1550 · Equipment	186,624.56
1580 · Leasehold Improvements	
1585 · Leasehold Improv. - Bldg Fund	279,174.56
1586 · Leaseh, Imp. Bldg F - Accum Am	-13,958.73
Total 1580 · Leasehold Improvements	265,215.83
Total Fixed Assets	503,489.17
TOTAL ASSETS	663,478.61
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 · Accounts Payable	-19.04
Total Accounts Payable	-19.04
Credit Cards	
2075 · Mastercard ATB	607.61
Total Credit Cards	607.61
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 · Peace Country Land Database	3,188.93

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Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2024

	Dec 31, 24
2300 · Payroll Deductions Payable	
2310 · CPP Payable	1,633.96
2320 · EI Payable	593.52
2330 · Employee Income Taxes Payable	1,896.20
Total 2300 · Payroll Deductions Payable	4,123.68
Total Other Current Liabilities	7,312.61
Total Current Liabilities	7,901.18
Long Term Liabilities	
2101 · Deferred Contribution - Bldg FD	394,076.72
2600 · Deferred Revenue	8,731.64
Total Long Term Liabilities	402,808.36
Total Liabilities	410,709.54
Equity	
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	6,559.20
3900 · Retained Earnings	246,209.87
Total Equity	252,769.07
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	663,478.61

South Peace Regional Archives

Profit & Loss

January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Operating Grants	
4010 · City of Grande Prairie	82,819.00
4020 · County of Grande Prairie	77,571.00
4030 · Municipal District of Greenview	72,985.00
4040 · M.D. Spirit River 133	9,100.00
4050 · Saddle Hills County	10,000.00
Total 4000 · Operating Grants	252,475.00
4100 · Project Grants	
4130 · Canadian Council of Archives	21,500.00
Total 4100 · Project Grants	21,500.00
4200 · Sales and Service	
4210 · Book Sales	57.14
4230 · Misc Sales	337.00
4240 · Photograph Sales	1,595.10
Total 4200 · Sales and Service	1,989.24
4300 · .Donations	
4310 · Donation - Tax Receipt	1,660.00
4320 · Donation - Non Tax Receipt	4,676.38
4340 · Bldg Donation - Non Tax Receipt	20,525.39
Total 4300 · .Donations	26,861.77
4400 · Interest	879.80
4500 · SPRA Society Membership	1,590.54
Total Income	305,296.35
Expense	
6000 · Acquisition Expense	27.86
6020 · Amortization Expense	6,320.35
6030 · Bank Service Charges & Interest	185.83
6040 · Square Fees	216.80
6200 · Conservation Expense	4,154.75
6300 · Facility Fees	
6310 · Utilities, Maintenance, etc.	19.51
6320 · Facility Insurance	4,085.04
6330 · Off-Site Storage	121.25
6345 · Rent & CAC Costs	64,547.52
Total 6300 · Facility Fees	68,773.32
6375 · Newsletter	932.76
6400 · .Office Expenses	
6410 · Office Equipment	640.35
6420 · Office Equip Repairs/Maintenanc	2,700.00
6430 · Office Supplies	3,604.08
6450 · Telephone & Internet	1,064.72
Total 6400 · .Office Expenses	8,009.15
6500 · Professional Dev.	
6520 · Mileage and Travel	525.00
6530 · Memberships & Subscriptions	315.60
6500 · Professional Dev. - Other	1,157.66
Total 6500 · Professional Dev.	1,998.26

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Profit & Loss

January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24
6600 · Professional Fees	
6610 · Accounting	7,131.44
6620 · Computer Services	1,973.13
Total 6600 · Professional Fees	9,104.57
6700 · Project/Event Expense	
6705 · Misc Events/Projects	562.86
6770 · SPRA Society Expenses	710.80
Total 6700 · Project/Event Expense	1,273.66
6800 · Volunteer Expense	249.62
6850 · Staff Expense	236.55
6900 · Wage & Benefits	
6910 · Wages & Salaries	183,865.84
6930 · CPP Expense	10,195.99
6940 · EI Expense	4,307.76
6950 · WCB Expense	560.00
6960 · Vacation Pay Expense	1,495.20
6970 · Benefits	3,388.08
Total 6900 · Wage & Benefits	203,812.87
Total Expense	305,296.35
Net Ordinary Income	0.00
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
7100 · Building Fund Income	0.00
7101 · Capital Contributions Revenue	104,000.89
7200 · Building Fund Interest Income	319.63
Total Other Income	104,320.52
Other Expense	
8000 · .Building Fund Expenses	
8030 · Amortization on def. capital	51,779.09
8040 · Bldg Fund - Bank Fees	84.96
8050 · Bldg Fund - Construction	0.00
8055 · Bldg Fund - Equipment	2,343.44
8057 · Bldg Fund - Furnishings	3,813.47
8060 · Bldg Fund - Leasehold Improve	0.00
8065 · Bldg Fund - Moving Expenses	38,231.35
8068 · Bldg Fund - Opening Event	380.71
8070 · Bldg Fund - Professional Fees	7,687.50
Total 8000 · .Building Fund Expenses	104,320.52
Total Other Expense	104,320.52
Net Other Income	0.00
Net Income	0.00

January through December 2024									
						Jan - Dec 24	Budget	% of Budget	
Ordinary Income/Expense									
Income									
4000 · Operating Grants									
4010 · City of Grande Prairie		82,819.00				82,819.00	100.0%		
4020 · County of Grande Prairie		77,571.00				84,382.00	91.93%		
4030 · Municipal District of Greenview		72,985.00				72,985.00	100.0%		
4040 · M.D. Spirit River 133		9,100.00				12,000.00	75.83%		
4050 · Saddle Hills County		10,000.00				13,109.00	76.28%		
Total 4000 · Operating Grants		252,475.00				265,295.00	95.17%		
4100 · Project Grants									
4130 · Canadian Council of Archives		21,500.00							
Total 4100 · Project Grants		21,500.00							
4200 · Sales and Service									
4210 · Book Sales		57.14				800.00	7.14%		
4220 · Fees for Service		0.00				550.00	0.0%		
4230 · Misc Sales		337.00				200.00	168.5%		
4240 · Photograph Sales		1,595.10				150.00	1,063.4%		
Total 4200 · Sales and Service		1,989.24				1,700.00	117.01%		
4300 · .Donations									
4310 · Donation - Tax Receipt		1,660.00				2,000.00	83.0%		
4320 · Donation - Non Tax Receipt		4,676.38				350.00	1,336.11%		
4340 · Bldg Donation - Non Tax Receipt		20,525.39							
Total 4300 · .Donations		26,861.77				2,350.00	1,143.05%		
4400 · Interest		879.80				600.00	146.63%		
4500 · SPRA Society Membership		1,590.54				2,000.00	79.53%		
Total Income		305,296.35				271,945.00	112.26%		
Expense									
6000 · Acquisition Expense		27.86				500.00	5.57%		
6005 · .Advertising									
6010 · Advertising		0.00				500.00	0.0%		
6015 · Awareness		0.00				500.00	0.0%		
Total 6005 · .Advertising		0.00				1,000.00	0.0%		
6020 · Amortization Expense		6,320.35							
6030 · Bank Service Charges & Interest		185.83				170.00	109.31%		
6040 · Square Fees		216.80				150.00	144.53%		
6200 · Conservation Expense		4,154.75				2,000.00	207.74%		
6300 · Facility Fees									
6310 · Utilities, Maintenance, etc.		19.51							
6320 · Facility Insurance		4,085.04				4,300.00	95.0%		
6330 · Off-Site Storage		121.25							
6340 · Relocation Expenses		0.00				62,254.00	0.0%		
6345 · Rent & CAC Costs		64,547.52							
Total 6300 · Facility Fees		68,773.32				66,554.00	103.34%		
6375 · Newsletter		932.76				1,000.00	93.28%		

January through December 2024								
					Jan - Dec 24	Budget	% of Budget	
6400 · Office Expenses								
6410 · Office Equipment					640.35	1,500.00	42.69%	
6420 · Office Equip Repairs/Maintenanc					2,700.00	400.00	675.0%	
6430 · Office Supplies					3,604.08	3,600.00	100.11%	
6450 · Telephone & Internet					1,064.72	2,000.00	53.24%	
Total 6400 · Office Expenses					8,009.15	7,500.00	106.79%	
6500 · Professional Dev.								
6510 · Workshop Registrations					0.00	2,000.00	0.0%	
6520 · Mileage and Travel					525.00	2,000.00	26.25%	
6530 · Memberships & Subscriptions					315.60	750.00	42.08%	
6500 · Professional Dev. - Other					1,157.66			
Total 6500 · Professional Dev.					1,998.26	4,750.00	42.07%	
6600 · Professional Fees								
6610 · Accounting					7,131.44	5,000.00	142.63%	
6620 · Computer Services					1,973.13	2,100.00	93.96%	
6635 · Legal Fees					0.00	500.00	0.0%	
Total 6600 · Professional Fees					9,104.57	7,600.00	119.8%	
6700 · Project/Event Expense								
6705 · Misc Events/Projects					562.86	500.00	112.57%	
6710 · Annual Events								
6713 · Indigenous History Committee					0.00	1,000.00	0.0%	
Total 6710 · Annual Events					0.00	1,000.00	0.0%	
6720 · Projects w/o Grants					0.00	500.00	0.0%	
6770 · SPRA Society Expenses					710.80	800.00	88.85%	
Total 6700 · Project/Event Expense					1,273.66	2,800.00	45.49%	
6800 · Volunteer Expense					249.62	260.00	96.01%	
6850 · Staff Expense					236.55	260.00	90.98%	
6900 · Wage & Benefits								
6910 · Wages & Salaries					183,865.84	168,996.00	108.8%	
6930 · CPP Expense					10,195.99	9,400.00	108.47%	
6940 · EI Expense					4,307.76	4,000.00	107.69%	
6950 · WCB Expense					560.00	550.00	101.82%	
6960 · Vacation Pay Expense					1,495.20			
6970 · Benefits					3,388.08	3,800.00	89.16%	
Total 6900 · Wage & Benefits					203,812.87	186,746.00	109.14%	
Total Expense					305,296.35	281,290.00	108.53%	
Net Ordinary Income					0.00	-9,345.00	0.0%	
Other Income/Expense								
Other Income								
7100 · Building Fund Income					0.00			
7101 · Capital Contributions Revenue					104,000.89			
7200 · Building Fund Interest Income					319.63			
Total Other Income					104,320.52			
Other Expense								

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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 2024, 83% 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 2024, we received support from the Northwestern Alberta Foundation, Edmonton Community Foundation, Grande Prairie & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society and the Government of Canada. We are grateful for all funding support.



Centre 2000 Funders

In 2023 we began work on our new home in Centre 2000, with work continuing into 2024. This project was made possible by funding from:



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The work of the South Peace Regional Archives would not be possible without the support of our volunteers. In 2024, they contributed more than 220 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. 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.

Alberta Genealogical Society - Grande Prairie & District Branch

This year the recipient of the Beth Sheehan Award is the Grande Prairie & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society. The purpose of the Branch is to promote interest in family history and genealogical research by providing opportunities for the exchange of genealogical ideas and information.



They work in a variety of ways to support Genealogical work in our region. This includes hosting a research collection in the Grande Prairie Public Library, offering research assistance both remotely and in their "Genies in the Library," operating hours. Their volunteers have worked to build a variety of databases and indexes including obituaries and burial sites to support researchers. The Branch also hosts a range of educational opportunities and an education bursary to build capacity for Genealogical work in this region.

The AGS: Grande Prairie & District Branch have also supported the Archives in our mission to preserve this regions heritage. They have partnered on events and projects, donated equipment, and have been instrumental in supporting the Telling Our Stories publication in recent years.

For all of the work they have done in our region, we are honoured to award the 2025 Beth Sheehan Award to the Alberta Genealogical Society: Grande Prairie and District Branch.



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