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ANNUAL REPORT



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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Duff Crerar, B.A. B.Ed. MA. Ph.D

It is a pleasure to make this report. First, we did not have to overcome any new floods, fires, tornadoes, thefts or acts of war this year. In this remarkably calm environment, our archives staff, ably led by Ellyn, efficiently processed a generous share of our stored documents and photos, and we were delighted to add Luke Harasen to our staff as Archivist. Luke's arrival has been a tremendous asset: he has taken on every task and project we have thrown him. In the same way Teresa Dyck has ably supported Ellyn and advised our volunteers. All our staff have done outstanding work with the public. We opened our storage space to share our city Art Gallery's collection while the gallery undergoes renovation.



It has been a great joy to preside over this general growth: in staff, collection size, public relations and professional growth. I got to help a little, read through and assist in editing our By-laws and regulations, sign many forms and cheques, support Ellyn's decisions and offer our overall approval of her leadership. I attended Ellyn's meetings with the County and City of Grande Prairie Councils, indicating our pride in the high level of professionalism. Special thanks to all of our funding partners, for their sympathy and support.

In what our nation used to call External Relations, we mourned the loss of David Leonard, a dedicated Provincial Archivist and dedicated ally and donor. His unexpected death led to Ron Thoreson and me bringing up the bulk of his unsold publications. When settling his estate, the family granted us his papers, his personal research library, and his unsold publications. We were delighted to take his papers under our care but turned over the books and revenues from their sale to the Historical Society. Thanks to Charles Taws for providing the space and facilities to make these many books available to the public. Thanks to him, and David's family, the legacy of David's work will live on, and his research notes and papers will be preserved in our North, which always has been his great love. I conclude by saying how gratifying it is to watch and now and then assist in a widely based and harmonious learning community, one our society can be grateful for and proud of too.

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.

Every year as I look back to write my annual report I try to find a theme that characterizes the year. And while we were technically out of our construction, I think this year focused on building our organization, and our own capacity.

The flood that occurred in our facility at the end of 2024 did impact operations the first half of the year. We had to close to the public for just over a month in April – May 2025 for repairs, and the archival collection was not very accessible during that time. While this was a challenging time for our staff and volunteers, we are very happy that no archival records or specialized equipment were damaged. As part of the recovery, not only was the damage repaired and issue addressed, but we implemented new strategies to limit damage should a flood occur in the future, including flood sensors and humidity monitors to help ensure that any water will be detected sooner and damage can be limited.

Even with those challenges, however, our organization made exciting strides in 2025. We were especially thrilled to have our first exhibit, Meet the Trelles, in our own exhibit space featuring the records of Mae and R. Kay Trelle. We conducted a variety of events, and also maintained our website and social media.

We also took the time to invest behind the scenes in the infrastructure that will support our organization moving forward. This included developing a new strategic plan, completing a more thorough inventory and priority list of our unprocessed backlog, beginning a review of our policies and procedures, and even creating a new branch of our volunteer program that focuses on archival processing tasks. While not flashy to report on, these changes will help us move forward in a strategic and efficient way.



COLLECTIONS CARE

Accessions

The South Peace Regional Archives would not exist without thoughtful archival donations from members of our community. In 2025 we received a total of 33 records donations. These included a variety of organizational, school, and personal records. We also received a transfer of municipal records from the Town of Sexsmith. Our largest donation this year came from the Estate of David Leonard, which included his personal archives, as well as his research collection and reference library, totalling more than 100 boxes of material.

Processing

One of our current priorities has been addressing our processing backlog that had built up partially due to space constraints in our previous location. To accomplish this, we first had to ensure we had a clear picture of all material in unprocessed storage. To accomplish this we completed a full inventory of those records, and also a condition check to ensure the material was currently still stable and rehousing where necessary. From there we developed a processing priority list.

Staff completed processing on 14 accessions in 2025, including more than 389 cm of textual records, 5991 photographs, 1662 slides, 5458 negatives, 220 biological specimens, 106 architectural drawings, 80 technical drawings, and 10 sound recordings. Staff have also started processing work on the Paul Pivert fonds, which continues into 2026. This is a massive collection which includes more than 50 film reels, 140 optical discs, and we are currently estimating more than 20,000 photographs and negatives.

Database Conversion

In fall 2021, the Archives began working to convert 37,187 descriptions from 646 fonds that make up our archival database over from a Microsoft Access database 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 about 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 2025 we had fully converted 550 of 646 fonds, or 85%.

In addition staff began uploading digitized photographs into the database. This will allow us to search for and see digitized items directly in the database, making them more accessible. By the end of 2025 we had uploaded more than 11,750 digital items to AtoM. We are still on track to complete this project by the end of 2026.

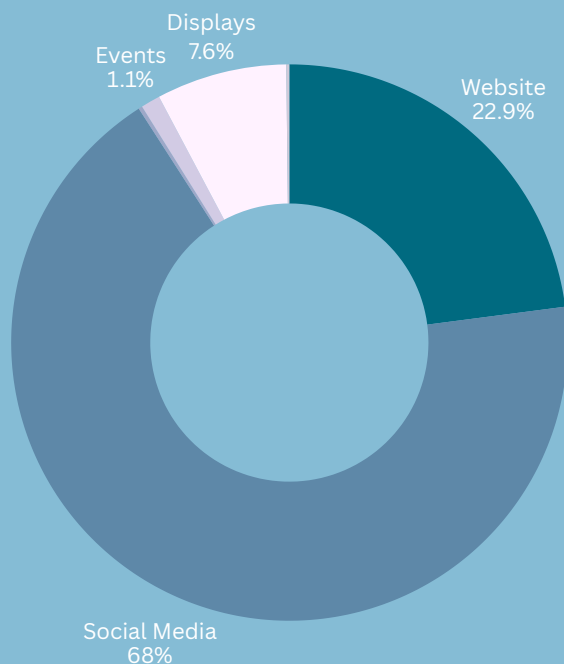


ACCESS AND AWARENESS

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 2025 our website was viewed 61,959 times, from more than 16,300 individual users. While most of the views were local, some ranged the globe with the website being viewed from 116 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 2025 from them, but in previous years our records reached approximately 30,000 people, and we anticipate similar usage this year.

Social Media

This year, we focused on two regular social media campaigns, as well as montly blog posts, and one off posts as needed. We maintained our regular #ThrowbackThursday series, which highlights one historical image every week from the archival collection.

We also had a new weekly campaign, #ProfessionalsofthePast, that has proven very popular. It features professionals, or peoples whose skill could have been considered professional, throughout history.

Across all of our platforms, our social media did increase. This was partially due to increasing the amount we posted, but was also boosted by certain posts going "viral."

For example, one Facebook post from November 6, 2025 showcasing Grande Prairie in 1927 had a reach of 32.9K, which is almost the same reach as all of our Facebook posts combined from 2024. In total our Facebook reach grew by 224% and our Instagram reach grew by 112%

Channels at a Glance

Website: Reach 61,959

Alberta on Record: Reach 30,000

Facebook: Reach 181,166

Instagram: Reach 2359

Telling Our Stories

The Archives' quarterly magazine continues to serve as a valuable outreach resource for members and the community at large. In 2025, Telling Our Stories covered the topics of Toys and Games (March), Environment (June), Performing Arts (September), and Law (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 the history of the Royal Purple. These were seen by the museum's 20,084 visitors in 2025.

We also opened our first in house display, "Meet the Trelles" which opened in June of 2025. It included 8 exhibit panels and 3 cases. The exhibit here was viewed by more than 400 people this year.

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 the public for just over one month due to flood repairs in April - May 2025.

Even with these limitations to access, we still had a number of people accessing our services. In total we provided assistance to 182 remote and in person researchers, and had an additional 292 visitors to the facility.

Programs and Events

In 2025 the Archives was once again kept busy with events and programming. Staff conducted several presentations on archives and local history throughout the community including through the Brains and Brews speaker series. We also conducted 5 different tours of the Archive for different community groups.

We presented two Cemetery Tours this year “Immigrant Stories” and “Crime and Punishment.” We had a total of 45 participants across 4 tours in summer 2025.

Once again we partnered with a variety of community groups to put on events. We worked with the Peace Country Historical Society to take part in the 2025 Heritage Fair which had approximately 70 students taking part, sharing history projects they had completed. We also took part in the Family History Fair which was organized by the Grande Prairie and District Genealogical Society, where we shared general information and presented a workshop on tips and tricks for conducting archival research. We also participated in the City of Grande Prairie’s Heritage Day event as well as the Fresh Air Market at Historic Dunvegan in August. Of the estimated 2600 participants present, Archival staff and volunteers spoke directly to an estimated 500 people.

Once again, Bear Creek Funeral Home generously hosted “Grande Prairie Ghost Stories” for two sold out nights with 160 participants. Featuring local historic and ghost stories, themed foods, and costumes the event was once again very popular. This year we added several raffles to the fundraising efforts, and raised a total of \$5000 for the Archives.

Events at a Glance

Ghost Stories: 180

Heritage Day: 2000

Family Heritage Fair: 50

Cemetery Tours: 45

Heritage Fair: 70

Other: 688

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Eleanor Dalen

A Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Statement, and a comparative Budget for the fiscal year Jan to Dec, 2025 are attached. The following is a compressed version of these documents:

Balance Sheet

As at December 31, 2025 we had:

Assets:

\$36,934.88	in the operating - Chequing account
\$76,812.75	in the Contingency Fund
\$5000.00	in the Building Fund - Chequing account
\$0.04	in the Building Fund - Savings account
\$7,708.78	in Accounts Receivable
\$5,802.22	in Prepaid Expenses
\$440,363.56	in Fixed Assets (equipment and leasehold improvements)
\$573,822.23	TOTAL ASSETS

Liabilities & Equity:

\$674.89	Accounts Payable
\$636.69	Credit Cards
\$310,099.31	Deferred Contribution - Bldg Fund
\$9646.65	Deferred Revenue
\$252,764.69	Total Equity
\$573,822.23	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, 2025.

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

Deferred Revenue includes unrestricted revenue that has been deferred for future use.

Profit and Loss Statement

The section of "Ordinary Income/Expense" includes our regular operating expenses. "Other Income/ Expense" includes amoritization of our Centre 2000 capital assets, and revenue pulled to match it.

2025 Financial Statements

Auditors Report



Notice to the Reader

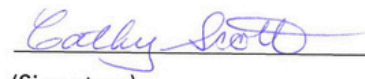
We, Irene Gitzel and Cathy Scott, being members in good standing, have reviewed the Balance Sheet and Income Statement of the South Peace Regional Archives Society as at December 31, 2025. This information has not been audited. We believe these statements to be free of material misstatement and present 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, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

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South Peace Regional Archives

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2025

	Dec 31, 25
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
1000 · ATB Chequing	36,934.88
1102 · Contingency Fund	76,812.75
1110 · Building Fund Chequing	5,000.00
1120 · Building Fund Savings	0.04
Total Chequing/Savings	118,747.67
Accounts Receivable	
1200 · Accounts Receivable	7,708.78
Total Accounts Receivable	7,708.78
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	5,802.22
Total Other Current Assets	7,002.22
Total Current Assets	133,458.67
Fixed Assets	
1500 · Computer Equipment	
1510 · Computer Equip-Orig Cost	30,793.59
1511 · Computer Equip. - Bldg Fund	68,694.38
1520 · Computer Equip-Amort	-28,353.55
1521 · Comp. Equip. Bldg F - Accum. Am	-46,282.83
Total 1500 · Computer Equipment	24,851.59
1550 · Equipment	
1560 · Equipment - Orig Cost	58,979.10
1561 · Equipment - Bldg Fund	212,294.11
1570 · Equipment - Amort	-46,055.86
1571 · Equip. Bldg F - Accum Amort	-55,302.35
Total 1550 · Equipment	169,915.00
1580 · Leasehold Improvements	
1585 · Leasehold Improv. - Bldg Fund	279,174.56
1586 · Leaseh, Imp. Bldg F - Accum Am	-33,577.59
Total 1580 · Leasehold Improvements	245,596.97
Total Fixed Assets	440,363.56
TOTAL ASSETS	573,822.23
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 · Accounts Payable	674.89
Total Accounts Payable	674.89
Credit Cards	
2075 · Mastercard ATB	636.69
Total Credit Cards	636.69
Total Current Liabilities	1,311.58

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Accrual Basis

South Peace Regional Archives

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2025

	Dec 31, 25
Long Term Liabilities	
2101 · Deferred Contribution - Bldg FD	310,099.31
2600 · Deferred Revenue	9,646.65
Total Long Term Liabilities	319,745.96
Total Liabilities	321,057.54
Equity	
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	6,559.20
3900 · Retained Earnings	246,209.87
Net Income	-4.38
Total Equity	252,764.69
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	573,822.23

South Peace Regional Archives

Profit & Loss

January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Operating Grants	
4010 · City of Grande Prairie	82,819.00
4020 · County of Grande Prairie	79,900.00
4030 · Municipal District of Greenview	75,174.00
4040 · M.D. Spirit River 133	9,100.00
4050 · Saddle Hills County	20,000.00
4000 · Operating Grants - Other	420.00
Total 4000 · Operating Grants	267,413.00
4100 · Project Grants	
4160 · Peace Country Land Database	3,188.93
Total 4100 · Project Grants	3,188.93
4200 · Sales and Service	
4210 · Book Sales	29.38
4220 · Fees for Service	
4223 · Research Fees	22.00
Total 4220 · Fees for Service	22.00
4230 · Misc Sales	1,437.12
4240 · Photograph Sales	431.19
Total 4200 · Sales and Service	1,919.69
4300 · .Donations	
4310 · Donation - Tax Receipt	9,707.00
4315 · Lifetime Members, Tax Receipted	476.19
4320 · Donation - Non Tax Receipt	5,112.25
Total 4300 · .Donations	15,295.44
4321 · Donation - Gift in Kind	26,318.50
4400 · Interest	756.48
4500 · SPRA Society Membership	1,252.43
4600 · Raffle Income	1,222.50
Total Income	317,366.97
Expense	
6005 · .Advertising	
6010 · Advertising	490.21
6015 · Awareness	821.20
Total 6005 · .Advertising	1,311.41
6011 · Donation Expense	26,318.50
6020 · Amortization Expense	4,812.83
6030 · Bank Service Charges & Interest	102.89
6040 · Square Fees	91.52
6200 · Conservation Expense	2,240.59
6300 · Facility Fees	
6310 · Utilities, Maintenance, etc.	4,858.55
6320 · Facility Insurance	4,743.41
6345 · Rent & CAC Costs	66,830.76
Total 6300 · Facility Fees	76,432.72
6375 · Newsletter	1,330.74
6400 · Office Expenses	
6410 · Office Equipment	284.83
6420 · Office Equip Repairs/Maintenanc	268.40
6430 · Office Supplies	3,321.56

South Peace Regional Archives

Profit & Loss

January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25
6450 · Telephone & Internet	605.39
Total 6400 · .Office Expenses	4,480.18
6500 · Professional Dev.	
6520 · Mileage and Travel	1,112.55
6530 · Memberships & Subscriptions	983.00
6500 · Professional Dev. - Other	172.25
Total 6500 · Professional Dev.	2,267.80
6600 · Professional Fees	
6610 · Accounting	6,255.08
6620 · Computer Services	2,300.72
6600 · Professional Fees - Other	2,000.00
Total 6600 · Professional Fees	10,555.80
6700 · Project/Event Expense	
6705 · Misc Events/Projects	1,246.35
6770 · SPRA Society Expenses	483.48
6700 · Project/Event Expense - Other	110.66
Total 6700 · Project/Event Expense	1,840.49
6800 · Volunteer Expense	115.44
6850 · Staff Expense	259.25
6900 · Wage & Benefits	
6910 · Wages & Salaries	166,257.05
6930 · CPP Expense	9,171.37
6940 · EI Expense	3,837.45
6950 · WCB Expense	1,043.33
6960 · Vacation Pay Expense	1,010.08
6970 · Benefits	3,038.14
Total 6900 · Wage & Benefits	184,357.42
8100 · AGLC Allowable Expenses	58.38
Total Expense	316,575.96
Net Ordinary Income	791.01
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
7101 · Capital Contributions Revenue	83,977.41
7200 · Building Fund Interest Income	151.85
Total Other Income	84,129.26
Other Expense	
8000 · .Building Fund Expenses	
8030 · Amortization on def. capital	83,383.68
8050 · Bldg Fund - Construction	158.87
8055 · Bldg Fund - Equipment	575.00
8065 · Bldg Fund - Moving Expenses	292.02
8070 · Bldg Fund - Professional Fees	294.69
Total 8000 · .Building Fund Expenses	84,704.26
8700 · Gain or Loss on Sale of Asset	220.39
Total Other Expense	84,924.65
Net Other Income	-795.39
Net Income	-4.38

South Peace Regional Archives

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25	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	79,900.00	86,914.00	91.93%
4030 · Municipal District of Greenview	75,174.00	75,174.00	100.0%
4040 · M.D. Spirit River 133	9,100.00	12,361.00	73.62%
4050 · Saddle Hills County	20,000.00	10,000.00	200.0%
4000 · Operating Grants - Other	420.00		
Total 4000 · Operating Grants	267,413.00	267,268.00	100.05%
4100 · Project Grants			
4160 · Peace Country Land Database	3,188.93		
Total 4100 · Project Grants	3,188.93		
4200 · Sales and Service			
4210 · Book Sales	29.38	850.00	3.46%
4220 · Fees for Service			
4223 · Research Fees	22.00		
4220 · Fees for Service - Other	0.00	200.00	0.0%
Total 4220 · Fees for Service	22.00	200.00	11.0%
4230 · Misc Sales	1,437.12	250.00	574.85%
4240 · Photograph Sales	431.19	600.00	71.87%
Total 4200 · Sales and Service	1,919.69	1,900.00	101.04%
4300 · .Donations			
4310 · Donation - Tax Receipt	9,707.00	2,100.00	462.24%
4315 · Lifetime Members, Tax Receipted	476.19		
4320 · Donation - Non Tax Receipt	5,112.25	400.00	1,278.06%
Total 4300 · .Donations	15,295.44	2,500.00	611.82%
4321 · Donation - Gift in Kind	26,318.50		
4400 · Interest	756.48	600.00	126.08%
4500 · SPRA Society Membership	1,252.43	2,100.00	59.64%
4600 · Raffle income	1,222.50		
Total Income	317,366.97	274,368.00	115.67%
Expense			
6000 · Acquisition Expense	0.00	525.00	0.0%
6005 · .Advertising			
6010 · Advertising	490.21		
6015 · Awareness	821.20	1,100.00	74.66%
6005 · .Advertising - Other	0.00	525.00	0.0%
Total 6005 · .Advertising	1,311.41	1,625.00	80.7%
6011 · Donation Expense	26,318.50		
6020 · Amortization Expense	4,812.83		
6030 · Bank Service Charges & Interest	102.89	180.00	57.16%
6040 · Square Fees	91.52	175.00	52.3%
6200 · Conservation Expense	2,240.59	2,100.00	106.7%

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

January through December 2025

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6300 · Facility Fees			
6310 · Utilities, Maintenance, etc.	4,858.55		
6320 · Facility Insurance	4,743.41	4,100.00	115.69%
6345 · Rent & CAC Costs	66,830.76	69,333.00	96.39%
Total 6300 · Facility Fees	76,432.72	73,433.00	104.09%
6375 · Newsletter	1,330.74	1,500.00	88.72%
6400 · Office Expenses			
6410 · Office Equipment	284.83	2,600.00	10.96%
6420 · Office Equip Repairs/Maintenanc	268.40	450.00	59.64%
6430 · Office Supplies	3,321.56	3,800.00	87.41%
6440 · Photocopier Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.0%
6450 · Telephone & Internet	605.39	1,750.00	34.59%
Total 6400 · Office Expenses	4,480.18	8,600.00	52.1%
6500 · Professional Dev.			
6510 · Workshop Registrations	0.00	2,000.00	0.0%
6520 · Mileage and Travel	1,112.55	3,000.00	37.09%
6530 · Memberships & Subscriptions	983.00	750.00	131.07%
6500 · Professional Dev. - Other	172.25		
Total 6500 · Professional Dev.	2,267.80	5,750.00	39.44%
6600 · Professional Fees			
6610 · Accounting	6,255.08	5,100.00	122.65%
6620 · Computer Services	2,300.72	2,200.00	104.58%
6635 · Legal Fees	0.00	500.00	0.0%
6600 · Professional Fees - Other	2,000.00		
Total 6600 · Professional Fees	10,555.80	7,800.00	135.33%
6700 · Project/Event Expense			
6705 · Misc Events/Projects	1,246.35	500.00	249.27%
6710 · Annual Events			
6713 · Indigenous History Committee	0.00	1,100.00	0.0%
6710 · Annual Events - Other	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 6710 · Annual Events	0.00	1,100.00	0.0%
6720 · Projects w/o Grants	0.00	500.00	0.0%
6770 · SPRA Society Expenses	483.48	500.00	96.7%
6700 · Project/Event Expense - Other	110.66		
Total 6700 · Project/Event Expense	1,840.49	2,600.00	70.79%
6800 · Volunteer Expense	115.44	270.00	42.76%
6850 · Staff Expense	259.25	270.00	96.02%
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6910 · Wages & Salaries	166,257.05		
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6900 · Wage & Benefits - Other	0.00	169,540.00	0.0%
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8100 · AGLC Allowable Expenses	58.38		
Total Expense	316,575.96	274,368.00	115.38%
Net Ordinary Income	791.01	0.00	100.0%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
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8065 · Bldg Fund - Moving Expenses	292.02		
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8700 · Gain or Loss on Sale of Asset	220.39		
Total Other Expense	84,924.65		
Net Other Income	-795.39		
Net Income	-4.38	0.00	100.0%

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 2025, 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 2025, we received support from the Northwestern Alberta Foundation, Edmonton Community Foundation, and the Grande Prairie & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society. We are grateful for all of their 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 2025, they contributed more than 615 hours of service, including: generating content for the Archives' magazine and social media; completing transcriptions of archival records; monitoring the public reading room and taking part in public events; completing processing tasks on archival records; 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.

Ron Thoreson

This year one of our recipients of the Beth Sheehan Award is Ron Thoreson. Ron has been a long time advocate of heritage in the South Peace. He has served as both the President of the Peace Country Historical Society and as a board member of the Historical Society of Alberta. He is also an active member of the genealogical society. In all of his roles, Ron has been a strong advocate for the Archives, and even helped to facilitate the donation of the photograph featured in his award. One of his personal projects is in the preservation of local cemeteries. He has been working for some time to clean up different cemeteries, and to level headstones. He even purchased his own machinery to assist in this task, which has been used to level headstones in a number of local cemeteries. For all of his work to preserve and share the history of the South Peace Region, we would like to present him with the 2026 Beth Sheehan Award.

Wanda Zenner

The other recipient of the Beth Sheehan Award is Wanda Zenner. Wanda has been a passionate advocate of heritage in the Bezanson area for many years. As the president of the Glen Leslie Church Preservation Group, she was instrumental in the preservation of the Glen Leslie Church, and its designation as a Provincial Historic Resource in 2011. Another focus of Wanda's has been recognizing veterans from the Bezanson Legion. Her work researching and writing biographies for both the Legion and for our own Soldier's Memorial have helped to remember these brave service men and women. Her work has also helped to support other veteran focused programs we have, such as Cemetery Tours and various articles and blog posts. She continues to work with numerous heritage organizations in our region to share local history, including the Peace Country Historical Society and Generations Readers Theatre. For this breadth of work, we would like to present her with the 2026 Beth Sheehan Award.

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