

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
FEBRUARY 9, 2021
4:30 P.M.
AGENDA**

1. Agenda Additions/Deletions
2. Agenda Approval
3. Stettler History Book Funding Request 2
4. COVID-19 Relief Verbal
5. Additions
6. Adjournment

January 29, 2021

Town of Stettler
Stettler, AB
T0C 2L0

Dear Mayor Nolls and Councilors,

The Stettler History Book Committee grew out of the desire of many citizens to record the history of our town and area, and a group of dedicated volunteers undertook the task. Unlike over 200 other communities in the province, Stettler's history has never been recorded in a written format.

The P&H Elevator Preservation Society has facilitated the work of the history book committee by providing office space and other amenities. The History Book Committee is not a registered organization, but the P&H Elevator Preservation Society is registered. They are willing to continue to help, and they helped the committee with their heritage grant application. A bank account has been set up in the committee's name, and it will be used to receive and disburse any funds dedicated to the History Book project.

We are asking for submissions about families, businesses, clubs, sports, schools, churches, recreation activities, agriculture, all other industries, and more. It does not matter if you have been in the area for six months, six years, or 60 years – your history is important to us! We encourage people to submit their stories as soon as possible.

So far, we have gathered hundreds of pictures and we have compiled a 1000-line timeline of Stettler's history. We also have nearly 750 files containing photos and historical narratives for families, businesses, and other groups in Stettler. Some of these files contain information on multiple generations!

Due to the large amount of information we have gathered, the history book will be published in two volumes of about 700 pages each. The book will use size 8 ½" x 11" paper. We are planning to order 1200 sets to start, and we propose a selling price of \$135-\$145 per set. Our target publishing date is early 2022. The books will have several indexes, including a general index and a maiden names index.

We need funds for the ongoing digitization of the histories as we prepare for publication. To date, the expenses for the book have been covered by cash donations from the public and by committee members. It is estimated that the dedicated, hardworking volunteers have logged 10,000 hours on this project. Please refer to the budget for a summary of the anticipated expenses of the History Book project.

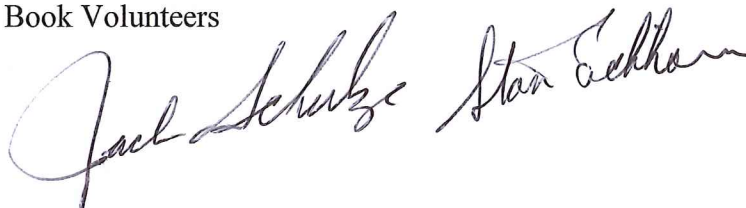
For the interim we are respectfully requesting a donation, or an interim loan to be repaid with book sales. Please accept this request and help us achieve the completion of Stettler's first history book!

Respectfully,

Stan Eichhorn (403-740-4799) and Jack Schulze (403-740-2748)

Stettler History Book Volunteers

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Handwritten signatures of Jack Schulze and Stan Eichhorn in black ink.