



Parkland News

August 2017

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President's Message

Hello Parkland.

How is your summer going so far? We have had a very active spring season this year in Parkland. In May, our Chapter hosted the annual National President's meeting which is held in a different part of the country each year. The meetings covered a lot of topics new and old and decisions were made. I will not elaborate on the content now as some issues are still being worked out but I will publish them to you as soon as things are finalized. I would especially like to thank Bob Broomhall for the great job he did with setting up the bus tour for the participants and his excellent narrative during it.

Our chapter also won the Camaraderie award which is presented annually to a chapter that works within their membership to promote chapter activities.

The spring BBQ followed a week later with a

good attendance as always. We did get some new faces out and the weather was fantastic. I apologize that we did not get a group picture this year as is traditional.

We also held a quarterly luncheon which was back at Beijing House. We were able to fill the room and enjoy good food and camaraderie. We managed to get some new people out to this event as well and I am very pleased that new members are taking advantage and attending.

Here is hoping you all have a wonderful summer and make sure as many of you as possible participate in the golf outings and the upcoming annual banquet in September.

Lloyd Rogowski
President Parkland Chapter



WE'RE ON-LINE:

Our website; www.heritageclub.ca has undergone a facelift. Log on and have a look

If a messy kitchen is a happy kitchen then
My kitchen is delirious!



Fall Banquet:

Parkland Chapter's Annual Fall Banquet is the next event on our schedule for this year. The banquet will be held once again at the Continental Inn West,

A registration form containing all the information regarding this very popular event is attached as a separate sheet.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy a very reasonably priced evening of great food, and entertainment with old friends and a chance to make some new ones.

If you would like to attend, but require a ride, please contact any of the executive (see back page), and we will ensure arrangements are made to get you there and back home.



Details:

Saturday September 23, 2017.
Cocktails at 5:30 PM
Dinner at 6:30 PM

Continental Inn
16625 Stony Plain Rd
Edmonton, Alberta,

October Luncheon & Annual General Meeting

Our next quarterly luncheon event will be a combined Luncheon and Annual General Meeting. The event will take place on:

Thursday October 12, 2017

11:30 AM

Beijing House Buffet
13619 St Albert Trail,
Edmonton, AB

Please note the new location!!

Come and enjoy a great lunch at a great price, and share some good times with old and new friends.

The Annual General Meeting will take place after the luncheon.

We know that AGM's are not always the most exciting, so we will try to keep it brief and keep it moving.

Don't want to get roped into something? Not to worry. We do open the floor for nomination of executive positions, but a nominating committee **ALWAYS** has one or more



confirmed candidates in advance of the meeting, so there is NEVER PRESSURE for nominated members to let their name stand.

This is a great chance to find out what the club has done throughout the year, to hear plans for the upcoming year, and to have a say in how your club operates.

Coffee Get Togethers:

Are you an early bird? Several Edmonton and area members get together for coffee.

North side - 8:00 AM the first every Tuesday of the month - Londonderry mall- just outside A&W

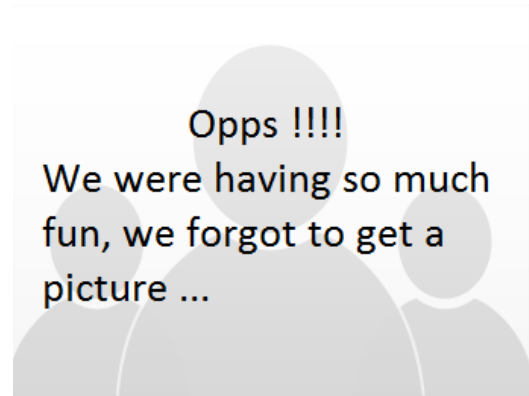
West end - 8:00 - every Wednesday - Mayfield A&W (Stony Plain Rd & 170 St.)

Spring BBQ:

Parkland Chapter's 2017 Spring BBQ was held at Devon Lions Park on June 8. The weather was beautiful, and we were able to all sit outside on a great blue-sky day.

After a long winter, it was great to have the opportunity to see a lot of old friends, and catch up on what people had been doing over the winter.

We use the Devon Lions Park, because it truly is a great location, and excellent facilities for hosting this event, but the executive worries that some of our members are reluctant to drive this far out of town. We would like to remind the membership that if you are unable to attend any of our events because of transportation issues, please get in touch with one of the executive and if we have enough



advance notice, we will make arrangements to get a ride for you to and from the event.

We also want to say a great big thank you to Rene Plouffe for all his hard work in organizing this event, and for once again obtaining a supply of absolutely great steaks.

Santa Letter Writing Program:



It's still summer, and who wants to be thinking of winter and Christmas, but planning is already underway for Parkland Chapter's support for the 2017 Santa Letter Writing Program. Starting in September we will be actively looking for volunteers to help man the Santa Letter Writing Booth at the Festival of

Trees in November (a great way to see the Festival of Trees for free), and of course in the preparation, and answering of children's letters to Santa Claus.

If you would like to help with either of these events, please give Bob Broomhall a call at 780-481-8627.

My wife and I had words,
but I didn't get to use mine.

Golf Group:



The Parkland Heritage Club Golf Group continues to meet monthly during the golf season. We organize one golf outing per month for interested members. We attempt to go to a different course each month.

Not a serious golfer. Do you only play once or twice a year? Then you'll fit right in with this group. We are here for fun and camaraderie.

To date, we have had outings in May, June and July and we are planning outings in August, September and October. Call Bob Broomhall 481-8627 for more details.

New Members:

The Parkland Chapter of the Canada Post Heritage Club is pleased to welcome the following new members to the Parkland Chapter:

Alfred Chen - Edmonton
Jeffrey Dee - Edmonton
Judy Hostyn - Edmonton
Alexandra Lemmetti - Wainwright

Jean Lemmetti - Wainwright
Esther Lyttle - Edmonton
Eleanor Marks - Edmonton

Obituaries:

It is always with a heavy heart that we hear of the passing of one of our members. We have been made aware that the following members have recently passed away:

Anthony Franke - Edmonton

Steve Diachok - Edmonton

If you are aware of a member's passing, can you please contact one of the executive, and let us know the name, date, and any information that you may be aware of, as to their career with Canada Post.

Cell phone lifeline: 'ICE'

More than 75% of people carry no details of who they would like contacted in an emergency. We all carry our cell phones with names and numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends. It takes an average of almost 6 hours for family members to be contacted in an emergency. That is a long time to wait for news of a loved one who may be seriously injured or unable to communicate with emergency or medical personnel.

In Case of Emergency (I.C.E.) was an idea

originally conceived by a paramedic in Britain in 2005. He found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, patients often had a cell phone, but they did not know which numbers to call. He thought it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency, 911 emergency service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as "ICE". (In Case of Emergency). This contact would be the name and telephone number of the person they would like contacted in the event an emergency.

In 2004 Canadian golfer Robb James set a Guinness World Record by playing 851 holes at Edmonton's Victoria Golf Course in 24 hours, and managed 45 birdies and 430 pars

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES 2017

HERITAGE CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



September 25, 2017 -12-day Pacific Coast and Mexico cruise. Depart from Vancouver to San Diego on the Oosterdam. Visit Victoria, Astoria, San Diego, Cabo San Luca, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta and then fly or train home from San Diego. Inside cabins from \$1104.00 CAD plus taxes \$273.00 pp and Window cabins from \$1169.00 plus taxes CAD pp.

October 1, 2017 -16-day Hawaiian cruise, Vancouver to Vancouver, on the Eurodam. Visiting Honolulu(overnight), Hilo, Lahaina, Kauai Inside cabins from \$2339.00 plus taxes \$243.00 CAD pp and \$2838.00 plus taxes CAD pp.

November 4, 2017 – 7-day Mexican Riviera Cruise, on the Carnival Miracle. Los Angeles return, visiting Cabo San Lucas (2 days), Puerto Vallarta and 3 fun-at-sea days. Inside cabins \$789.00 plus \$140.00 taxes Cad pp. Ocean view \$857.00 plus taxes, Balcony \$910.00 plus taxes pp.

February 4, 2018 – 21-day Caribbean Cruise, on the Rotterdam, Tampa return, visiting Key West, Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Maya Mexico, Puerto Rico St. Thomas, Antigua, Saint Lucia, Curacao, Aruba, Cayman Islands. Inside cabins from \$2352.00 plus taxes \$408.00CAD pp and windows from \$2573.00 plus taxes CAD pp.

April 18, 2018 – 19-day Panama Canal, repositioning cruise on the Eurodam. Fort Lauderdale to Vancouver. Visit Cartagena, Panama Canal, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Huatalco, Mexico, Puerto Chiapas, Manzanillo, Puerto Vallarta, San Francisco. Inside cabins starting \$2079.00 plus taxes\$656.00 CAD pp.

April 25, 2018 – 10-day Pacific Coastal cruise, Vancouver to Vancouver on the Star Princess. Visit Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Monterey, San Francisco (overnight). Inside cabins from \$1429.00 plus taxes \$241.00CAD pp and balconies from \$1559.00 plus taxes CAD pp.

May 6, 2018 -7-day Alaska cruise, Vancouver to Vancouver, on the Noordam, visiting Tracy Arm (or Endicott) Juneau(overnight) and Ketchikan. Inside cabins **Limited special** \$779.00 plus \$214.00 CAD taxes pp. Windows from \$909.00 CAD pp and balconies from \$1299.00 CAD pp. These rates will go quickly.

REMINDER: Be sure you have out of country travel insurance for any trip you book and that it is active before any cancellation penalty fees are in effect for your trip. For those with MEDOC, ensure you have renewed your Heritage Club Membership for 2017 and paid your dues to be covered. Contact the Heritage Club office for info on MEDOC and for more information on any trips.

Call the Van Fraser Heritage Club office at 604-482-4311 or email: fwdanells@hotmail.com to reserve or for more information.

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do." - Mark Twain

Post Offices of Central and Northern Alberta.



Continuing with our series of historical looks at post offices in Central and Northern Alberta. Over the years more than two thirds of the original post offices in Alberta have closed. Many of them have very interesting histories. For this issue, we look at two closed post offices both with an interesting past.

Some of this history is taken from a book titled "Post Offices of Alberta 1876 - 1986", written by Neil Hughes of Edmonton. I have also used the Government of Canada Library and Archives, and in some cases municipal

websites and Wikipedia to verify and complete the information.

If you are aware of any errors or omissions in the histories presented here, please let us know. Also, if there is a post office you would like to see featured in these articles, please let us know. We can be contacted by email at parklandheritageclub@gmail.com, or by mail at Heritage Club, 12135 - 149 St. Edmonton AB. T5L5H2

Pakan

One of the oldest post offices in Alberta. The former town of Pakan was situated on the North Saskatchewan river, about 15 Km south of Smoky lake. It started life as the Victoria Settlement, one of the oldest settlements in Alberta. The Victoria Settlement brings to life three major themes in Alberta's history: missionary activity, the fur trade, and settlement. It tells the story of how the different people who made up the population were affected, and responded to the major changes that were occurring. The lives of many different people were woven together in the story of this place. Their stories of facing challenges and change were common for many across Alberta in our province's beginning. Rev. George McDougall first came to the banks of the North Saskatchewan almost a century and a half ago, and established Victoria Mission in 1862. The Hudson's Bay Company's post, Fort Victoria, was established two years later, and a small community began.

In 1887 the small community began being

1887- 1960

served by a post office. The post office was named "Pakan", to prevent confusion with Victoria, British Columbia. At the time both communities were known as "Victoria, North West Territories." The name Pakan, honored Cree Chief James Seenum, also known as Pakannuk, (Cree for hard nut). who remained loyal to the Crown during the Rebellion of 1885.

Several businesses were established in Pakan to meet the needs of the settlers, including a sawmill and general store. The community soon boasted three farm machinery shops, two stores, two blacksmith shops, a telephone office, hotel, and harness shop. Ambitious plans for the community were drawn up, with named streets and a substantial residential area.

It was the coming of the railway that sealed the fate of Pakan. When the Canadian Northern Railway was completed to Smoky Lake, 15 kilometers to the north in 1918, the settlement found itself isolated from the

mainstream of activity. The population began to decline and the mission closed in 1921. In 1922 the hospital was moved to Smoky Lake. The school was shut down in the late 1940s. The post office remained open until 1960, long after the decline of the community. The area's last major function ended when the ferry was replaced with a bridge in 1972.

Victoria Settlement today. The area is now the "Victoria Settlement Provincial Historic Site", and is well worth a visit. The third church, constructed in 1906, serves as

Waterhole

The former hamlet of Waterhole was approximately 6 km south of Fairview.

After Dunvegan was established as a fur trading post in 1805, a trail was developed between the new post and the forks of the Peace and Smoky River. From Dunvegan, travelers passed close to this area before swinging west on their way to the Peace River Crossing. Water and hay from the area made it a popular stopping place. In fact, the water at this location was one of the few places where potable water could be found between Peace River Crossing and Dunvegan when travelling the Dunvegan Trail. As a result, the area became known as Waterhole. A post office was opened in 1912, and by the early 1920's Waterhole was becoming the focal point for a wide range of commercial and social activity for a large number of people in the area between Peace River and Dunvegan. Sufficient numbers of settlers were now doing well enough to buy cars and modern farm machinery and supplies, and the town was becoming very well established.

In the time leading up to 1928, the residents of Waterhole fought hard to have the railroad move through their town on its way through the area. Despite the protests and the calls for the railroad to move through

an interpretive centre. Of Fort Victoria, only the Clerk's Quarters still exists. It is the oldest building on its original location in Alberta. Restored and furnished to the 1890's period, it stands as a reminder of the people and events that have made this site significant to the history of Alberta.

Today little else remains of the active community that flourished at the turn of the 20th century. Most of the areas where the mission, fort and town were located have largely reverted to bush or farmland.

1912- 1932

Waterhole, the Edmonton-Dunvegan and B.C. Railway chose to go four miles north of the hamlet, changing the dynamic of the area forever. No real reason was ever given but many suspected the depth of the coulees as one approached the Peace River from Waterhole were the reason. The depth of the coulees from Waterhole would have required larger bridges for railroad crossings to Waterhole, rather than to Fairview.

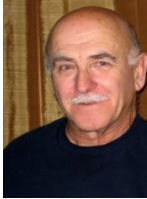
Construction on the railroad began in early 1928 and with good weather, everything was ready by the fall of that same year. On Nov. 2, the first train arrived in Fairview and the residents and business owners of Waterhole faced an important decision, stay with the hamlet, or move to the new town of Fairview to take advantage of the railway. Not surprisingly, many, if not most, chose to make the move from Waterhole to Fairview. For several weeks, in the fall of 1928 buildings made their way four miles from Waterhole to Fairview.

As time went on, Waterhole shrank in size and Fairview continued to grow. Today, the Waterhole cemetery, a picture display at the original location of Waterhole along the highway, and the remains of the old post office are the only evidence that this area existed.



The original Waterhole Post Office and Stopping Place was built in 1911 and was home to John and Jeannette Dawson. Located at the Waterhole Corner south of Fairview Alberta. A cover was built to preserve the original building in 1992. (Picture taken May 2005) - Fairview Alberta

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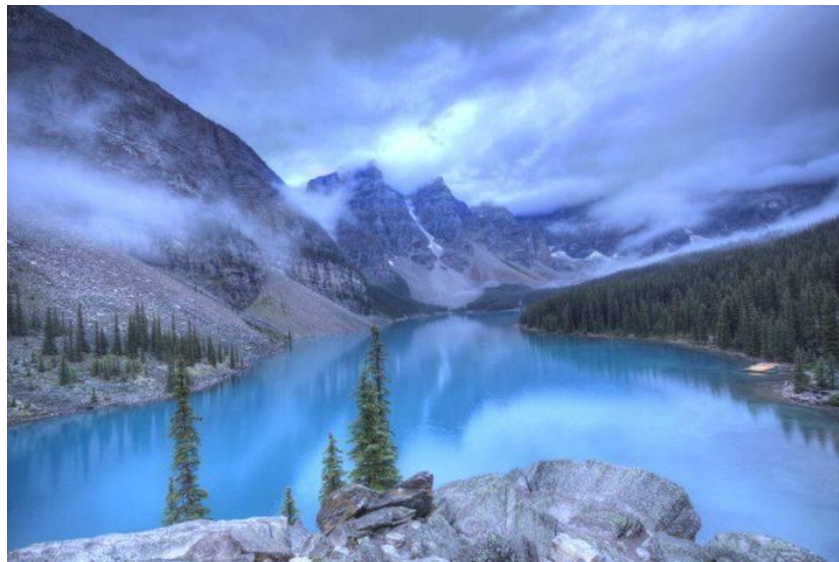
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Dawn at Moraine Lake in the valley of 10 Peaks in Alberta's Rocky Mountains