



Smoky Lake Region

**SURVEY & INVENTORY PROJECT
& HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Municipal Partners...

- Smoky Lake County
- Town of Smoky Lake
- Village of Waskatenau
- Village of Vilna
- Worked together successfully in numerous Boards, Commissions and projects over the years, including this heritage project.

Year Two Project Deliverables...

- **Surveys**

- 25 Town
- 25 Waskatenau
- 25 Vilna
- 175 County
 - 25 Hamlet Spedden
 - 25 Hamlet Bellis
 - 25 Hamlet Warspite
 - 100 Rural

250 TOTAL – SURVEYED OVER 2 YEARS

By March 31st, 2011

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Year Two Project Deliverables...

- **Inventories**

- 15 Town
- 10 Waskatenau
- 10 Vilna
- 45 County
 - 5 Hamlet Spedden
 - 5 Hamlet Bellis
 - 5 Hamlet Warspite
 - 30 Rural

80 TOTAL – INVENTORIED OVER 2 YEARS

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Project Ratios for first 2 years...

<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>SURVEY</u>	<u>INVENTORY</u>	<u>BLENDED %</u>
TOWN	25 (10%)	15 (18.8%)	14%
WASKATENAU	25 (10%)	10 (12.5%)	11%
VILNA	25 (10%)	10 (12.5%)	11%
COUNTY			
• Spedden	25 (10%)	05 (06.2%)	8%
• Bellis	25 (10%)	05 (06.2%)	8%
• Warspite	25 (10%)	05 (06.2%)	8%
• Rural	100(40%)	30 (37.6%)	40%
			64%
TOTAL SITES	250 surveys	80 inventories	
TOTAL COST	\$80,000	\$160,000	= \$ 240,000 OVER TWO YEARS
ANNUAL COST	\$40,000	\$ 80,000	= \$ 120,000 PER YEAR X 2 YEARS

Project Funding...

TOTAL PROJECT PER YEAR \$ 120,000.00

• **MHPP Funding (50%) - 60,000.00**

• **PARTNERS 60,000.00**

– Smoky Lake	14%	\$ 8,400.00
– Waskatenau	11%	\$ 6,600.00
– Vilna	11%	\$ 6,600.00
– County	64%	<u>\$ 38,400.00</u>

TOTAL PARTNER FUNDING \$ 60,000.00 each of 3 years

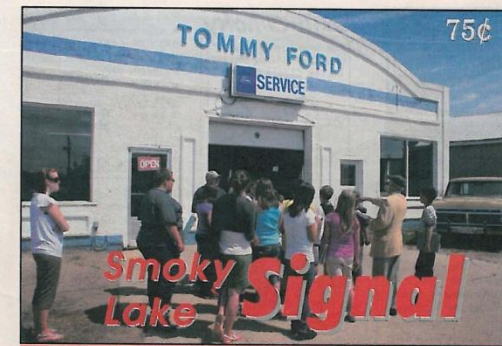
Benefits of Regional Focus...

- MHPP had opportunity to have 4 municipalities participate when otherwise would have been only 1 municipality (County)
- Partner municipalities had opportunity to participate in project, at minimal investment to reap future benefits in each of their communities
- Savings of potentially \$20,000 (province and collective partners) as individually, partners were eligible for up to \$70,000 annually

Year One and Two

- Community Consultation
 - Open Houses
 - Newspaper articles
 - Grade 6 Youth Workshop

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Grade 6 Students get Historical Perspective on Smoky Lake

The survey of heritage buildings currently going on in Smoky Lake County came to Miss Evans' Grade 6 class at H.A. Kostash School on Wednesday, June 23rd, and left with a new perspective.

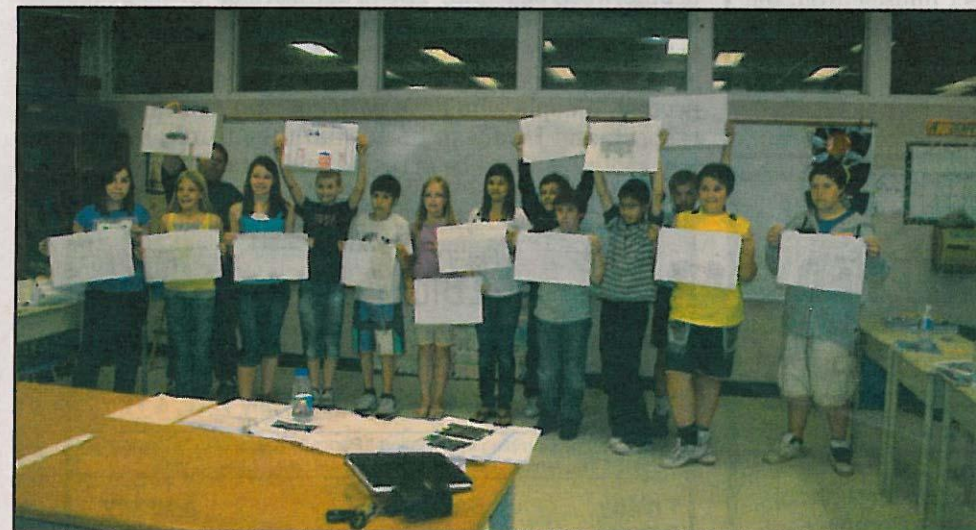
Merinda Conley and Robert Earley of Community Design Strategy Inc. along with local project researcher Brianna Nadin and Vancouver architect Stanley King, spent the afternoon with the class going over the features that make a building of historical interest. These points include differentiating the styles of construction, special distinguishing techniques such as use of locally made bricks or stained glass, and the historical use of the building.

After an hour of discus-

Students gather at the old Fire Hall

ture, such as the brickwork and wood lintels.

From there, the group walked along Wheatland into the downtown. Along the way, they checked out many of the buildings, comparing their current appearance to old photographs showing them shortly after construction.



Students gather to show off their drawings

Meronyk Ukrainian Homestead

14118 Township Road 594



Description of Heritage Place

The Meronyk Ukrainian Farm House is a 1 ½ storey rectangular house with horizontal log superstructure and a medium gable roof with gabled hip. It is located a few kilometers east of Smoky Lake in a field set back from Highway 28 in a cluster of farm outbuildings. It features cedar shake and plaster siding, wood shingles, original windows and doors and buttresses on exterior wall.

Heritage Value

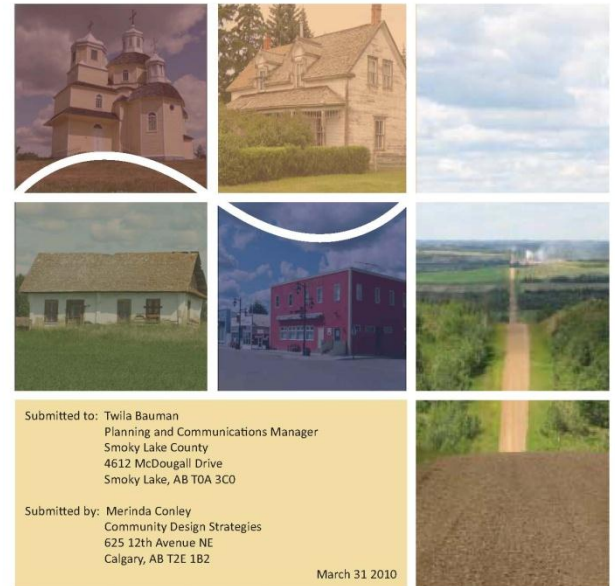
The heritage value of the Meronyk Ukrainian Farm House lies in its association with early Ukrainian settlement in the region.

In 1899 thirty families left their village in the province of Bukovina, Ukraine and came to the Smoky Lake district. The letters home encouraged others, such as the Nickolychuks, to make the trip and settle in the district. For many their first homes were built in the traditional Ukrainian style to which they were accustomed... a two-room building, plastered with mud and whitewashed inside and out.

The land was originally claimed by Petro Feschuk who came to Canada from Austria in 1902. Just after the Depression the land was purchased by George and Wasylena Nickolychuk. George came from Ukraine in 1904 settling in the Smoky Lake region where they had family and friends. George worked on farms in the area for three years. In 1921 he met and married Wasylena Danyluk of Shandro and moved to a homestead north of Smoky Lake. They would later move to Saskatchewan to farm but returned to the Smoky Lake after the Depression. They purchased the above quarter section, but when Wasylena died within the year George moved to Smoky Lake and rented out the land. The couple had three daughters, Helen, Mary and Sadie. In 1944 Mary married Nicholas Meronyk and they took over his parents' (John and Annie Meronyk) farm five and a half miles south of Smoky Lake. In 1968 Nicholas, Mary and their only child Linda sold this farm and moved their equipment and some buildings to Mary's father's farm. Nicholas, Mary and Linda moved to Edmonton in 1969, and Linda now owns the farm with George Meronyk.



Smoky Lake Region Survey of Historic Places Year One



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Completed by March 31,
2011 and submitted to
Councils & MHPP

Year Three Project...

- Local support and desire to:
 - Survey 50 additional sites
 - Inventory 5 additional sites
 - Complete a **Heritage Management Plan** for the Region:
 - **Heritage Strategic Plan** that will set out broad goals and priorities for heritage conservation over 5 – 10 years

and

Year Three Project...

- **Action Plan** that will describe relatively short-term actions and work programs designed to achieve the heritage program objectives, including but not limited to:
 - Assess current situation and on-going evaluation of such;
 - Building awareness and support;
 - Establishing framework for protecting heritage resources;
 - Defining governance structure;
 - Evaluate conservation incentives; and
 - Establishing range of conservation strategies or interventions meant to extend physical life of historic places;

Heritage Management Plan...

- By project completion, a written plan will be adopted that will assist the four municipalities to protect and conserve locally significant historic places, through consideration of:
 - Achievability
 - Flexibility
 - Responsiveness
 - Accountability
 - Usability

Progress Highlights...

- On-site work has been completed for 50 surveys (300 in total)
- Research completed for all 300 sites
- Reviewing & editing Statements of Significances for 5 inventories (85 in total)
- Consolidation of Year Three Survey & Inventory Final Reports for adoption & submission

Progress Highlights...

- Heritage Management Plan has begun – extensive public and board consultation planned for completion by year end
- Community Design Strategies Inc. is:
 - on target to completed by March 31, 2012
 - on budget

Challenges...

- Working with four Councils
- Political / CAO change-over unexpected
- County-wide scope was a huge undertaking

Success...?

- ABSOLUTELY
- County has already designated 4 buildings as Municipal Historic Resources
 - All 4 owners have submitted applications for provincial funding
- Heritage Board has another 5 buildings recommended for municipal designation
- SUBSTANTIAALLY increased awareness & appreciation

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