

# Yellowhead County Municipal Heritage Program



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- A huge County located west of Edmonton between the Pembina River at Evansburg and the Jasper Park Gates
- Over 22,000 sq km
- Just over 10,000 people
- 8 hamlets
- Diverse landscape
- Resource and agriculture base



# How we got here!

- County hired a summer staff person to document some historical sites – an indication of interest in heritage in general – 8 years ago
- No ongoing staff commitment



- About 5 years ago a resident designation for his home – this started our connection with MHPP as we needed to learn the process!
- The designation process did not proceed but.....
- There was a Council champion and heritage kept moving up on the strategic planning each year





- In 2009 an initial strategy developed for Arts and Culture
- In 2010 Council approved moving forward to see what interest there was in the community and:
  - A budget was established for a temporary employee
  - A community consultation was set in motion

# What we found in the community:

- Lots of excitement about the possibilities
- Sense of loss about what is gone
- Wonderful stories
- A sense of pride of history of place and the value of it
- Lists of places that exist that are seen as valuable to retain

# What we have:

- Museums
  - Evansburg – Tipple Park Museum





# What we have:

- Museums
  - Niton – Old Niton Schoolhouse (this is also a heritage building - 1928)





# What we have:

- Museums
  - Peers – YoHo Museum 1917 Cabin



# What we have:

- Commitment to Heritage Preservation - Groups
  - Pembina Lobstick Historical Society
  - Chip Lake Historical Society
  - Niton & District Memorial & Historical Society
  - Beaver Meadow Agricultural Society
  - Friends of the YoHo Museum & Historical Society
  - Edson Historical Society
  - Hinton Historical Tracks & Trails



# What has been lost (some examples):

- Brule mine buildings
- Grain elevators
- Old schools





- Wildwood Fellowship Church - 1929



2003



2010



# What was identified as historic places of interest – eg's

- Schools
- Churches
- Public (Municipal/Provincial Government)
- Commercial
- Residential
- Barns/Homesteads/Outbuildings

# Schools

- Bryan – 1952
- Brule – 1940
- Drostan – 1951?
- Niton – 1927
- Donahoo – 1935
- Foley Timber-1937
- Carrot Creek -





# Churches

- All Saints Anglican  
Hattonford - 1926



- United – Peers -  
1930

# Churches

- Russian Orthodox Granada -1927





# Churches

- St. Alphonsus  
Roman Catholic  
Wildwood  
1930
- St. George's  
Russian Orthodox  
1940



# Public

- Wildwood & Evansburg Water Towers 1940's





# Public

- Cold Creek Ranger Station  
1940's



# Public

- Evansburg RCMP Station (1959)



- CN Tunnel Built in 1912



# Commercial

- Cadomin Store
- Carrot Creek Store



# Commercial

- Cadomin Restaurant  
- 1940's
- Miller's Store  
(1920's in old Niton)
- Robb Store -  
1950, moved from  
Mercoal 1959





# Commercial

- Peers Hotel (1920's – log)
- Bryan Hotel (1950's)
- Wildwood Hotel (1955)



# Commercial

- Family Clothing (1940's)
- Unique Repeats (1940 Pool Hall)
- Pauline's (1940's)





# Commercial

- Marlboro  
Cement  
Stack  
- 1913





# Residential



## Robb

- Home was an Anglican Church in Mountain Park
- Cabin - 1947
- House – 1945



# Residential

Cadomin – a  
treasure trove  
in the  
mountains



# Residential



Brule – homes reflecting both mining and outfitting



# Residential

## Edson Rural

- Hoke House



- Stevens House



# Residential



## Peers Area

- Old Nurses House – 1920's
- Rural house -1933



# Residential

- Old Niton Houses – 1928 and 1940



- Mackay - 1944



# Residential



Wildwood  
• 1933 Village House



• 1940's farm house



# Residential

## Evansburg



1940



1955

# Residential



Evansburg  
•1917 Police  
Barracks  
•1910 Mine  
Office

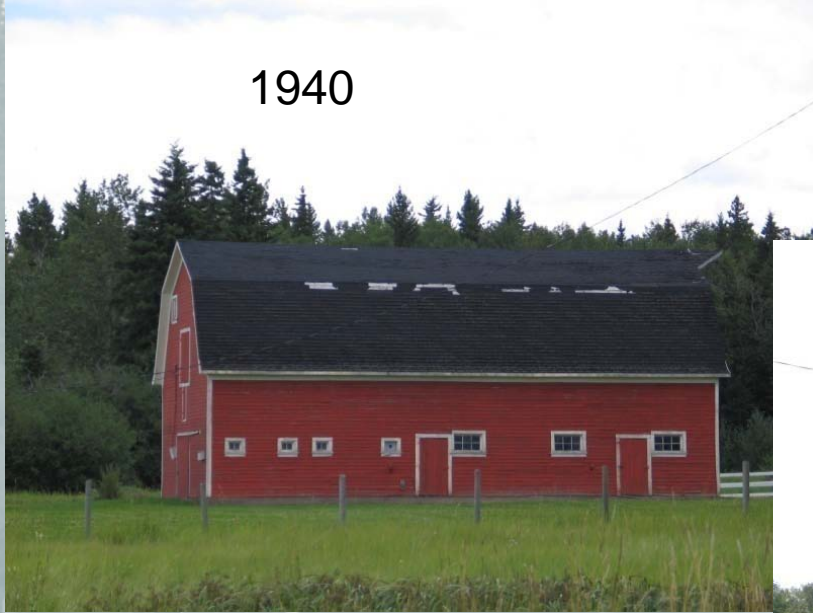
(Both now homes)





# Barns, Homesteads, Outbuildings

1940



1946



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1928



1940



1947





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- Stone garage in Marlboro – 1920's



Farm House – 1933 – a  
chicken coop today!

# As a result of the consultation

Council approved (in Sept 2010):

- The formation of a Heritage Advisory Board – Bylaw and Terms of Reference passed
- Proceeding with a formal Municipal Heritage Survey of sites built in 1960 and prior
- Hiring a part-time Heritage Coordinator





# Where we are at now

- The Heritage Advisory Board is a 5 member board – 4 members-at-large and one Councillor
- The Heritage Coordinator is Cheryl May
- A Historical Programs and Facilities Grant Policy has been passed and funding provided to groups
- A 300 site Heritage Survey has been completed by Donald Luxton & Assoc. – awaiting final report

“Throughout the communities that are strung along the railways, there is a common sense of the importance of Yellowhead's heritage, reflected in the many community history projects, small museums and archives that have preserved the local history of the area.”

Donald Luxton & Assoc.

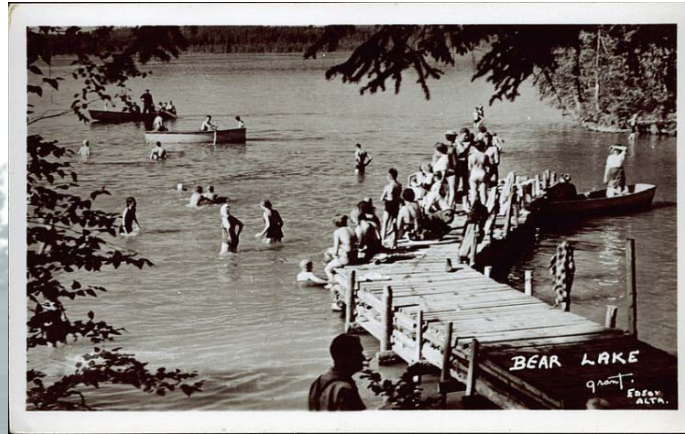


# Next steps

Council has just approved the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of a MHPP Inventory Project.



# Some thanks!



- Historic Resources Management Branch staff
- Historical Resources Foundation
- Other municipalities
- Municipal Heritage Forum
- HAB and Coordinator