

Vision & Mission



VISION

Our region, the tri-communities, celebrates our agricultural heritage and our rural values. The arts, culture, sound agricultural practices and strong economic opportunities play pivotal roles in building our future.

The Heritage Agricultural Society is the recognized leader in the tri-communities region in recording, preserving and celebrating the agricultural heritage and rural values of our region. We engage our residents and visitors in the arts, culture and sound agricultural practices. We are recognized for the excellence of our programs and services.

MISSION

The Heritage Agricultural Society will engage local residents, businesses, governments, community organizations and visitors as we record, promote and celebrate the agricultural heritage, cultural roots and historic values of the tri-communities. We will develop and deliver creative and innovative programs and services. These programs and services will provide quality experiences focused on our areas of excellence for our residents and visitors and will provide private, public and philanthropic partnership opportunities.



DESIRED OUTCOMES

(Model)

To be recognized as an Agricultural Society where creative and courageous thinkers and leaders establish an innovative model designed to celebrate agriculture, art, culture, heritage and community, through strategic partnerships and provision of private sector opportunity.

(Leadership role)

To be the “go to” organization that promotes and celebrates the agricultural heritage, cultural roots and historic values of the tri-community region; that educates the community in sustainable agricultural/horticultural practices; and that succeeds through innovation and partnerships.

(Organizational role)

To be recognized for our strong governance, partnerships, management and dynamic programs and services. We are focused on promoting the importance of agriculture, culture and heritage in the region.

(Sustainability)

Create and sustain private, philanthropic and public partnerships and revenue streams that ensure a premier experience in participation, education and organizational support with a strong financial base.

Governance & Mandate



Incorporation and Governance

The Heritage Agricultural Society is the owner and operator of the Multicultural Heritage Centre. The Society is a not-for-profit organization incorporated in 1973 and opened to the public in 1974. The Multicultural Heritage Centre is a beautiful building, built in 1925, out of which the Society has been serving residents of our local communities for 40 years.

The Multicultural Heritage Centre is a Provincially Designated Historic Resource. The building has an unusual Scottish architectural design with a high gable roof and a bell tower. To quote a former teacher and Principal, "There was no other building like it in Canada. It was the most impractical school ever built". The Multicultural Heritage Centre site was designated a Provincial Historic Resource in 1983.

The Heritage Agricultural Society is an Alberta Agricultural Society and a charitable organization (registered with the Canada Revenue Agency). Part of every dollar earned by the Multicultural Heritage Centre goes back to helping build, improve and offer a number of year-round community facilities, and provide ongoing programs, events and agricultural opportunities serving all ages.

Over the Heritage Agricultural Society's 40-year history, the Society has served between 80,000 to 100,000 visitors annually. Derived from a guestbook evaluation, visitors to the Multicultural Heritage Centre in one year were from 159 Alberta communities, every province and territory in Canada including Nunavut, 36 USA states and 33 other countries.

Heritage Agricultural Society Board

A Board of 12 volunteers governs the Heritage Agricultural Society:

President:	Dr. Locksley McGann	Spruce Grove
Vice-President:	Debi Mills	Parkland County
Treasurer:	Wendy Woolsey	Parkland County
Secretary:	Rich Gossen	Edmonton
Past President:	Vacant	

Directors

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Ken Darby	Parkland County
Greg Hanna	Stony Plain
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Francis Mella	Edmonton

The Heritage Agricultural Society has a proven track record of operating in many locations and under many operating models.

Partnerships



Partners: The Heritage Agricultural Society partners with other groups and organizations to accomplish goals. In 2013 the Centre showed 254 separate entries under 'Partnerships'; naming 199 different organizations or individuals the Society partnered with in one form or another.

The Multicultural Heritage Centre is committed to building, improving and offering a number of year-round community facilities, and provide ongoing programs, events and agricultural opportunities serving all ages. We cannot do this without the generous support of our many partners and funders.

President's Report



Although it seems that 2014 has slipped by so fast, reflection on 2014 activities of the Society serves as a reminder of how much we have achieved.

Rebecca Still, our Historical Resources/School Programs Manager, was awarded the Alberta Museum Association's 2014 Leadership Award for Sustainability. She was invited to accept the award and speak on our food education focus at the AMA Provincial Conference in Calgary.

The Society was nominated for a 2014 Laurel Award 'recognizing the innovation and creativity for not-for-profit organizations'. This was for our programs related to food education, including Little Green Thumbs, Alberta Café, City Slickers, Farm School, and a variety of other programs and services offered to the public. The Society signed a renewed, three-year (2014-2016) funding agreement with Agriculture for Life for the Little Green Thumbs program.

Our resident Red Seal-trained Chef, Tina Tolen has revamped the menu in our restaurant, and, with our renovated facilities and enthusiastic staff, we look forward to culinary and financial success in the restaurant. Both the 40th Anniversary Gala and the highly-acclaimed PJ Perry performance provided opportunities to demonstrate the potential of this new team.

Not-for-profit organizations in Alberta are facing serious threats to their sustainability, and many have already failed. It is a credit to the Board and staff of the Heritage Agricultural Society that this organization continues to serve the community by providing excellent, award-winning programs and services in an environment of diminishing financial support.

A major challenge for the Board in 2015 is to build on the strengths of our organization in a manner that will move us towards financial sustainability.

I am confident that the Board has the capacity and the motivation to address this challenge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Locksley McGann". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Dr. Locksley McGann
President - Heritage Agricultural Society

Treasurer's Report



While 2014 was a year marked by amazing achievements, accomplishments and celebrations, it was also a very difficult year financially for the Society. A steady stream of grant applications was submitted with high hopes of approval, only to be turned down after many months of waiting. Significant expenses were incurred in continuing to plan for our future expansion, and external funding from government sources was reduced almost across the board, reductions that were sometimes expected in advance, but mostly unexpected.

In addition to these disappointments, the decision was made to temporarily close down the restaurant and undertake a long overdue renovation. The restaurant, indeed the entire lower level of the Multicultural Heritage Centre, had not seen any updates or improvements in many, many years and had become a less appealing, less desirable destination. The equipment being used in the restaurant was obsolete, and frequently needed repairs. Just as importantly, the work environment for our restaurant staff had become a concern to all, and was making it very difficult to retain staff for any period of time.

As with so many renovation projects, one problem led to another, which led to two more problems. The project took longer to complete than expected, and also ran over budget – in a year where we had already lost significant public funding. By the time we were able to re-open the restaurant, we had to recruit and train virtually an entirely new group of staff as well as a new Manager, not to mention the fact that our customer base had to be made aware that we were once again open for business. The long closure also had negative financial consequences for the rest of our operations at the Centre.

The result of all these factors is that the fiscal year ended October 31st, 2014 shows a combined Operating/Capital deficiency of \$167,194, with negative cashflow of \$132,234. This is clearly not a financial result that we can afford to repeat going forward. However, with the frustration of the renovation now behind us, we embark on 2015 with a beautiful new restaurant under the professional guidance of Executive Chef/Restaurant Manager Tina Tolen, who has recruited and trained a wonderful group of staff and created a whole new dining experience for our visitors. Together with the investments that have been made into planning our future, we expect that the financial pain experienced this past year will lead to a brighter future going forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Woolsey
Treasurer

Executive Director's Report

The best way to predict the future is to create it.
-Peter Drucker-



The Heritage Agricultural Society, operating under the name of the Multicultural Heritage Centre, had an exciting year in 2014, marked by many successes.

Key achievements included:

1. Transfer of Land Title from Parkland School Division to the Heritage Agricultural Society

Parkland School Division has been a strong supporter of the Multicultural Heritage Centre from the beginning. It was back in 1974 that Parkland School Division took a leap of faith and agreed to lease the “old red school”, which became known as the Multicultural Heritage Centre, to a truly committed group of volunteers. The commitment was in the form of a 99-year lease. The organization must have justified that trust because in 1997 Parkland School Division again took a leap of faith and agreed to lease the former Stony Plain Elementary School, now called the PERC Building, along with its surrounding 5 acres of land to the Heritage Agricultural Society. This was added into the long-term lease that was already in place.

Parkland School Division has continued to demonstrate their belief in the work we have been doing by gifting the land under lease to the Heritage Agricultural Society in 2014.

This is a huge step forward in building the next 40 years for this organization. This is the tipping point that will allow expansion “ideas” to become expansion “realities”. As many know, the Multicultural Centre has been trying to expand to meet public demand for more than 35 years!

Thank you to the Parkland School Division for this gift. The Society commits that we will expand our role as a learning environment, gathering place, and cultural centre while building opportunities for others to be a part of an exciting vibrant initiative.

2. Celebration of the Society's 40th Anniversary

On the 15th of September 1974 the Multicultural Heritage Centre was officially opened to the public. For 40 years the Centre has been preserving area history, promoting art and cultural achievements, honouring the area's agricultural roots, and providing continuous programs and services. In other words fulfilling the mandate of all Agricultural Societies, which is improving the quality of life for local residents.

Executive Director's Report

Four decades of being in business -- especially if that business is an agricultural and cultural not-for-profit called the Multicultural Heritage Centre, open to the public at no charge, 7-days a week, year-round -- we think that is an accomplishment worth celebrating. 2014 saw a year of celebrations, parties and events, culminating in a "Black Tie and Blue Jeans Gala" in an iconic red barn. Many in attendance at the Gala were the people who came up with the concept of the Multicultural Heritage Centre in the first place - more than 40 years ago.

3. Building a Village

40 years is a long time and a lot of things change. The current Board of Directors knows that today's funding models and the funding strategies for agricultural and cultural non-profits will simply not allow the Multicultural Centre to stay open and thrive. So we are working hard at putting into place a sustainable future that will see the organization comfortably through the next 40 years.

To do so we will build a 'place' that will significantly increase our capacity to serve. This new development we have simply called the "Village Project". A Village because we see this as a chance to build upon the foundation that is currently in place... a place where people come to learn, to celebrate and to enjoy those famous pies. Additionally, a place that brings together all those cultural amenities (people, shops and services) that creates a sense of community.

In doing so, we are trying to stand on the shoulders of those who came before us and to learn from their wisdom. Be assured that the Multicultural Heritage Centre will remain in a place of prominence, unchanged, as a Provincially Designated Historical Resource, whatever new buildings or new projects may be brought into play.

Looking back at what we've accomplished this year, I am once again awed by the tremendous creativity and commitment of the staff and volunteers who make up the Multicultural Heritage Centre. As always they continue to go beyond the expected to achieve the extraordinary. I can think of no better way to close this letter highlighting the success of 2014 than by expressing my profound and continued appreciation for the people who make it possible. Thank you for the guidance received from the Board of Directors and the Steering Committee. Dr. Locksley McGann steps down from the role of President this year in keeping with the HAS's term limit guidelines. I would like to thank him for his wise counsel, support, and friendship.

I'm proud of what we've accomplished so far, and excited about our future. I anticipate many more successes in 2015 and the years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Unterschultz
Executive Director

40th Anniversary Building on 40 years



Did You Know? One of the most famous statements made about the school was by teacher and principal Mr. F.P. Flanagan who said that there was no other building like it in Canada and it was probably the most impractical school ever built.

In 2014, the Multicultural Heritage Centre celebrated its 40th Anniversary of operating in the tri-community area. There have been many changes to the organization that started way back in 1974, founded by people who had vision and belief in the heritage of the area and wanted nothing more than to promote it and preserve it.

The Multicultural Heritage Centre has been serving the tri-community region for the past 40 years. The Centre has offered a wide range of programs and services both on our site in Stony Plain and in other locations throughout the region and province.

In 1925, the superintendent of schools decided that the area of Stony Plain needed a high school. However, he also wanted a unique design for the school. An exact replica of a building in Scotland was decided on and the blueprints were shipped to Stony Plain.

The school was in use extensively from 1925 until Memorial Composite High School was built in 1949. After that, the “Old Brick School” was used for home economics and shop classes. The programs eventually ended and from that point, the school was then used by the school division for storage.

In 1972, the school was slated for demolition and it would have been if not for a group of local citizens that wanted to preserve the school and the region’s history it represented. It was these volunteers that would form the Heritage Agricultural Society (H.A.S.) to “promote, develop, and preserve the cultural heritage of the region”. The Old Brick School was repurposed and given a new life as the Multicultural Heritage Centre.

Forty years on the Multicultural Heritage Centre is still continuing with the many initiatives, programs and directives still based on the founders ideals and original mandates.

Agriculture Programs



City Slickers is probably the organization's best-known program. In 2014 City Slickers brought 1,200 urban children to Stony Plain and to a working farm for the day to show them where their food comes from. City Slickers is sponsored by Ag for Life. With their financial assistance, similar on-farm education programs are currently being scaled into other communities throughout Alberta.

In 2014 City TV's Diverse City segment came out and covered the story of the Ggoorimoorthee family from Mauritius, a small island near Madagascar, experiencing a Canadian farm for the first time. City Slickers continues to grow and hosts exhibitors from a wide spectrum of the agriculture industry, including for the first time ever, a real crop duster that buzzed the children before they watched the harvest.

Organic Master Gardener Program - The Society designed and offers the Organic Master Gardener program. Master Gardener Programs are growing in popularity across North America and in line with our contemporary agriculture/horticulture mandate the Heritage Agricultural Society wanted to offer an "organic" Master Gardener Program.

The program is offered in partnership with Gaia College on Vancouver Island who franchise 12 organic

master gardener courses to us, allowing Certification.

In 2014, the program is in its 7th year of certifying students in organic growing. As part of the certification process, each student is required to volunteer 50 hours to hands-on, organic practices on the grounds. Annually a minimum of 500 hours is donated to maintenance and beautification of the grounds and gardens surrounding the Multicultural Centre.

Heritage and Heirloom Plant Sale - The Organic Master Gardener class hosted a plant sale in May, just before the planting season. The sale offered heritage and heirloom plants and herb seedlings that were grown without chemicals. (This year the plant sale sold out before noon.)

Little Green Thumbs - Partnering with Ag for Life the Multicultural Heritage Centre offers Little Green Thumbs to schools in the tri-community area. Little Green Thumbs is an indoor gardening program that gives elementary students the opportunity to become food producers right in their own classroom. This program is a hands-on, inquiry based education program that helps young people value the health of themselves, the environment and their community.

Heritage Farmers Market - is an Alberta Approved Market in operation since 2002. Our goal is to provide a direct market opportunity for producers and vendors, and a local product destination for market customers. The Heritage Farmers Market runs seasonally at the Multicultural Heritage Centre.

Garlic Project - The Multicultural Heritage Centre has started a garlic-growing project on our Demonstration Farm. There was a good crop of garlic this year and was available for sale in the General Store. Through the Garlic Project, the Multicultural Heritage Centre hosted its first Annual Garlic Festival held in conjunction with Open Farm Days Alberta. The event had speakers, recipes books for sale, and a variety of garlic foods to sample such as, garlic pesto, garlic chocolate chip cookies, and frozen garlic/yogurt pops.

Inquiring Minds Farm School - The Multicultural Heritage Centre planned, developed and will pilot the first Inquiring Minds Farm School. This is an opportunity for selected school classes to come for a week-long program to learn about agriculture and where their food comes from.

For the 2014/2015 school year four different classes will come to a dairy farm to spend time on a farm and learn about where their food comes from. In partnership with existing farms, agricultural businesses and agricultural experts, all curriculum subjects will relate back to agriculture and food.

Did You Know? OMG: We offer the only Organic Master Gardener program in Alberta. As such, the grounds of the Multicultural Heritage Centre are both organic and an “Edible Landscape”.



Historical Resources



Mural Tours: The Multicultural Heritage Centre developed the Stony Plain Mural Tours when the mural program was initiated in Stony Plain in 1989 to preserve and celebrate the community's heritage.

In 2014 we had more than 20 tours booked and delivered tours to more than 375 people. These tours included horse and wagon tours, bus and walking tours. Our Mural tours are popular with seniors groups, conferences, school field trips, reunions, during community events, residents, tourists and visitors.

Genealogy: For over 40 years the Multicultural Heritage Centre has collected local family histories and served genealogists in the region as an archival resource. The Multicultural Heritage Centre continued to offer a two-part genealogical series with the instructors from the Alberta Genealogical Society and the LDS Family History Centre in the spring and fall of 2014. The spring session's focus was on how to start, gather information, and research your family histories and the fall sessions focused on how to further research as well as understand how to use genealogy websites.

Alberta's Community Icons Passport: –The Multicultural Heritage Centre is one of two sites in Stony Plain that can stamp tourist passports for Alberta Icons. Alberta's Community Icons Passport is an award-winning program, created in an effort to promote Alberta communities that have something special to show off. It is a program in partnership with Travel Alberta and is an innovative way to promote Icons in communities throughout the province.

Did You Know? For 20 years the Multicultural Heritage Centre has been hosting the Pioneer Valentine Tea, an afternoon of honouring our seniors that have been married for over 50 years.

Multi-Heritage Kits: The Multicultural Heritage Centre's award-winning Multi-Heritage Kits Program continues to be offered. The kits are rented out on a subscription basis and are being shipped to various teachers, health and senior's institutions around the capital region.

The themed kits contain programming tools that span past to present with programs of hands-on activities, authentic artifacts and visuals that trigger memories, stimulate story-telling and a sharing of experiences.

Achievements, awards and honours

The Multicultural Heritage Centre received the Sustainability Leadership Award from the Alberta Museum Association this year. It was very prestigious for the Centre to be recognized for its work and innovative thinking within the museum community.

For forty years the Centre has thrived on thinking outside the box and creating innovative programs to accommodate the growing need of the community. Many of our programs go outside the traditional museum aspect and have gone into more agricultural based programs like the Organic Master Gardener, Little Green Thumbs, City Slickers and Alberta Café.

This is exactly what the Centre was created for, to offer creative and innovative programs to the community "to promote, develop, and preserve the cultural heritage of the region".

The AMA Leadership Awards recognize excellence, innovation, and creativity in Alberta's museum community in three categories: Engagement, Sustainability, and Education. Nominations for the Leadership Awards were adjudicated by the Leadership Awards Committee, comprised of individual members of the AMA.

Did You Know? We have the most comprehensive archives in the tri-community area, including the collection and operation of the regional archives, historic site inventory, and collection of founding family histories.



Visual Arts



The Multicultural Centre Public Art Gallery (MCPAG) continues to be a popular showcase for upcoming and well-established artists alike. Many of the artists that have shown in our gallery have gone on to provincial or national galleries.

The Multicultural Centre Public Art Gallery (MCPAG) located on the main floor of the Centre is one of nine public galleries in Alberta and has 12 exhibits each year featuring locally, provincially and nationally renowned artists. The MCPAG Gallery is now fully booked with monthly shows until 2016. The Centre also has art exhibits in our Gallery Dining Room, which primarily features local artists.

The Alberta Foundation for the Arts supports the MCPAG Gallery

Did you know? The Multicultural Centre Public Art Gallery (MCPAG) located on the main floor of the Centre is one of nine public galleries in Alberta and the only one located in rural Alberta.

Restaurant Renovations

The Homesteader's Kitchen has been a part of the Multicultural Heritage Centre since the very beginning but after 40 years it was time for a much needed renovation. In the past, the restaurant was famous for it's food made from scratch and of course it's renowned pies. However over time, the variety of dishes and specials slowly disappeared as the equipment became obsolete.

The new equipment for the restaurant includes modern stoves, and ovens, as well as a whole new dishwasher set up. This will make the Homesteader's Kitchen a more efficient kitchen with more possibilities for the future.

As well as new equipment, the restaurant was given a major overhaul to the menu, and décor as well as new management including a red seal chef. This new direction is bringing back the concept of grandma's kitchen with a traditional old-fashioned feel.

General Store

One of the Multicultural Heritage Centre's revenue generators is the General Store. In 2014 the store evolved into a more pro-active part of our organization hosting events throughout the year.

Under the Centre's agricultural initiatives the Store organized and planned various events and sales. Among the biggest were Seedy Saturday, an Easter Egg Hunt and the Garlic Festival.

Seedy Saturday was an exceptionally well-attended seed swap with guest speakers and many local and Edmonton seed sellers and greenhouses. This was one of the first seed swap events for the area.

The second annual Easter Egg Hunt brought many children to the grounds of the Multicultural Heritage Centre to search for elusive eggs. This event landed us on the front page of the local newspaper.



Land Transfer



It was forty years ago almost to the day that the Multicultural Heritage Centre was founded by a volunteer group called the Heritage Agricultural Society. This lease allowed the Heritage Agricultural Society to renovate what has now been popularly known as the “Old Brick School.”

In 1974 a small group of citizens had a vision for the Old Brick School and for the community. It was this vision that would become the Multicultural Heritage Centre and now 40 years on, history is repeating itself.

For the past few years the Heritage Agricultural Society has been working with Parkland School Division to transfer the land title for the 6 acres the Multicultural Heritage Centre and Parkland Education Resource Centre sit on to the Heritage Agricultural Society. This title was transferred at the Multicultural Heritage Centre 40th Anniversary Celebration on September 27, 2014.

This transfer of title will allow the Heritage Agricultural Society to create what is being called a “cultural village”. It is this vision that brings back the idea of the founding of the Multicultural Heritage Centre. A group of determined citizens are once again trying to create a place for the community to enjoy.

There are no firm plans, but the cultural village will be a place for a wide range of demographics, with a lot of space to gather and visit. The vision for the Village can be best described as a place where people can separate themselves from the stress and pressure of their lives, relax and involve themselves in a separate village that they feel they can identify as their own. The Village will provide a cluster of unique amenities, services, and conveniences. It will become a destination for visitors and tourists to engage in recreation and learning activities of an agricultural and cultural nature.

The Multicultural Heritage Centre will remain in place of prominence, unchanged, as a Provincially designated Historic Resource, whatever new buildings or new projects may be brought into play.

2014 Happenings



Sax a la Carte with the PJ Perry Trio



40th Anniversary Gala - Alberta a la Carte



40th Anniversary Gala - Alberta a la Carte



40th Anniversary Gala - Alberta a la Carte



Garlic Day



Garlic Day

2014 Happenings



2014 Organic Master Gardener Graduates



TD Friends of the Environment Foundation



Tree Carving



Organic Plant Sale



Pony Rides at the Heritage Farmers Market



Seedy Saturday

What you may not know about the Multicultural Heritage Centre:

- We have 80,000 – 100,000 visitors annually. These visitors range from local, provincially, national and international tourists.
- The Multicultural Heritage Centre is a Non-Profit Organization, and is incorporated as an Agricultural Society.
- We have the most comprehensive archives in the tri-community, area including collection and operation of the regional archives, historic site inventory, and collection of founding family histories.
- The Multicultural Heritage Centre's galleries (Multicultural Centre Public Art Gallery and the Gallery Dining Room) are both public and feature local upcoming, as well as nationally known artists.
- We offer genealogy courses in the spring and summer.
- Our Organic Master Gardener program is currently the only Organic Master Gardener program in Alberta.
- The grounds of the Multicultural Heritage Centre are both organic and an "Edible Landscape".
- The Multicultural Heritage Centre is the site of an Inquiring Minds Site School – our farm school is dedicated to agricultural education and occurs on a working farm.
- The Multicultural Heritage Centre offers School Programs, that include Environmental, Agricultural, Pioneer, Multicultural & Art school programs, that can be delivered on site, offsite, and through videoconferencing.
- The Multicultural Heritage Centre offers a highly-regarded electrical safety program ZAP! that travels throughout Alberta.
- The two buildings on the grounds (the Old Brick School and the Oppertshauser House) are suspected to be haunted and have been investigated numerous times.
- The Multicultural Heritage Centre will be offering up Canada a la Carte – a night of celebrating each province's uniqueness in food, culture and customs.
- The Multicultural Heritage Centre has had two trees carved and is currently the location of the only carved trees in region.
- The Multicultural Heritage Centre has 200 different partners annually.
- Our restaurant offers catering and can be privately booked for weddings, birthdays, meetings, and events.
- On the grounds of the Multicultural Heritage Centre we offer community garden plots for the residents of the Town of Stony Plain.
- We offer mural tours (including horse and wagon) that can be booked by families, reunions, and/or corporate events.
- The Multicultural Heritage Centre offers a variety of spaces available for rent, which includes a gymnasium, meeting spaces and grounds that can accommodate events, parties, reunions, and weddings.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Heritage Agricultural Society

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Heritage Agricultural Society, which comprise the statement of financial position as at October 31, 2014 and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flow for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Heritage Agricultural Society as at October 31, 2014 and the results of its operations and its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.



Stony Plain, Alberta
January 9, 2015

Hawkings Epp Dumont LLP
Chartered Accountants

HERITAGE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
Statement of Financial Position
As At October 31, 2014

	2014	2013
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ -	\$ 89,884
Edmonton Community Foundation investment	31,518	28,334
Accounts receivable	15,700	40,043
Marketable securities	10,138	33,995
Inventory	48,911	64,058
Goods and services tax recoverable	4,935	-
Prepaid expenses	-	119
	<u>111,202</u>	256,433
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS	41,609	41,609
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Note 8)	<u>343,805</u>	<u>309,834</u>
	\$ 496,616	\$ 607,876
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Bank indebtedness	\$ 42,350	\$ -
Accounts payable	26,793	16,013
Goods and services tax payable	-	1,054
Wages payable	18,632	15,288
	<u>87,775</u>	32,355
DEFERRED REVENUE	<u>119,789</u>	<u>119,275</u>
	<u>207,564</u>	<u>151,630</u>
NET ASSETS		
General fund	(54,753)	146,412
Invested in property and equipment	343,805	309,834
	<u>289,052</u>	456,246
	\$ 496,616	\$ 607,876

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Director

Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

HERITAGE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For The Year Ended October 31, 2014

	2014	2013
REVENUE		
Provincial and other grants <i>(Schedule 1)</i>	\$ 234,391	\$ 238,012
Homesteaders kitchen <i>(Schedule 2)</i>	161,710	264,914
Cultural services <i>(Schedule 3)</i>	137,353	108,276
Municipal grants	131,800	136,808
Electrical safety game	122,470	114,131
Property lease/rentals	101,764	97,958
Donations and other projects	84,182	55,269
Art/Artisans services <i>(Schedule 4)</i>	44,952	61,566
Fundraising	8,758	30,292
Federal grants	7,133	14,873
Agricultural programs <i>(Schedule 5)</i>	-	30,000
	<u>1,034,513</u>	<u>1,152,099</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Administration expenditures <i>(Schedule 6)</i>	286,400	276,339
Homesteaders kitchen <i>(Schedule 2)</i>	215,814	284,257
Cultural services <i>(Schedule 3)</i>	204,392	96,532
Facility maintenance expenditures <i>(Schedule 7)</i>	133,314	116,544
Art/Artisans services <i>(Schedule 4)</i>	105,236	103,029
Historical resources expenditures <i>(Schedule 8)</i>	99,678	95,095
Electrical safety game	93,866	87,671
Agricultural programs <i>(Schedule 5)</i>	35,169	67,338
Advertising and promotion	7,529	9,959
Amortization	16,278	16,278
	<u>1,197,676</u>	<u>1,153,042</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES FROM OPERATIONS	<u>(163,163)</u>	<u>(943)</u>
OTHER INCOME (EXPENDITURES)		
Investment income	5,847	2,708
Dividend income	-	817
Loss on disposal of investments	<u>(9,878)</u>	<u>(4,516)</u>
	<u>(4,031)</u>	<u>(991)</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ (167,194)</u>	<u>\$ (1,934)</u>

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HERITAGE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
Statement of Cash Flow
For The Year Ended October 31, 2014

	2014	2013
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Deficiency of revenue over expenditures	\$ (167,194)	\$ (1,934)
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization	16,278	16,278
Loss on disposal of investments	9,878	4,516
	<u>(141,038)</u>	18,860
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	24,343	(18,501)
Inventory	15,147	16,986
Accounts payable	10,780	(26,111)
Prepaid expenses	119	-
Goods and services tax payable	(5,989)	3,302
Edmonton Community Foundation investment	(3,184)	(9,185)
Wages payable	3,344	(802)
Deferred revenue	514	12,141
	<u>45,074</u>	(22,170)
	<u>(95,964)</u>	(3,310)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property and equipment	(50,550)	(24,536)
Proceeds on disposal of property and equipment	300	-
Change in Parkland Bingo Members' Equity	-	473
Repayment of grant	-	(10,000)
Proceeds of sale of marketable securities	13,980	6,682
	<u>(36,270)</u>	(27,381)
DECREASE IN CASH FLOW	(132,234)	(30,691)
Cash - beginning of year	<u>89,884</u>	120,575
CASH (DEFICIENCY) - END OF YEAR	\$ (42,350)	\$ 89,884

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