

Another well attended and progressive Baldur Community Development Association meeting was held at the R.M. of Argyle Chambers, November 2nd.

Once again the evening's discussion, updates and decisions were dominated by two projects - the Baldur Memorial Hall and the Senior Housing Complex. It was unanimously decided that since the hall finances are now one of BCDA's responsibilities we would now take the lead in overseeing the maintenance and survival of the community hall. Time will be set aside to discuss hall issues and fundraising ideas at every BCDA meeting. At this time we will discuss users concerns or issues. Members of user groups have come forward and will take part in hall discussion and decisions. The Economic Development Officer will be the liaison for the hall so if you do have concerns or questions please direct them to the EDO. Since the meeting we were pleased to hear that the Baldur & Area Endowment Fund granted us enough money to purchase 2 new ranges. Thank you! Manitoba will turn 140 years old in 2010. On May 15th several communities will take part in the largest ever Manitoba Social. The hall has been tentatively booked for that date and a decision will be made at our next meeting to see if BCDA will host a Steak Fry and Manitoba Social to raise funds for the hall.

We are also working with the R.M. of Argyle in regards to hosting a “Pot Luck” Manitoba Birthday Party during the lunch hour on May 12th in Veteran Park. Watch for details! In the next few months we will gather information about the direction we will take with the continuous improvements to the hall. Thankfully, several projects have been done over the last few years to the inside of the structure. Preliminary work has been done on the required outside improvements. Now, we just have to find the money! Wouldn't it be fun to preserve some of the names written on the walls backstage and preserve some of the historical aspects of the old kitchen that was located to the west? Interested?

As far as BCDA is concerned the Senior Housing Project is a go for the spring. Several more hours of work has been done by the Economic Development Committee in ensuring the direction we are taking is the right direction. Within the next couple of weeks financial figures will be finalized. If you would like more information please contact Mark Collins Mike Johnson or Kristine Janz.

The deadline to apply for the Economic Development Officer is Friday, November 13th. If you would like more information please contact Tracey Hiscock.

If you are planning on making a goods or service donation to the Community Auction, Saturday April 3, 2010 please contact

Kristine at bcda@inetbiz.ca or Mike at the Gazette. We have the potential to raise and disburse some serious funds to community organizations that make our community a great place to live. Tickets go on sale this week. They will make great Christmas and Birthday presents. Tickets are \$15.00 each or \$25.00 per couple and will get you all the “finger foods” you would like to eat and a chance to participate in several free draws, the Silent Auction, the Rainbow Auction and give you the opportunity to bid on some great items.

Baldur Community Development Association will hold its next meeting at the Baldur Memorial Hall. The meetings are open to the public and we are always looking for new ideas and volunteers. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m. on December 7th.