

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Medicine Hat Interpretive Program Operations Committee For GN AGM.

The committee operating the M.H. Interpretive Program has included the following GN members for the 2019 year: Bob Townsend (Acting Chair), John Slater, Anne Bernhardt (secretary), Elaine Spitzer, Simonne Flynn, and ex-officio voting member Hugh Armstrong (GN President). Anne Bernhardt, after years of service to this committee, submitted her resignation during the year. I thank her for her dedicated service to this committee. She will be missed. Non-voting ex-officio members were Lisa McMow (MHIP Bookkeeper), assisting Eileen Cowtan (GN Treasurer), Corlaine Gardner (Chief Interpreter) and Scott Richter (City of Medicine Hat, Parks Dept. Representative).

During the year, formal and informal meetings were held where reports were received about Interpretive Program operations and budgets monitored and accepted.

This has been a different year for the Committee and the Program. Because of travels by members, the meetings have not been as often as usual. Funding is in place and with an additional grant from the Province, the staff has managed to keep the program financially sound. Thanks to the guidance of Corlaine and her excellent staff the program has continued to grow with the times with new and innovative ideas. This is particularly evidenced in our latest challenge relating to the Covid-19 epidemic. During this time the staff continues to work, producing new ways to reach out to the community and provide services that will help the community deal with this crisis. Again, I need to emphasize my gratitude to our interpretive staff for the efforts they are making to help the citizens of Medicine Hat during this trying time.

I know that the next few years may pose some serious problems for the Program as the country and world adjust to the economic changes that could occur. Working together, we will again overcome these challenges and continue to provide a quality program to the citizens of our community.

Submitted by Bob Townsend, Acting Chairperson