

Scenic Views Update Report April 28, 2022

Scenic Views GN Project Team Members: Len Moser, John Slater, Paul Thibault, David Gue, Hugh Armstrong, and Phil Horch. These members put in significant volunteer hours to work towards the completion of this project in 2021. Without their dedication and extra effort our scenic views product today was not possible. Gerry Ehlert, Scenic Views Project Manager.

1. In March 2022, Angela paid final bill to Fox for the 8 scenic View signs = \$892.50. The 8 Signs will be picked up by Parks and stored at their Kipling Building. I have contacted Dirty Deeds to make arrangements with Parks to pick up the signs and coordinate utility locate and installation work with John and I. Signs should be installed in the month of May, 2022. Total cost of Fox making the signs came to \$5853.75, of which the City contributed \$3123.75 and GN (Ecotrust) contributed \$2730. The installation of these 8 signs is estimated at \$2400. Of this cost, the City has agreed to contribute \$1700 and GN (Ecotrust) will pay the balance, i.e. \$700. This still leaves us with the need to find funds and install the balance of 9 new scenic view signs.
2. To date, Hugh and I have been unsuccessful with our applications to Canadian Fertilizer, City Vibrancy, TD FEF, and likely the City Community Partnership Project. Ecotrust knows of our situation and is currently refreshing their environmental funding program. They believe this program and grant applications will be made available in early summer for us to apply, i.e. June, 2022.
3. The review and editing of all the draft documents has been completed (except for the Indigenous History). Keziah Lesko-Gosselin kindly helped us with final editing services. Jolynn Parenteau with the Miywasin Friendship Centre has agreed to help us draft the Indigenous History. Unfortunately she has been very busy and draft has been delayed. Our Plan B in place is Jolynn and/or Elliot Fox with the Blood Tribe to review a Indigenous History draft prepared by John and Ger.
4. Cathy Linowski will provide us with the “final editing/proof” service needs.

5. Len, John, and Ger are in the process of finalizing the photos and labelling to go on the selected scenic view documents. Len has completed for the most part all the pic Google drive folder and files. We should be ready to provide Paul the completed draft product (not including the Indigenous History) in early May. That is all the text documents and pics. Paul and John will make the Google maps that are to accompany each scenic view write-up. The scenic view write-up includes: introduction, map, points of interest, hotlink Tidbits and photo gallery. The Scenic View website product will use GN's Birding Trails of Southeastern Alberta as a guide to help us build this website.
6. Tourism Medicine Hat has completed the draft Scenic Views short story article for this summer's Experience Magazine. David and Keziah greatly helped finalize the draft with TMH. See attached. TMH has also experienced increased material and photo related costs so were not able to make the anticipated SV Experience map, and instead will likely settle on a Google map product. TMH is now working on the expanded version of the on-line digital version complete with all the scenic views (17). The short article will have a QR code on it so the reader will be able to download the longer digital on-line version.
7. We are on track to complete the Scenic Views of Medicine Hat website product by the end of June, 2022 less the 9 new scenic view signs. Hugh and I have discussed this with Ecotrust and they are understanding of the situation re our rising costs for getting the 8 signs completed. We will need to present them with our final report by the end of June, 2022. Following which, Ecotrust will release the 20% holdback per our contract agreement.