

Empress Celebration 110 Committee Service Groups

Empress & District Ag Society
Empress Historical Society
Empress Friendship Center
Empress Fine Arts Council (Hall Board)
Empress Library

July 30, 2024

Mayor Dawna Martin & Council & the Residents of Village of Empress

Dear Mayor Martin:

A word of thanks to the Village of Empress, volunteers from the various service clubs and the town workers in the preparation and implementation of the activities of the Empress 110 Celebration. Dennis and Alan worked extremely hard to make sure the village was groomed and mowed, which was a huge undertaking this summer due to the amount of moisture and then the heat. Their efforts and the efforts of the homeowners showcased a well-maintained village.

The 110 Celebration Committee would like to thank all those who participated in the events of the weekend, and commend the various venues (Community Hall, Arena, Friendship Center, Train Station & St. Mary's, Little Windhy's) for the extension of hospitality to the many residents, former residents, family, friends and visitors who attended the various events. We were privileged to have attendees from BC, Sask., Ontario, United States, and Alberta come back to renew memories and visit our village. Approximately 300 were at the parade and various venues throughout the weekend. The wall guestbooks at the Arena, Hall and Friendship Center are great records of the many who enjoyed the local events and celebration. The unveiling of the Alberta Heritage Marker was a wonderful success with former medical staff and people born in Empress celebrating the 1942 hospital. This marker is now a permanent addition to the historical record of Empress.

The A-frame signs and benches, purchased through the grant funding from Community Foundation of South East Alberta, are part of the Village and may be utilized for any future events. If any signage is needed by any of the organizations, there are 16 A frames available for use. Please contact the Friendship Center for borrowing. Eight metal benches are situated throughout the Village and may be relocated as needed for community events. A thank you has been extended to Oyen South Country Coop for their corporate sponsorship and hosting of the bbq on July 21st. One cake was shared with the Oyen Lodge on Sunday to help spread the celebration.

Again, a thank you to all who helped to create and implement the Empress 110 Celebration weekend. We can be proud of our local history and celebrate our present and future endeavors as we work together as a community.

Yours sincerely,

Empress 110 Celebration Committee
Rachel Booker, President Empress Historical Society