

PRESS RELEASE

January 2011

A new beginning:

It is with great pleasure that I announce Argyle's newest venture, a museum called **Settlers, Rails & Trails Inc.** Since February 2010 community members have been creating the framework for a museum we can all be proud of. Assuming the collection of the former Argyle Prairie Museum, SR&T is working to become one of Manitoba's newest exciting museums. As a non-profit organization, we are now able to grow and flourish, telling our stories to the rest of the world.

I would like to formally thank all those who have assisted us in our efforts in 2010. I extend an invitation to anyone interested in becoming involved with this project, as I continue leading a museum that no longer belongs to myself, but to all of us!

Future Goals:

Future goals include the following:

- securing land and beginning the phase one fundraising drive. Initial monies raised will cover costs of land, security fencing, building relocation and landscaping costs for the museum property. (approximately by Summer 2012)
- registering as a charitable organization which will allow us to provide tax receipts for donations that assist our donors. (approximately by Spring 2011)

Museum Memberships:

Becoming a member of Settlers, Rails & Trails has it's benefits:

- Members may attend General, Annual General Meetings & Special General Meetings.
- Each Membership is entitled to one (1) vote.
- Members will have free entrance to the museum and will receive e-newsletters.
- Discount on museum special events/activities.
- ★ As a community museum, anyone is free to join and participate

Thank you,



Shayne Campbell
President & Executive Director

What does Incorporation mean ?

On November 9th, 2010, we incorporated as a non-profit organization with the Manitoba Government. This status is recognized Federally as well. This means that our organization has a legally binding constitution, bylaws and policies that dictate our operation. We hold elections every two years, and are responsible to our membership, community and Revenue Canada. This ensures an efficient & responsible organization.

Settlers, Rails & Trails has been accepted to be granted \$25,000 by the Pepsi Refresh Project, **IF** enough people vote for us! Starting January 4, 2011 to Feb 28th, please log on to www.refresheverything.ca to vote. You can search the top right corner for Settlers, Rails & Trails. We will know by March if we received our grant money. Thanks to everyone who votes!

Settlers, Rails & Trails welcomes your comments, questions and concerns:



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Recent Acquisitions:

Legacy donation from Canadian Pacific (Railways) in honour of it's 125th anniversary of the driving of the last spike 2010 (contribution of \$1,000)

- *Manitoba Children's Museum railway station building materials and artifacts (approx \$15,000)*
- *Argyle Prairie Museum's artifacts, museum display equipment and famous Canadian Flag Collection (over 1,300 artifacts, including 450+ flags)*



Ekhart Railway Station & outdoor equipment display

Thank you :

Appreciation is extended to the following people for helping with the formative year of SR&T. Without your help we could not have succeeded with our goals thus far.

Ben & Victoria Schindle
Jack & Joan Grandmont, Corey Grandmont
Jodi Harrison
Tracy Dunstan, Joseph Dunstan
Tanya Caudill, & Dave Greenwood
Bill & Dorothy Massey
Charlie & Marge Amy
John & Carol Morgan
Arlene Beresford & Brant Argyle School
Hall board of the Argyle Community Hall

Museum Objective

The Settlers, Rails & Trails museum has been established to tell the story of the founding, settlement and development of Argyle as a railway branch-line community. (1870's – present) The museum will collect, preserve, research, exhibit, and interpret the collections of historical artifacts. The museum will also educate groups (ranging from school children to seniors) and our community with our interactive and changing displays. The museum will serve visitors, inhabitants of Argyle and surrounding area by its emphasis on special activities at the museum.

Executive Officers:

Shayne Campbell – President & Executive Director
VACANT – Vice President
Jodi Harrison – Secretary
Tracy Dunstan – Treasurer
Carol Morgan – Member at Large
Ila Buchanan – Member at Large.

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