

## *Fund Raising Committee Report to GN AGM, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

The 2016 year for Fund Raising was very busy and we hope successful:

1. We applied to CFEP for \$262000.00 (to be included with the \$170000.00 from the MH Accommodation Association and the \$50000.00 Federal Community Accessibility Funding Grant) towards the renovations and upgrading of the Nature Centre. We should hear about this in April.
2. We also have applied to the Co-op Communities Spaces Grant for \$150000.00 to go towards the renovations and upgrading of the Nature Centre. Results will be announced in May.
3. We also have applied for a \$1000.00 Walmart of Canada Grant to be used for the Bird Tales program. We should hear back by the time of the AGM, if this comes through.
4. The Casino money of \$14897.00 came through last April and will now be used to fund some of the capital equipment, advertising and promotion of programs of the IP. This will free up money from the budget to be applied in areas that we cannot use casino funds for. The new Casino dates are September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please keep those dates open as we will need volunteers. A special thank you to Gary Martin for being our Casino Manager this past two years but is now relinquishing the post. **We need someone to step up and take over this position.**
5. We also received a grant from Alberta Native Plant Council for \$1000.00 to be used for printing the Wildflower Brochure.
6. The Medicine Hat Horticultural Society also generously donated \$500.00 towards the printing of the Wildflower Brochure.
7. And we presently are waiting to hear from The Canadian Badlands Association for funding of our Birding Trails Guide. As of Feb 25<sup>th</sup> we are on their short list and we will be informed of the final decision by the end of March.

Given the present financial climate I think we did a pretty good job of finding grant money this past year. Our next big project will be the Heron Nest webcam, if the eagles don't scare them away!

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh Armstrong,