

1. Describe how your organization preserves and promotes the history and heritage of our area and/or promotes tourism and provides visitors with information regarding area attractions, lodging, maps and other relevant to tourism.

Our society mandate is: To collect and preserve all types of records of historical significance to the town of Blackfalds and area, that reflects its unique people and organizations, past and present. In doing this we will provide a worthwhile and special knowledge of our heritage for future generations and increase the public's appreciation of the interesting character of the town and area. We also have the following policies: Acquisition mandate, acquisition policy, loan policy, volunteer policy, society bylaws and a general access provision.

The following are projects we have done, are doing on an on-going basis, and ones we have slated for the future, to support, promote and preserve local history:

1. Develop and maintain an archival collection and a searchable database that is always being added to as documents, photographs, etc. are donated and/or collected.
2. Written and published several local history books - free copies are given to local schools and libraries.
3. Provide historical museum type displays in the new Wadey Centre for the general public. Private tours are provided upon request, for people researching families that have interests in Blackfalds and in the surrounding county of Lacombe. We have provided this for people that were from several locations in BC, ON, several US states, England and Australia. These visitors all stay and eat in the area.
4. Provide historical information for anyone who asks, on all manner of inquiries; as well as provide research on specific requests.
5. Hold various receptions that are well attended, on all manner of historical subjects specific to Blackfalds and its pioneers.
6. Provide tours of the Wadey Centre to local children's groups, school groups, and seniors groups.
7. Work on Blackfalds cemetery restoration and repairs. This project is ongoing, as funds are available.
8. Provide photographs for many town requests, chamber requests, and newspaper write ups and projects. We also provide a weekly historic photo for the town Facebook page called Throwback Thursday, that generates interest and discussion.
9. Built a Veterans Monument at the Abbey Centre location that provides a place to hold Remembrance Day services each year. There is also a corresponding reference book on the 85 veterans named on the monument.
10. We continued to work on the Heritage Signage Project, purchasing and installing attractive, metal signs that give informative historical data and photos in several downtown Blackfalds locations and at the Abbey Centre, referencing historical buildings and other things.

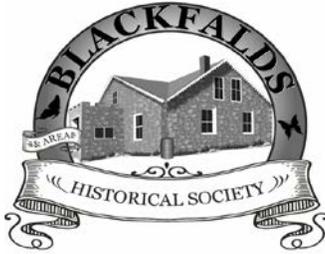
11. Installed a full color mural on the north side of the Wadey Centre, to enhance the new Denise Nielsen Park, which has been received very favorably by the public. Plans for a new, mural are in the works – if successful, it will be a large 40' by 10' high mural on the north side of After the Grind on main street of Blackfalds, a 117 year old building.
12. Plans for a large, outdoor art installation are being worked on, just outside of the Wadey Centre.
13. We now have a volunteer co-ordinator who is working on developing some public programming for all ages, to be offered at the Wadey Centre.
14. Assisted the Blackfalds United Church with its closing and going through their records to decide which ones need to go to the Provincial Archives in Edmonton, where the United Church of Canada has a small archives for Alberta.
15. Supplied the Royal Alberta Museum with content for their Quilt Project and book being done on old quilts and history.

4. Does your organization have a mandate to promote tourism initiatives and tourism operators within the County, and if so, describe how you pursue and accomplish this mandate?

While our organization has no specific mandate to support tourism, our projects, events and archives bring people to the area. The society also works with the tourist info centre in the Wadey Centre with ideas and projects that help develop the tourism aspect of things.

5. Identify the financial and in-kind support provided to your organization by other municipalities.

The town of Blackfalds supports the Historical Society with an operational budget for one part-time staff, office and general expenses. We try to fund projects and activities with grants and with casino funds (once every 3 years) if we can. In most cases, all our work is done by our volunteer membership.



BLACKFALDS & AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

	2019 BUDGET	2019 ACTUAL as of Sept. 30	PROPOSED 2020 BUDGET
REVENUE			
Town of Blackfalds	17000.00	17000.00	17000.00
County of Lacombe	10000.00	10000.00	10000.00
Society Memberships	250.00	280.00	250.00
General Donations & Other	0.00	60.00	0.00
TOTAL	27250.00	27340.00	27250.00
EXPENSES			
Archive Supplies	900.00	218.67	900.00
Books	100.00	0.00	100.00
Computer and supplies	750.00	148.87	750.00
Conference	300.00	0.00	300.00
Display & Photo	800.00	0.00	500.00
Dues & Memberships	100.00	374.40	400.00
Mileage & Travel	600.00	0.00	600.00
Office Supplies	400.00	58.92	400.00
Programming and Supplies	2200.00	786.45	2200.00
Storage Fees	4800.00	3100.00	4800.00
Telephone & Internet	500.00	0.00	500.00
Wages	14000.00	10296.00	14000.00
Volunteer Appreciation	300.00	98.10	300.00
Website	200.00	0.00	200.00
Computer backup subscription	300.00	212.78	300.00
Insurance	500.00	0.00	500.00
Database consulting	500.00	275.63	500.00
TOTAL	27250.00	15569.82	27250.00