

Proposal for UCHV Advisory Board Approval

Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village has gone to Great Lengths to display and animate history and its minutest detail. The historic site of the village affords the visitor an excellent opportunity to view Alberta's past, though we are not yet to the point that the total visitor package is in place. Perhaps the area where the UCHV could best assist the needs of the visitor is on the non-historic side with attendant facilities worthy of a site of this calibre.

At present, the food kiosk is operated in conjunction with the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society. Food kiosk is basically a concession stand for potato chips, gum and hot or cold beverages which has been altered to accommodate the serving of hot food. Kiosk contains microwave ovens the steam table into domestic size freezers for storage. Since there are no cooking facilities, food preparation is done off-site, transported to the Village, reheated and sold. This type of operation severely limits selection and items available from the kiosk not to mention the loss of quality in the reheat process. By nature of the operation the delivery process is notoriously slow on the average day and almost to the point of being impossible on days of Greater visitation or special event days. Needless to say the whole operation is strictly at the mercy of the elements. All these conditions combine to produce a situation which is labour intensive and does not provide the friends or the kiosk operators sufficient remuneration for the effort involved.

The Friends Society would like to remedy the situation and proposes that a facility be constructed on the non-historic side of the Village which would provide an indoor licensed restaurant with full kitchen facilities. Since the facility itself would require substantial capital outlay we propose that the structure be adaptable as a banquet-style facility to seat approximately 350 people, Have meeting and Conference facilities and include Provisions for a staff lunch room. The facility should be sympathetic and design structure to the existing buildings on site and adaptable to any expansion which might be considered at a future date.

By providing this year-round facility we ensure visitors even from the elements even in the most severe conditions. The kiosk could then revert to its originally intended use and serve as an additional facility on days of high visitation. A large restaurant would allow the volume of sales to be reflected in the menu price. Facility would be a potential local employer and will provide accommodations not available anywhere in the area. It would conceivably attract conference, community and special-event type programs as well as accommodate School tours (currently eating Outdoors), have Provisions for an expanded gift shop and display area and alleviate staff lunchroom problems the site is currently experiencing.

Attached please find a schedule of proposed development and timeline for this project. The anticipated revenue from this type of facility would enable the society to accelerate their participation in the enrichment program of the development of the UCHV.

Respectfully submitted
Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society