



NEW CENTENNIAL LOGO UNVEILED

100th Anniversary Accommodations chair Ernie Mushtuk, Mayor Greg Pasychny, councillor Louise Connolly, 100th anniversary chair Ivan Strang, 100th anniversary chair Les Halliwell, Media Liaison Dale Schnirer and web master Giles Merriot pose in front of the newly revealed centennial logo January 26, 2010.

Mini marathon comes to Edson

by BOBBI FOULDS

Avid runners Leah Holt and Christine Gilham introduced town council to the idea of a mini marathon during a regular council meeting on Tuesday, January 26, and met with enthusiasm.

Holt explained their group of four women, including themselves, Erin Daniels and Sandra Schwitz, wanted to organize an annual 1K kid's run, a 5K run/walk, a 10K

run/walk, and 21K half marathon on June 19, 2010, adding proceeds after expenses from the run would help fund paving the trails in and around Edson.

"This year we chose the trails, but next year we will pick something else that needs donations."

Accompanying the request for approval for "Eddie's Run", so named for Edson's mascot Eddie the Squirrel, the runners said they would

require permission to base the run from the green area north of the Leisure Centre, as well as garbage cans and port-potties placed along a specified route on the day of the run. A cartooned graphic of Eddie the Squirrel printed on t-shirts and other paraphernalia could be sold on race day.

"We would have volunteers along the route to help with traffic where runners would cross 5th Street, and along 13th Avenue between trails," Holt

added, and noted signage could be placed ahead of the time to warn motorists of runners in the area.

Another other major concern was the condition of the trails, and the women requested the tree branches trimmed to accommodate at least two participants running abreast comfortably.

Assistant Chief of Administration Officer Brigitte Lemieux commented,

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Countdown begins for Edson's 100th

Committee launches website for events

by BOBBI FOULDS

The countdown has begun, and as of January 26, there are less than 339 days left before the start of the 100th Anniversary kickoff celebrations.

Committee heads Ivan Strang and Les Halliwell, accompanied by several other committee members made a special announcement to the Town of Edson Council, residents and the press explaining new developments for Edson's centennial in 2011.

www.edson100.com is the virtual place to be, with extraordinary graphics, and sneak peeks into upcoming events, as well as a small mercantile where limited edition merchandise is available for purchase. Links to vintage photographs, stories run in the media, maps of Edson and accommodations are available on the user-friendly website.

As Halliwell explained, the calendar of events will be updated regularly, and can be

located on the website as well in the packages, but a word to the wise... If you or your organization is planning an event during the year 2011, contact the committee. "We have many events planned throughout the year, and our resources will be stressed to the maximum. Let's try to accommodate everyone by working together."

Halliwell and media liaison Dale Schnirer continued the presentation, briefly describing the events taking place each month, but placed special emphasis on the three-ticketed events.

"These events are the only ones the public will have to pay for during the year-long celebration. The tickets are to help cover the cost of those specific events," Schnirer explained, adding reasonably priced tickets for the Shumka Dancers, Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and the Homecoming Dinner and Ball would be the majority of residents to take part.