

HIGHWOOD CENTRE HAPPENINGS

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Tips for making your event unforgettable...

Choose the proper venue

Venue selection is absolutely vital to your event's success and is the most critical decision for an event planner. We believe that the Highwood Centre, is one of the best venues in Southern Alberta.

Make the entrance stunning

First impressions are everything, and that goes for events too. When your guests enter your event, you should do everything possible to make them feel welcome and invited. Show off your planning skills at the entrance, creating a first impression that is sure to make their jaws drop. Whether that involves gorgeous décor, a custom drink, or a photo booth, be sure to put your guests in a festive spirit and let them know what to expect from the moment they step through the doors.

Craft the atmosphere

Event planning involves more than a few festive backdrops. You have to set the mood and tone for your event, developing a cohesive color scheme and atmosphere. Creating ambience involves a combination of lighting, decorations, music, and food—every detail working together to set the right tone to match your vision for the event.

Choose the right vendors

An event is not a one-person show. It takes not only a caterer, DJ, and serving staff, but also suppliers, and potentially lighting technicians etc. As you're choosing your team, make sure you pick the best people to help you achieve your vision. And don't forget the technical roles, like AV experts and lighting technicians, who handle all the sound and lighting cues to show off everything you've done to create this amazing event. If you do not know who to call, ask your venue for suggestions.

Select the perfect food—and plenty of it

Let's face it, food is one of the key parts of any event. Hungry people are far less likely to have a good time, and food is one of the first things your guests will complain about if it's not up to snuff. But keep in mind that quality food doesn't ensure a great event if there isn't enough of it. Work with your caterer to be sure you have a solid head count and a menu that will keep every guest satisfied.

Not For Profit Spotlight

The Foothills Fetal Alcohol Society has provided services to High River and the surrounding areas, for more than 20 years. They support children, youth, adults and families living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. FFAS provides caregiver, pregnancy, and addictions support. Their mission is to enhance capacity for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and for the provision of care and support to rural communities surrounding Calgary.

Like most not-for-profit organizations, funding can be a huge barrier to providing services to the people that need them the most. The team at FFAS are hosting The Rockabilly Shaker, on Saturday May 7th at the Highwood Centre. There will be live entertainment, by the fun and talented *Hurricane Felix and the Manik Men*, dancing, the bar will be open and tons of fun to be had!

Tickets can be purchased by going to <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/>

Lets Get Social

Look for us on social media to stay informed of the exciting happenings at the Centre. Ctrl +click on the icon to be taken directly to our pages. Please like, share and comment on our posts; we love hearing from you!



Board Member Opportunities

The Highwood Centre still has room on the Board of Directors, for interested community members. If you have a desire to help grow the Highwood Centre and would like more information, please contact either:

Dr. Dan Campbell

drdan@shaw.ca or 403-652-7767

Tim Whitford

tim.whitford@highwoodcentre.com

or 403-336-1137

Community Events

Have a community interest event you want to share? Let us know and we'll add it to our newsletter!

info@highwoodcentre.com

Connect With Us

Phone:
403-652-4404

Email:
info@highwoodcentre.com

Regular Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
9:00am - 5:00 pm

Please call us to set up an appointment to view our facilities or for other business.

Highwood Centre History

The Museum of the Highwood, and their staff have been posting an archival photo of the day (one of our favourite things to see) The Highwood Centre has often been one of the featured photos of the day. The picture on the left, is a flower show being hosted in Medicine Tree Hall and the photo on the right is a picture of the Centre from 1959. I love that you can catch a glimpse of the grain elevator in the background.



Highwood Memorial Centre High River Alberta		
Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 1958		
— ASSETS —		
Cash on Hand		\$ 20.37
Cash in Bank—Current	\$ 1,900.33	
Savings	\$ 4,282.50	
	\$ 6,182.83	
Less O/S Cheques	\$ 286.92	\$ 5,895.91
Accounts Receivable	\$ 564.35	\$ 6,460.63
Rental Agreement with Town of High River		\$ 2,368.24
		\$ 8,848.87
— LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS —		
Mortgages		\$ 2,368.24
Surplus as at December 31, 1957	\$ 4,968.66	
Surplus for year	\$ 1,511.97	\$ 6,480.63
		\$ 8,848.87
AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE		
I have audited the accounts of the Management Committee of the Highwood Memorial Centre for the year ended December 31st, 1958 and I have compared the said accounts with their respective vouchers and certify that, in my opinion, the attached financial statements reflect a true and correct view of the financial affairs of the said Committee. Dated at High River, Alberta, this 7th day of February, 1958 THOMAS H. OGDEN, Auditor.		
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1958		
— REVENUE —		
Rentals—		
Main Hall	\$ 3,108.99	
Banquet Room	\$ 1,116.50	
Lounge Room	\$ 27.50	
Check Room	\$ 91.35	
Town of High River	\$ 1,200.00	
Court Room	\$ 360.00	
Equipment	\$ 76.00	\$ 5,980.34
Grants		\$ 2,440.00
Tax Collections	\$ 118.62	
Less Refunded to Province	\$ 90.00	\$ 28.62
Town and Country Fair		\$ 707.50
Sale of Chairs		\$ 33.00
Bank Interest	\$ 66.05	
		\$ 9,255.49
— EXPENDITURES —		
Operating —		
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 563.26	
Advertising and Printing	\$ 37.60	
Bank Charges	\$ 1.70	
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 28.80	
Light and Power	\$ 744.60	
Heat	\$ 789.54	
Ground Maintenance	\$ 200.00	
Caretaker	\$ 2,300.00	
Audit	\$ 30.00	
Telephone	\$ 32.45	\$ 5,343.52
Capital —		
Mortgage Interest	\$ 141.56	
Mortgage Principal	\$ 2,258.44	\$ 2,400.00
Surplus for Year	\$ 7,743.52	\$ 1,511.97

The picture to the left, is an article that was printed in the newspaper. As you can see, it is the balance sheet for Highwood Memorial Centre, ending December 31st, 1958.

We would love to see any pictures that you have of events you've been part of, in the Highwood Centre. Feel free to email them to info@highwoodcentre.com and please let us know, if you are comfortable with us using them on our social media posts or in our newsletter.

Did you know?

The Highwood Centre has two kitchens available to rent? Get a group together and spend the day doing a bulk meal day. These meals are a lifesaver for busy families to have on hand. PLUS there is the added benefit of doing it with a group of friends. Or maybe you've always wanted to offer cooking lessons, the only limit is your imagination! Contact us today at 403-652-4404 for more information.

Highwood Centre is open to



your idea's and suggestions! If you have an idea for a class you would like to teach, reach out to us, we might have the perfect space ready for you! 403-652-4404

Did you, your parents or grandparents have their wedding or anniversary at the Highwood Centre? We would love to see pictures, feel free to email them to info@highwoodcentre.com



Reserve your event date!

We are experiencing a high demand for our facility. If you are planning an event or fundraiser this year, we encourage you to book as soon as possible. If you require assistance with planning your event, please contact us and we can guide you through and make recommendations that will ensure your event is a success!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ May 7: **"Rockabilly Shaker"** fundraising event for the Foothills Fetal Alcohol Society featuring 'Hurricane Felix and the Manik Men.
For tickets: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/foothillsfetalalcoholsociety/659159>
or call 403-652-4776

- ◆ May 14: Juno Nominated group, **"Over the Moon" concert** in support of The Venue in High River. For online tickets: <https://www.showpass.com/the-venue-spring-fever-2/>
or in person at Design Bright Studio 112 4 Avenue SW High River

- ◆ May 21st Inclusion Foothills Spring Market 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

- ◆ June 1st THE GENERATION THAT - *A family friendly live show that shines a spotlight On young people that make a difference in our communities*
Tickets available online: <https://www.showpass.com/the-generation-that/>
Tickets available in person at Ubuntu Pies - 104 3rd Ave SE, Unit 109 High River

- ◆ June 4th Rotary Club of High River - "Unmasquerade" Boil
 - They're back! Enjoy live entertainment, a chance to bid on some fantastic auction items, raffles, door prizes, and of course, fresh Atlantic Lobster. Partial proceeds of this event in support of Polio Vaccine distribution efforts worldwide.
Purchase tickets online <https://www.simplenetix.com/e/unmasquerade-boil-tickets-103954>