

# Survey

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favour of paying higher taxes to get a building to suite their needs.

Chief administrative officer of the Town of Provost, Terry Hurlbut told *The Provost News* that he had received preliminary data from a firm hired to conduct the survey for a new building in a yet-to-be determined location.

More details will be prepared, but Paul Conrad & Associates of Spruce Grove reported that 62 percent of surveys sent out in the town were returned while 38 percent from the east side of the M.D. No. 52 where residents might

## Household Survey

6. In planning for the region, where should the priorities lie? Please check ✓ your THREE (3) most important priorities you would like to see enhanced or built in the next five years. You may also add one.

Performing Arts Programs & Facilities	Social/Banquet/Convention Space
Arts/Crafts/Programs & Space	Fitness/Wellness Facilities
Curling Facilities	Gymnasium Space
Ice Arena Sports (Indoor)	Sports Fields
Water Spray Park	Playgrounds, Parks and Pathways
Seniors Drop-in	Dance Studios
Racquetball & Squash	Rodeo Grounds/Riding Arena
Any others? Please list below.	Library

## Part of a survey that the Town of Provost mailed out late last year.

be using a new facility, were filled in and sent back for tabulation.

Paul Conrad of Paul Conrad & Associates told *The Provost News* in a telephone interview in October that he wanted to have at a minimum 25 percent of the public reply to the survey (see *PN Oct. 25, 2006*).

The polling firm said that for the survey to be statistically usable, that 208 forms would have to be returned. There were 376 returned "So they were quite happy" says Hurlbut.

An estimated 1500 to 1600 surveys were sent out and by comparison, in High River for a similar survey the approximate same number were distributed but they received a total of 67 back "so they did really well here."

The town office included the questionnaire with its monthly water bills and the town received addresses from the M.D. to gather information from those in the surrounding countryside.

The polling firm did not get as large a response from community organizations from the survey as it had hoped and will now make phone calls to gather more information. Out of 43 forms sent to local organizations, 15 were returned.

Hurlbut says there will likely be a little more detailed report for a steering committee meeting in mid-February and a report for councillors for the end of next month. Public meetings will be called in March or early April to explain to the public in more detail what options are available.


At this stage it is unknown what the new facility—if built, will cost. Earlier estimates ranged up to \$14 million.

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# Plans Being Made For Provost Showing

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time in Canada that evening.

Friesen overcame an unusual childhood, bullying and a Grade 8 education to become a world renowned name in the building moving industry and even the number one structural mover in the world. He also set four Guinness World Records for moving buildings of various weights and methods and in 1955 at New Westminster, B.C., invented a hydraulic jacking system (under a Canadian patent) that is used by virtually every mover in the world today.

The former Provost area man also won the prestigious Opal prize which is the highest engineering award given to an individual or group of individuals. He has moved thousands of structures including the use of his expertise for the Cape Hatteras lighthouse relocation project in North Carolina which drew thousands of spectators—many from different parts of the world (see photo this paper). Another big move was the Gem Theatre in Detroit (where Friesen will be honoured in March). The Gem was moved on November 10, 1997 and the building completed its five block, 1,850 foot journey, at the time setting a Guinness World Record as the heaviest building ever moved on wheels.

A film has been made of Friesen, with some of the shooting done in the

Provost area last year which includes a few local people as actors.

His story of growing up in the Rosenheim district is being told by North Vancouver writer, producer and director Bill Stewart who was in town in March 2006 along with Denis Abramsen of Tripod Film and Video Productions who is director of photography and associate producer in pictures and supervisor, post-production for this television picture.

Stewart, who operates Red and Yellow, Black and White Productions Inc. told *The Provost News* that his show will be offered for sale to audiences through the Discovery Channel, CBS, CTV, CBC and others. Counting commercials the life story will be about two hours long.

## • U.S. PREMIER SOON

The same film "Pete: Moving Manmade Mountains" will be featured along with the honoured man at the United States premier in the Gem Theatre in Detroit Michigan, with two performances, March 19 and 20. The Gem holds 450 people.

From the ashes of the Russian Revolution, the film shows Friesen born into poverty in Ukraine and immigrating as an infant with his Mennonite family to Rosenheim, Alberta. Following a childhood of hard work, depression era poverty and service in World War II, Friesen began a long and storied career in the structural moving industry. Beginning with small wood frame houses and progressing to the

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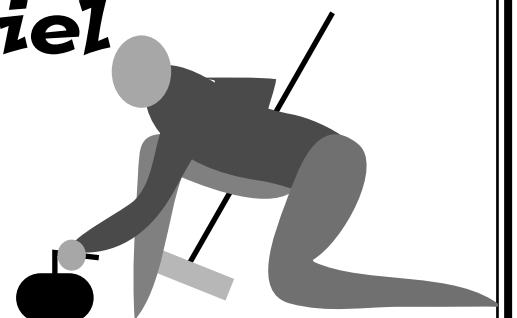
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## Provost Ladies Curling Bonspiel

**February 7 - 11**

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