



# Walking Trail Plaque Application Form

## "A Walk-Through History"

~~Preserving~~ history in The Town of Raymond is vital for maintaining cultural identity, fostering a sense of belonging, and learning from the past to guide future endeavors. It contributes to the overall well-being and resilience of the community, making it an essential aspect of societal development.


The Raymond Ag Society, Historical Society and the Town of Raymond have partnered to place commemorative plaques along the walking trail in Raymond.

Plaques will be based around, and have aspects of the following:

1. Cultural Identity & Sense of Belonging: History provides a foundation for a community's cultural identity. It helps community members understand where they come from, their traditions, customs, and values. Preserving history ensures that future generations have a sense of continuity and a connection to their roots. Knowing and understanding the history of a community fosters a sense of belonging among its members. Shared historical experiences create a common bond, helping individuals feel connected to one another and to the place they call home.
2. Learning from the Past: History serves as a valuable teacher. By preserving historical events, successes, and mistakes, a community can learn from the past. Understanding the challenges and achievements of previous generations can guide decision-making and contribute to the community's growth and development.
3. Building Community Pride: A well-preserved history can be a source of pride for a community. Celebrating past achievements, notable figures, and significant events helps build a positive collective identity. This pride can inspire current and future generations to contribute positively to the community.
4. Educational Value: History provides a rich educational resource. It offers a diverse range of stories, experiences, and perspectives that can be incorporated into educational programs. By studying local history, individuals gain a broader understanding of the world and their place in it.
5. Tourism & Economic Development: Preserving historical sites and traditions can attract tourists, leading to economic benefits for the community. Heritage tourism can stimulate local economies by bringing in visitors interested in experiencing the unique history and culture of a place.
6. Resilience & Adaptation: Communities that understand their history are often more resilient in the face of challenges. Learning how past generations coped with adversity and adapted to change can inspire creative problem-solving and resilience in the present and future.
7. Social Cohesion: Shared history contributes to social cohesion by fostering a sense of community and mutual understanding. It helps break down barriers between different groups within a community and promotes a sense of unity among its members.
8. Intergenerational Communication: Preserving history facilitates communication between different generations. It provides a platform for older generations to share their experiences, wisdom, and lessons with younger members, fostering a sense of continuity and mutual respect.


## Helpful Tips & Information:

- ☐ Propose commemoration of unusual, forgotten, ignored or poorly known subject matter are most welcome. A broaden geographic, socio-economic, ethno-cultural or demographic under-represented.
- ☐ Close association of storied events with a specific location within Raymond.
- ☐ Close association of a location with the story of a noteworthy person.
- ☐ Eective illustration of a significant pattern in the cultural, social, political, military, economic or industrial development of Raymond.
- ☐ Association of a building or structure with an event or person of great significance.
- ☐ Family tree, or pictures with stories.
- ☐ Non-profit societies and organization History.



The Raymond and District Agricultural Society formed in 1908. The objective of the new society was to stimulate the interest of the area residents in all aspects of agriculture including recognising in a variety of ways, those who have made agriculture successful. For the first few years the new society was a success with literally everyone entering something in the annual fair which was held in late August or early September. Membership fees were one dollar per year. Due to the presence of the 1st world war interest was put on hold. The society struggled through the depression years and again during World War II. The society was off and running again in the late 40's however by 1955 enthusiasm had died down once again.

In 1973 word began to circulate that the government was offering a \$50,000 grant to any Agricultural Society for the construction of, or renovations to, their existing recreation facilities. At this time the town was badly in need of artificial ice for the arena. This grant opportunity was too good to pass up. The application was made in February of that year by 72 citizens for permission to form an Agriculture Society. This application was quickly granted and on February 21 the first meeting of the Raymond and District Agricultural Society was held. Dick Kinsey was named Chairman, Andy Grbavac as Vice Chairman, Bert Hall as Director and town representative and Norma Pack as Secretary. Annual fees were set at one dollar and a fund raising banquet and dance were planned. The society's charter was presented at that time by a representative of the Alberta Government.



Through the combined efforts of the town crew, the Ag Soc members and the Lions Club members, the arena was ready for its official opening on June 29, 1974. After the arena was complete it was home to many events including Agricultural Clinics, Horse shows and even 2 Stampedes. The main reason for the arena was for hockey and skating.

In 1987 the Raymond Town Administrator, Brad Watson received word from Alberta Agriculture to the effect that if the Raymond Ag. Soc. Wanted to keep their charter they would have to become an active Society. On September 17, 1987 a meeting was held for the purpose of re-organising the Raymond and District Agricultural Society. Representatives from the Alberta Government were present along with 16 residents of Raymond and area. They were informed early in the meeting that this was possibly the last time the town would have an opportunity of forming an agricultural society where they could depend on government grants for support. By the end of the meeting Paul Mann had been elected Chairman, Lew Lee – Vice Chairman, Dawn Sugimoto – Secretary and JoAnn Tivadar – Treasurer. Important early objectives were set that night including initial planning for fall fairs, agricultural workshops and for future development of an agricultural museum.

The society continues today to serve the area with donations to worthy causes. Fall fairs and the Christmas Craft and Bake sale continue. We are hoping to increase the awareness in our Society with some new ventures in the future.

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## Specifications:

- ☐ Signs will be 3 feet x 2 feet.
- ☐ laminated with a matte UV Laminate to protect the print from fading in the sun. Pictures – they are sent in the highest quality so pixelation is minimal.
- ☐ Posts will be made of square tubing, with a plate welded on the top, to then secure the plaque. Posts will be placed into the ground with cement.

Raymond Agriculture Society  
98 E Park Street South, Raymond T0K 2S0  
[raymondagsociety@gmail.com](mailto:raymondagsociety@gmail.com)  
587-370-3031

## Guidelines and Process:

- ☐ Applications may be submitted at any time.
- ☐ Applications will be reviewed for approval twice annually. February & August.
  - o Apart from the initial kick-off of the “Walk Through History” project.
- ☐ Proposed topics must lend themselves to presentation in the ‘picture & story’ format of an interpretive plaque.
  1. Read & review all information provided in the application form.
  2. Fill out Application form and submit to: [raymondagsociety@gmail.com](mailto:raymondagsociety@gmail.com)
    - ☐ Attention Andrew Horlings
    - ☐ Questions via Phone: 587-370-3031
  3. Once approval has been received, Payment for approved plaques will be required prior to printing.
    - ☐ \$500.00 5 Year Placement of Plaque
    - ☐ \$800.00 10 Year Placement of Plaque
  4. Once Plaque has been printed, and placed, the 5- or 10-Year timeframe would start.
    - a. Applicant Name will be printed on back on plaque.

## Term End:

- ☐ Once 5- or 10-Year Mark is completed sign is returned to applicant.
- ☐ Applicant can also choose to donate plaque to historical society.
- ☐ Plaques will not be re-used, the same plaque format, wording and pictures can be used, but will need to be printed on a new plaque for quality control.
  - o Any Plaque “Renewal” would require a “renewal approval.”

## Funds & Payment

- ☐ When Application has been approved all funds for this project will be collected by The Raymond Ag Society. E-Transfer: [raymondagsociety@gmail.com](mailto:raymondagsociety@gmail.com)  
Cheques: The Raymond Ag Society (contact Andrew Horlings for pickup)
- ☐ Funds raised will be allocated back into the community & events.



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Date Of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual or Organizational applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Plaque Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Plaque Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed site (identify any specific location on the walking trail applicant can also provide a map).  
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Map provided Location on path does not matter.

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Please attach the following to this application

- ☐ Story or wording in a Word format.
- ☐ Pictures in jpeg format.
- ☐ Drawing of ideal layout of information. (not required, but preferred)