

AGENDA ITEM NO: 2.2

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2024

STAFF REPORT - COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: Delegation - Atchelitz Threshermen's Association Date: March 25, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services Prepared by: Jacqueline Morgan

1. SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

Ray Ramey, President, Atchelitz Threshermen's Association, is in attendance to provide Council with a presentation on the Annual User Group Report.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

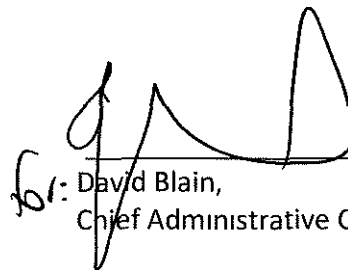
That the delegation of Ray Ramey, President, Atchelitz Threshermen's Association, be received.



Jacqueline Morgan, CMC
Manager of Legislative Services/
Corporate Officer

**3. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S
RECOMMENDATION/COMMENTS:**

Supports recommendation.



David Blain,
Chief Administrative Officer



Atchelitz Threshermens association annual user report for 2022

His worship Mayor Ken Popove and Council

Last year was the Atchelitz Threshermens 40th anniversary. We gained a lot of members have lost a few, our goal it to try and build membership and events and become a BC destination. At the end of November 2023, we had a membership total of 134. There are 106 regulars as well as 38 life members and 2 corporate members and one honorary member. Life members are over 80; this gives them free membership. The corporate members include Kiwanis club of Sardis and the Canadian Military Education Centre. The Chilliwack Foundation, Chilliwack and area osomy support group and the Vintage Car Club of Canada are the honorary member. This was the last year for the Kiwanis renting storage space from us for their mobile cooking kitchen. They sold it and are continuing volunteering in our kitchen and are an important part of our club. We had a couple of weddings and the K9 Scentinels rent the site for a couple of events and the RCMP K9 specialist use our site for after hour dog training. We have continued our meeting in Hybrid format to keep out numbers down in the room and to enable people from out of town to join in and anybody who feels under the weather or does not like driving at night to be able to take in the meeting. It has worked out very well for us.

Last year we were open 3 days per week and booking tours of the site for when we were not open along with some school tours and senior citizen tours. Our year consisted of many upgrades along with restorations. The year begin with the Chilliwack plowing match, had our annual small engine show and took part in two fairs the Chilliwack fair and the Agassiz fair. For the Chilliwack fair our theme was Mmcormic International this year it will be Massey. For the Chilliwack fair We set up a large banner at our entrance to our site from Heritage Park and had all the provincial flags out on display. One of our members brought out his restored steam engine and ran our big threshing machine and provided lots of entertainment over the weekend. We set the threshing display by the main iterance to the site. We also had a very successful yard sale to raise money. We also have been renting out equipment to the movie industry which has been a large bonus and enabled us to do many of our upgrades. It was for the series Riverdale which ended last year. The movie industry has showed a lot of interest in our site and equipment.

Some of our updates to the site consisted of upgrading our water hydrants around the site along with running conduit to the camping area for out door plugs to supply campers' power and to eliminate long extension cords. We purchased newer updated computer for the site and are hoping to bring our internet into our pioneer building and the library. Our library is our main information building and our goal is to have all our tech on site along with backup at some board member homes.

We moved our school room out of the pioneer building into one of our cabins along main street. After renovating the building, we placed the original Evans School sign over the door.

I am continuing my volunteer position on the Heritage Advisory Committee with the City of Chilliwack. As president I have found it convenient to manage the contact phone. I can usually direct the call to one of our executives, book their tour or direct them to our email address. We want to give a quick response in a friendly manner. A member who has been with us for 35 years has taken over our volunteer coordinator position. We started with three days per week for the spring with two members per shift for better safety.

Our organization would like to thank this council for allowing us to manage this property that is managed by the city. We aim to do this to the best of our combined abilities.

Thank you, your worship and council.