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County recognizes and thanks Dr. David Leonard at Retirement Celebration Ceremony

On Monday, the County held a ceremony to thank recently retired author, teacher, archivist, Alberta Order of Excellence inductee, and one of Alberta's greatest historians Dr. David Leonard for his hard work preserving the County's history.

"The County would like to thank Dr. Leonard for the decades of hard work he has dedicated to leaving the County of Grande Prairie and the province with a great, rich legacy of publications that makes up our history," said Leanne Beaupre, County Reeve.

At the celebration ceremony, the County wished Dr. Leonard all the best in his retirement and presented him with a gift and certificate of recognition for his outstanding work.



Grande Prairie-Smoky MLA and former County Reeve, Everett McDonald; Honorable Wayne Drysdale, Minister of Infrastructure and Grande Prairie-Wapiti MLA; Sexsmith Mayor, Claude Lagace; County Economic Development Officer, Walter Paszkowski; and Sexsmith, Museum Curator James Obniakwa were also a few of the guests that attended the event, each congratulating Leonard for his accomplishments and years of dedicated service to the community and the province.



“Dr. Leonard has wonderfully captured the growth of our region and how the County of Grande Prairie came to be,” said Walter Paszkowski, County Economic Development Officer. “For this we, and our future generations will forever be grateful.”

For more information on Dr. David Leonard, please visit www.lieutenantgovernor.ab.ca/aoe/arts/david-leonard/index.html

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