

# Update Report – 6 October 2006

## Here's What's Happening at the Bell Barn Project

November 24, 2005 – After completing her article on the Bell Barn for an upcoming publication on stone buildings in Saskatchewan, Margaret Hryniuk makes the following statement in an e-mail to co-author Frank Korvemaker: "...I have not given up on getting something going re the restoration." To wit, Frank replied: "...if I can be of any help in that regard, I might be able to participate in some advisory capacity..." Thus starts the Bell Barn Project.

December 3, 2005 – Marg and Frank meet with Dan Walker, owner of the Bell Barn, to discuss options for preserving the barn. One suggestion will see the barn dismantled and rebuilt just to the north of the Walker yard, on land owned by the Braden family.

February 6, 2006 – the proposal to rebuild the Bell Barn on the Braden property is developed further, and Dan Walker offers to donate the Barn to the project if this goes ahead.

June 8, 2006 – After considerable discussions and planning, a letter is sent out to various people, organizations and governments asking for comment on a proposal to preserve the Bell Barn.

August 15, 2006 – Ken Braden agreed to provide a portion of his property for relocation of the Bell Barn, if that is the direction that the project goes.

August 16, 2006 - A Public Meeting is held in the Memorial Hall, Indian Head to discuss the preservation proposal, answer questions, and solicit members for a co-ordinating committee to oversee the Bell Barn Project. Of the 125 people who attended the meeting, approximately 20 people expressed an interest in joining the committee

August 18, 2006 - Chester McBain registers the Bell Barn website at: <http://www.bellbarn.com/>. It will be under development over the next few months.

August 29, 2006 - inaugural meeting of the Bell Barn project co-ordinating committee held in the basement of the Saskatchewan Rural Sports Hall of Fame, Indian Head. The committee chose a new name: the Bell Barn Society of Indian Head. The Society executive consists of the following:

- Secretary – Connie Billett
- Treasurer – Vivian McCall
- Vice-Chair – Marilyn Malo

- Chair – Frank Korvemaker
- Fund Raising Committee Chair – Maurice Delage
- Public Relations Committee Chair – Todd Rennebohm

September 6, 2006 - The Post Office agreed to provide the Society with P.O. Box 1882 - in recognition of the fact that the Bell Farm was established in 1882.

September 12, 2006 - the Fund Raising Committee had its first meeting and discussed interim goals to get the fund raising program underway, and established 5 areas for potential activity: (1) Corporate Sponsors, (2) Local Business & Promotional Items, (3) Community, (4) Individual and Past Residents, and (5) Government and Non-Government Institutions. The preliminary costs for the project are estimated to be at least \$600,000.

### **September 26, 2006**

- the Town of Indian Head agrees to acquire ownership of the Bell Barn and new barn site, and to accept cash donations for the Project and to offer tax receipts.
- the Society agrees to join the new water pipeline now being constructed along Highway 56 in order to have ready access to water.
- a proposal for the new barn site layout is presented by Dan Walker

October 4, 2006 - the Bell Barn Society of Indian Head is formally incorporated as a non-profit organization. At the same time, application is made to the federal government to grant charitable status to the Society.