

2023 Fort Assiniboine Bicentennial Voyageur Canoe Brigade

The committee started meeting in the fall of 2022 and was successful in organizing a true success with over 160 participants and the support of many groups, individuals along the way.

The brigade ran from July 6-13, 2023 starting in Whitecourt and ending in the Town of Athabasca.

The committee would like to thank the following who helped make this brigade a success.

Thank you – would not happen without you.

Sponsor\Support	Sponsored\Supported
Town of Whitecourt	Breakfast & Event hosting
Woodlands County	Camping and financial support& Committee support
County of Barrhead	Camping and Porta Potties
Blue Ridge Community League	Supper
MD of Lesser Slave River	Camping
Smith Community Complex	Camping building facilities
Capital Power	Supper
Town of Athabasca	Event hosting and lunch & Committee support
Ben & Judy Burton	Emergency river access
County of Athabasca	Camping facilities & Committee support
Alberta Newsprint Company	Porta Poties
Athabasca Watershed Council	Committee Support, registration
Mark Lund	Committee support
Canadian Voyageur Canoe Society	Committee support and seed funding
Brian Radke	Crew change access on private land
Allen O'Brien – Woodlands RV Park and Marina	River access on private land, hosting a people in boats event as well as helped haul boats.
Fort Assiniboine Bicentennial Committee	Event planning
Fort Assiniboine Agricultural Society	Camping facilities
Kiernan Perrier	firewood
Leighton Wosley	Firewood hauling
Matt and James Aarson	Water tank and trailer
Bill Degroot	Water hauler
Neerlandia COOP	Supper
Mr. & Mrs. Giselbrecht	Private land for river access
Dave Lehman	Communications – radios & phones

Organizing Committee

Name	Affiliation\Community	Highlight
Felicia Ochs	Change Health	Helped organize the three youth boats and brought loads of enthusiasm.
Teresa & Quentin Olson	Fort Assiniboine	Heart and soul of the brigade! Logistics and putting on one heck of a show in Fort Assiniboine!
Rick Zroback	Hinton	Guidance and energy! And lots of laughs. Knows everyone which helps!
Louis Corbeil & Rhonda Degerstedt	Hinton	Organized the Voyageur games that were enjoyed by all. A must for every brigade!
Peter Kuelken	Councillor, Woodlands County	Helped with financial support and operated the safety Jet Boat and provided transportation for the brigades wonderful film maker
Ida Edwards	Councillor, Town of Athabasca	Helped organize an amazing finale for the Brigade!
Bruce Prestidge	Councillor, Woodlands County	Made sure we had excellent camping facilities and a great meal at Blueridge.
Dan Moore	Committee Chair\Whitcourt	Great at getting people to make him look good.
Sarah MacDonald	Athabasca Watershed Council	Registration and maps, meeting note keeper
Doug Yalte	Sundre	Safety plan, wise words and lots of feelings.
TJ Gladstone	Parkland School Division	Helped bring the youth and the fun!
Peter Stone	Ascend LLP\Hanna	Kept track of the finances.
Rob Minns	Councillor, Athabasca County	Helped organize finale and found put in location when we needed it most.
Petra Rowell	Athabasca Watershed Council	Provided much needed resources for registration, map making and events.

Jeff Millar	Change health	Logistics and land route planning and many hours putting up and taking down road signs.
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