

Strathcona County Museum & Archives

Preserving the History and Heritage of Strathcona County



Objectives

- History of the Strathcona Heritage Foundation and Strathcona County Museum & Archives
- Challenges the Museum is facing
- Immediate Needs of the Museum
- Long Term Needs of the Museum
- Going forward without sustainable funding – the risks

History, Accomplishments & Partnerships

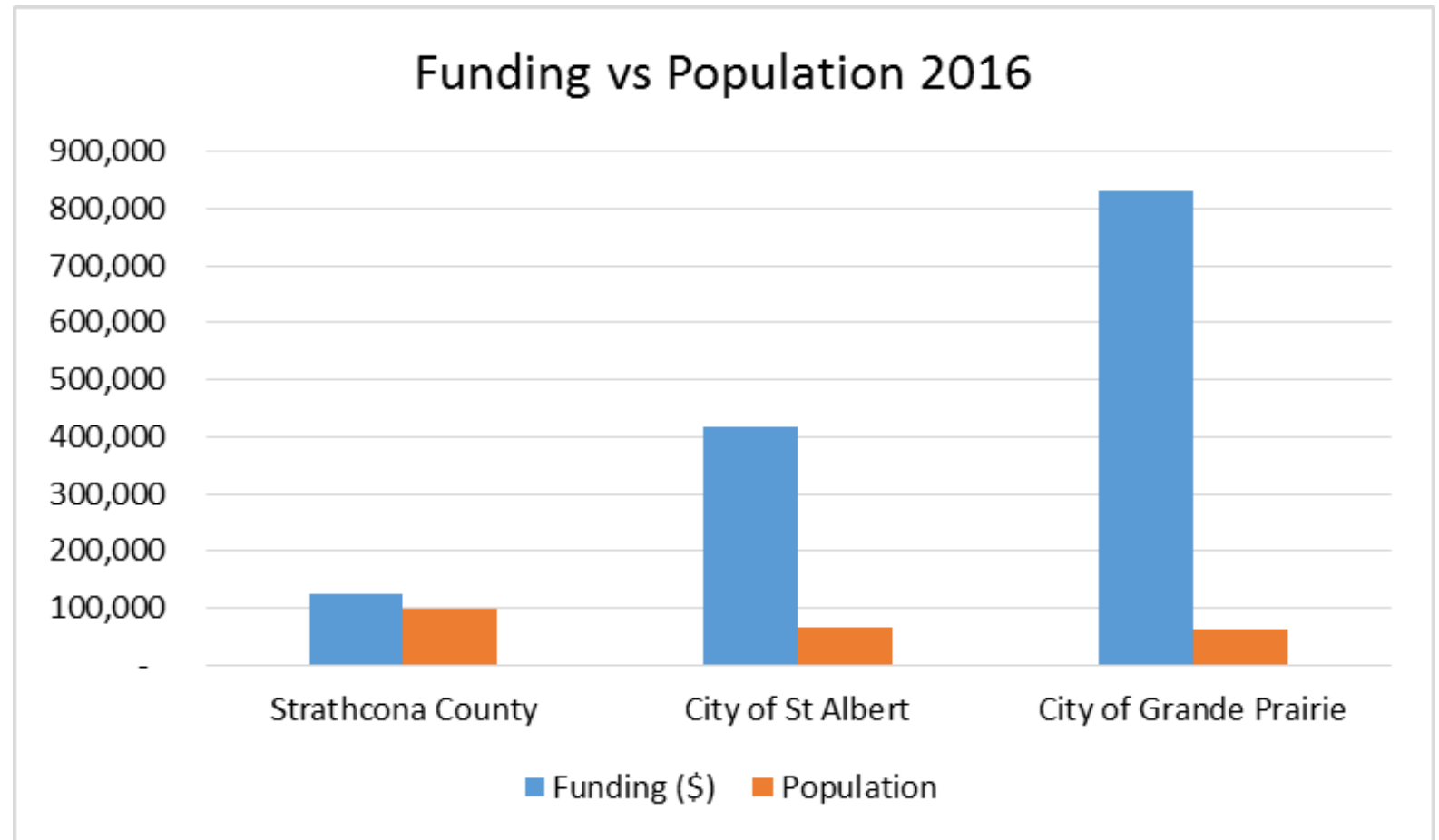


Reeve Iris Evans and
President Reg Grey
receiving the keys to
the Museum.

- June 15, 1995

Challenges

Funding



Challenges

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Staffing

- Staff salaries do not meet industry standard

Volunteers

- Aging volunteer base

Facility

- Inappropriate building to house a museum

Immediate Needs

- Recruit Volunteer Coordinator/Office Manager
- Bring staff salaries and benefits up to par with industry standards
- IT infrastructure, software and support
- Janitorial services contract

Long Term Needs

- Sustainable level of funding with a formal long term agreement with Strathcona County or the takeover of the operation of Strathcona County Museum and Archives by the County
- Including new facility

Working with Strathcona County

- Research
- House archives
- Possible administration of Heritage sites
- Possibly take on duties from Heritage Advisory Committee
- House oral histories

Going Forward Without Sustainable Funding

- Museum operations cessation
- Strathcona Heritage Foundation will dissolve
- As per Alberta Museum Association guidelines, artifacts and historical documents must be deaccessioned.
 - A significant collection of Strathcona County's history and heritage will be divided, scattered or lost