

FOREWORD

In late 2023, the Lethbridge Historical Society was approached by the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta to guide this booklet through the publishing process.

We were delighted to take on the challenge and are honoured to be a small part of this project.

Not only because the Lethbridge Historical Society takes seriously our role in publishing southern Alberta history so it is accessible to as many people as possible, but because the history of Mike Mountain Horse is a powerful and worthy story that deserves to be told, retold and shared.

Mike Mountain Horse's life of a leader, a soldier, a labourer, a union-worker, a family man and so much more is inspirational. It is no surprise that the decision was made to name a school in his honour as he is definitely a person who can encourage youth (and all of us) to strive and build a better community, a better world.

While this booklet was inspired by the personal memories and stories that exist within a family, it also has a deeper meaning. Indigenous histories and stories need to be told so we all know the truth of our communities and places. It is vital that we do this to help move our country forward.

On behalf of the Lethbridge Historical Society, I congratulate Tom Sindlinger for the creation of this booklet and look forward to seeing what other projects are inspired by this work.

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