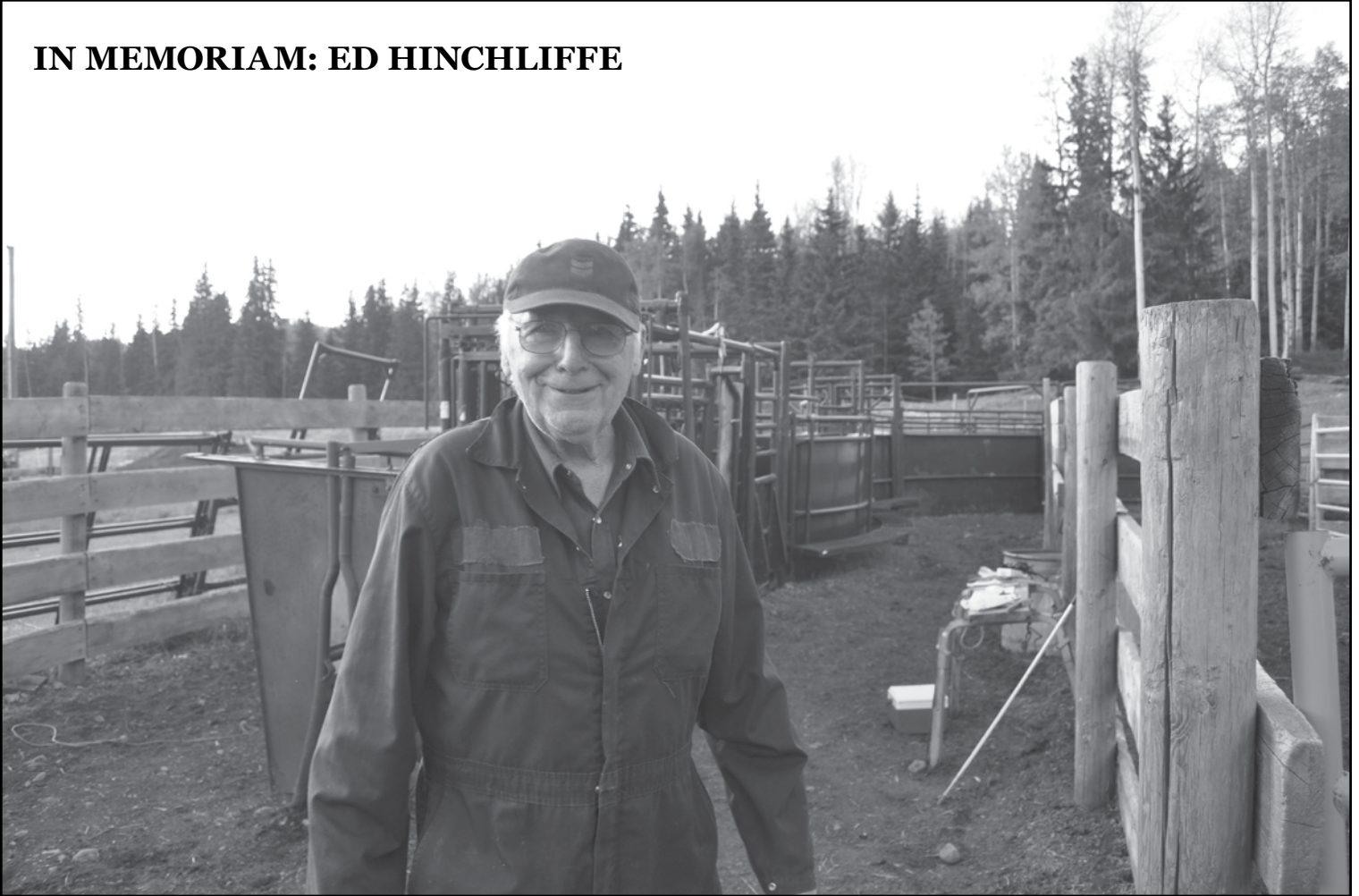


## IN MEMORIAM: ED HINCHLIFFE



### TOWN RECOGNIZES THE CHAIR

Ed Hinchliffe receives a plaque at town hall from Anita Tomayer and Mayor Taylor Bachrach in appreciation for his 11 years of service as the Fall Fair Management Committee chair.

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Ed was born in Burns Lake in 1936 to parents Rev'd Arthur and Annie Hinchliffe, the third of five children. His family moved to Terrace and Dawson Creek before they arrived in Smithers in 1946 when he was ten. He worked as a plumber before starting his own business, Ed's Excavating. He worked all over the valley and local area. He met and then married Barbara in 1958. Ed took up farming in the early 70s, growing hay and raising cattle. He served the Smithers community first as a volunteer fireman for over 30 years and then on a surprising number of committees: BC Cattlemen, Farmers' Institute, St. James Church, Fall Fair, BC Parks, Regional District and BV Quad Riders.

Ed Hinchliffe served on the Fall Fair Management Committee as an independent chairman from 2003 to 2014. Ed was also instrumental in the establishment of our present location of the fairgrounds.



### FALL FAIR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

The Fall Fair Management Committee was formed by a contract with the town to spell out the obligations of the Fair and the Town regarding the use of the grounds as well as new construction. The name suggests that it manages the fair but that is not the case. The committee is made up of two representatives from the Town and two from the Fair board with an independent chairperson chosen by a vote of the representatives. This committee reports to the Town.

The Committee meets three times a year. The spring meeting is devoted to determining the schedule of events for the coming season. Every group or individual who wishes to use the

Fairgrounds must apply in writing. If conflicts arise, the committee consults with both parties to help find a suitable solution. Therefore, it is important to submit requests early so they can be reviewed.

New construction and major repairs are also considered by the Committee. Once approved, the project must meet all Town requirements regarding building permits and regulations and must not interfere with the successful operation of the Fair.

The shared representation and teamwork have worked well for over 50 years!