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**Edson, AB, July 20, 2016** – Letting loose on the caboose – the painting of the 77704

One of the oldest artefacts of Canadian National history on display in Canada is receiving a much-needed face lift. The 77704 CN caboose, located in Centennial Park in Edson, was the first artefact donated to the Edson and District Historical Society (EDHS) in 1974.

The caboose was one of 20 built by the Grand Truck Pacific in 1907, however Canadian National took ownership of the caboose from the struggling GTP in 1917. It became part of the CN roster in 1923.

The Town of Edson has contributed much time and effort to the upkeep of this very large artefact and this commitment to history continues with the current painting of 77704 this summer.

The facelift will help to preserve the integrity of the artefact and it also presented the opportunity to bring the piece back to historically accurate origins.

During the course of its long working life, several modifications were made to the interior and exterior of the caboose and it was repainted by CN in four different colour schemes and with four different logos.

These different options were provided to the general membership at the EDHS Annual General Meeting on June 26, 2014, where they voted unanimously that the following colour scheme be recommended to the Town of Edson as it is historically accurate to the date that the caboose was removed from service.

The Pantone colours were provided by the CNR Archives Society.

Orange No. 10 - Ends, sides and cupola (Pantone 166C)

Red No. 11 - Steps, roof, trucks and tool box (Pantone 181C)

Grey No. 11 - Handrails (Pantone 416C)

Green - CNR maple leaf logo (Pantone 362C)

“The EDHS sincerely appreciates the efforts of the Town of Edson to help preserve the area’s history,” said EDHS President Douglas Woodhouse.

For more information on the 77704 CN Caboose visit – [History of the Edson Caboose, a Brief Look at 77704](#)

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