

# PUBLIC AGENDA MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 11:30 a.m.

Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

Committee Members:

Ms. C. Duval-Tyler, Chair Ms. M. Schwab, Vice Chair Councillor C. Clark

Mr. S. Deprez

Ms. D. Funk

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Ms. L. Swystun

Ms. A. Torresan

Mr. M. Velonas

Mr. M. Williams

**Pages** 

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

#### Recommendation

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee held on May 4, 2016 be adopted.

#### 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

#### 6. 2015-2016 HERITAGE AWARDS FINAL REPORT (File No. CK. 710-38)

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Attached is a final report of the Heritage Awards Administrator regarding the

2015-2016 Heritage Awards Program.

Ms. Kim Ali, On Purpose Leadership, will be in attendance to review the report.

#### Recommendation

That the information be received.

#### 7. REPORT OF THE HERITAGE COORDINATOR

#### 8. COMMUNICATIONS

#### REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

#### 10. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES (File No. CK. 225-18)

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Attached is a current statement of expenditures along with the 2013-2016 budget actuals.

#### Recommendation

That the information be received.

#### 11. PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2017 (File No. CK. 225-18)

The Committee is requested to put forward a proposed budget submission for 2017 for inclusion in the 2017 Operating Bduget Review. For the Committee's information, the following is the budget from 2016:

Conferences, Education and Research \$5,700

Heritage Awards Program \$5,700

Doors Open Event \$5,800

Heritage Festival \$500

Memberships \$200

#### Recommendation

That the Committee provide direction.

#### 12. PUBLICATIONS

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- Heritage Saskatchewan Newsletter May 9, 2016 (sent by email dated May 10, 2016)
- Heritage Saskatchewan Newsletter May 24, 2016 (sent by email dated May 24, 2016)
- Heritage Connections Saskatoon Heritage Society Newsletter Spring 2016

• Planning + Design magazine - Spring/Summer 2016 (copy attached)

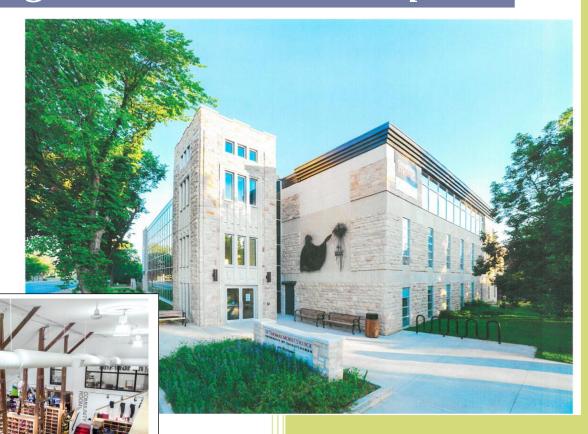
#### Recommendation

That the information be received.

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

2015-2016

# Heritage Awards Final Report



Prepared by Kim Ali - On Purpose For City of Saskatoon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

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#### **Event History**

Every two years, the City of Saskatoon, through its Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC), recognizes work in heritage preservation in Saskatoon through public recognition and the presentation of award certificates. The Municipal Heritage Awards Program occurs in the year opposite to Doors Open Saskatoon—another City of Saskatoon heritage initiative.

The Heritage Awards are an opportunity for Saskatoon residents to nominate an individual, business, or group that they know to have made a difference in the preservation and conservation of the City's heritage. The awards draw attention to the heritage value of subjects and properties within the City of Saskatoon.

Heritage value is defined as the aesthetic, historic, scientific, cultural, social or spiritually important, or significant elements for past, present or future generations.<sup>1</sup>

#### 2015-2016 Awards

This year, the Heritage Awards were presented on Monday, February 29 in City Council Chambers prior to the regularly scheduled council meeting. More than 20 individuals, businesses, or groups were recognized including property owners, architects, designers, and journeypersons.

Winners were named in all three categories of the awards.

#### **BUILDING SITES AND GROUNDS**

#### **SENSITIVE ADDITION (2 Awards)**

#### **Academic Health Sciences D Wing Addition**

- University of Saskatchewan (Property Owner)
- Henry Downing Architects (Architect)
- Graham Construction and Engineering Ltd.(General contractor)
- Flad Architects (Lab Design Specialists)

#### St Thomas Moore College 2013 Addition

- Edwards Edwards McEwen Architects (Architects)
- St Thomas More College (Property Owner)
- Quorex Constructions Services Ltd. (Project Manager)
- Robb-Kullman Engineering LLP (Prime Consultant, Structural Engineer)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Parks Canada, Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada, Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, 2003, p.2.



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#### **ADAPTIVE RE-USE (3 Awards)**

#### 210/212 20<sup>th</sup> Street West (Grazing Goat / Green Ark)

Strata Development Corporation (Property Owner and General Contractor)

#### 433 - 20<sup>th</sup> Street West (MGM Communications)

- Lionel Wong (Property Owner)
- Strata Development Corporation (General Contractor)
- MGM Communications (Tenant)

#### 616-10<sup>th</sup> Street East (Brainsport)

- Group2 Architecture (Architect and Designer)
- Brainsport (Property Owner)
- S2 Construction (General Contractor)

#### **HERITAGE SPACE (1 Award)**

#### 616-10<sup>th</sup> Street East (Brainsport)

- Group2 Architecture (Architect and Designer)
- Brainsport (Property Owner)
- S2 Construction (General Contractor)

#### EDUCATION AWARDS (3 in total)

#### **Nutana and Broadway Heritage QR Code Tour**

- o Broadway Business Improvement District
- o Nutana Community Association

#### **Spirit of Alliance Monument**

- J. S. Gauthier, Adrian Stimson, Happy (Ian) Grove (Artists/ Sculptors)
- Chief Darcy Bear (Funder, Visionary)

#### Presented to JOE WICKENHAUSER for

 Commitment to preserving and sharing the history of sexual and gender diversity in Saskatoon through lectures, walking tours, film events, displays and print publications and contributions to social media.

#### **VOLUNTEER PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**

 Presented to **Della Greer** for her commitment to making Saskatoon a place that recognizes and celebrates arts, culture and heritage through her work with the Marr Residence and other agencies.



#### City of Saskatoon Support

Joyce Fast—Lead, Coordination
Lori O'Brien—Coordination
Catherine Kambeitz—Heritage
Expertise

#### **Program Coordination**

On Purpose Leadership, represented by:

Kim Ali—Project Manager

Mandy Pravda - Event Assistant

#### Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee Chair Carla Duval Tyler

#### **Jury Panel**

- Troy Smith, Saskatchewan Association of Architects and Chair of Jury Panel
- Happy Grove, Interior Design Association
- Don Greer, Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee
- Bob McPherson, Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee
- Lenore Swystun, Saskatoon Heritage Society

#### **Overview of Event Day**

The Heritage Awards celebration day is made up of the following three components:

#### **Awards Presentation**

The presentation of the Heritage Awards took place in City Council Chambers starting at 5 PM in front of close to 100 people in the council gallery.

#### **Photo Displays**

Photo exhibits are displayed in the City Hall lobby in the week the Heritage Awards are presented. A power point photo exhibit is put on display at the awards reception for the duration of this event. The photo exhibits are a major attraction and resources should continue to be set aside for this component. A consideration for future years may be that we allow award recipients to take home one copy of their mounted photos and photo captions at the end of the night. MHAC committee members also suggested that a permanent exhibit at City Hall may be feasible.

#### Reception

Award recipients are invited to a reception following the presentation of their awards. This is an opportunity for them to mix and mingle with other award recipients as well as meet representatives of the design and heritage communities. The reception was held across the street from City Hall at The Bassment. It was a relaxed yet classy setting; perfect for the celebration mood we want to honour the winners with. Outside catering was brought in and beverages were provided by the venue. Alcoholic



beverages were available at the Bassment bar for purchase and soft drinks were provided for at no charge.

#### **Marketing & Communication**

#### Online Content

The City of Saskatoon issued a news release to alert the media and general public that the Awards Program was accepting nominations, and another one to notify them of this year's winners and the date and time of the presentation. The City posted information and a downloadable application form at 'H' for Heritage Awards during the Call for Nominations.

#### Newspaper Advertising

Ads were placed in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix in October and on the City page in the Star Phoenix in November. . See Appendix for copies of the advertisements.

#### Television Coverage

Global Saskatoon and CTV reported on the Heritage Awards Program on their February 29 evening newscast, and on their morning shows March 1. Shaw covered the presentation portion in its coverage of the City Council meeting.

#### Direct Marketing Initiatives

We used electronic media as much as possible to reduce costs and broaden the reach of our marketing efforts. Posters were distributed electronically to the following people and places, who were also asked to forward the poster along to interested persons, businesses, and organizations:

- Updated city distribution list of architects, designers, journeypersons and their professional associations (by mail)
- Saskatoon Heritage Society
- Meewasin Valley Authority
- Local History Room, Frances Morrison Library
- Saskatoon Real Estate Board
- Representatives of Design Week (Gov't of Saskatchewan)
- Prairieland Park
- BIDs: Broadway, Riversdale, The Downtown Partnership, Sutherland
- University of Saskatchewan
- Western Development Museum
- City of Saskatoon Commercial Facades Program
- City of Saskatoon Heritage Coordinator



#### **Program Review**

#### What went well?

Joyce Fast and the City Clerk's office staff were a tremendous resource and support to On Purpose Leadership in carrying out the event. Catherine Kambeitz was available as needed and provided counsel and feedback.

The post event celebration held at the Bassment was very successful with more than 100 people attending.

The recipients are very appreciative of the honour, and the certificates and awards ceremony are a great way to recognize them.

The majority of the submissions were digital, which helped immensely with cutting down costs and making the job more efficient. A Dropbox folder was set up for the jury, which made it easier for them to access the files prior to the review.

#### What should be done differently?

The timing of the awards presentation needs to be addressed. Given the governance changes to the city bylaws, Public Acknowledgements (which is what the Awards fall under) form part of the Regular Business agenda which starts at 1:00 pm on Council day. Therefore, since the Order of Business is specified in the Bylaw, the awards would have been presented at a time that was inconvenient for most people, and as well as negating the opportunity for a celebration after the event. The administrator worked hard with various members of City staff to come to a workable solution, and the awards were presented at 5 PM, followed by the reception at 6 PM at the Bassment. However this meant that the awards were NOT presented in front of city council. However, the mayor, some councillors and senior staff did attend the presentation.

A sub-committee of the jury was struck to review the awards process. The committee was tasked with discussing the following:

- Adding additional representation to the Jury panel, possibly a group or organization with educational / curriculum focus.
- . Revising the awards ceremony time and location so all councillors can attend.
- . Increasing engagement of MHAC in the awards presentation.
- Clarifying he intention of Volunteer Award (recognition for lifetime achievement? Significant impact?).
- . Review the submission criteria

The committee met on Thursday April 7 and provided suggestions to the Heritage Coordinator, who will take the recommendations to MHAC for review.



#### **Coordinator Recommendations**

- Focus early marketing on developing community awareness—the Heritage Awards present a strong opportunity for community engagement
- Develop an online survey for routine feedback from participants, judges and winners.
- Increase advertising investment to improve visibility of the event day.
- Book a paid advertisement in the Star Phoenix announcing the winners.









#### THE STARPHOENIX, SATURDAY, Saturday November 8 and Saturday October 3



#### Municipal Heritage Awards

#### Submission Deadline: Friday, November 13, 2015

The City of Saskatoon through its Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee is recognizing work in heritage preservation in Saskatoon through the presentation of Awards and Certificates under the following:

#### A) BUILDINGS, SITES & GROUNDS There are six project categories:

- 1. Restoration Exterior
- 2. Restoration Interior
- Adaptive Re-Use
- 4. Sensitive Infill
- Sensitive Addition
- 6. Heritage Space

#### **B) VOLUNTEER PUBLIC SERVICE**

This category is open to both individuals and groups who have demonstrated a long-term commitment to archaeology, history, museums, historic building and sites, genealogy and folk-lore.

#### C) EDUCATION

This category is open to both individuals and groups for undertaking endeavours which enhance the public understanding and appreciation of the City's natural and human heritage.

Entry forms are available on saskatoon.ca, search Heritage Award Programs. Additional information and criteria for each of these categories is included with the entry form. The deadline for submissions is 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 13, 2015. Any program completed prior to September 1, 2015 is eligible, including non-award winning submissions from past years.

For further information contact Kim Ali at 306-652-1417 or email kimali@onpurpose.ca

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#### THE STARPHOENIX, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, City Page



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### **Appendix B: Photo of Recipients**





	Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee 2016 EXPENDITURES				
	2016 Budget 2016				
City Clerk's Office					
Conferences, Education and Research	\$5,700.00				
		\$0.00			
Heritage Awards Program Mister Print - Heritage Awards certificates Saskatoon Jazz Society (rental of The Bassment) J&S Picture Frame Warehouse (certificates) Rayacom Saskatoon On Purpose Leadership Inc - Administrator Contract Fee Chef de Partie Catering - Appetizers for Reception	\$5,700.00	\$0.00 \$132.00 \$446.25 \$2,915.88 \$165.69 \$1,821.36 \$448.88			
Doors Open Event		\$5,930.06			
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Heritage Festival	\$500.00				
Heritage Festival		\$60.00			
Memberships	\$200.00				
Saskatoon Heritage Society - Membership Renewal Heritage Saskatchewan - Membership Renewal Architectural Heritage Society of Saskatchewan		\$30.00 \$50.00 \$20.00			
	4	\$100.00			
TOTALS	\$17,900.00	\$6,090.06			

	2013 BUDGET	2013 ACTUALS	2014 BUDGET	2014 ACTUALS	2015 BUDGET	2015 ACTUALS	2016 BUDGET	2016 ACTUALS
Conferences, Education and Research	5,600.00		5,700.00		5,700.00		5,700.00	
Heritage Saskatchewan Conference Registration		130.00				150.00		
R. McPherson - Heritage SK AGM/Conference		368.59		1		100.00		
L. Swystun - Heritage Foundation AGM/Conference		587.80						
Lucas Richert - Saskatoon Express Newspaper Article				150.00				0 12 12/1924
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P. McGillivray - Heritage SK Forum & AGM (Regina)				000.00		489.52		
M. Schwab - Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Conference						2,000.00		
*May 6, 2015 MHAC meeting - transfer to Doors Open Event				1	-2,000.00	2,000.00		
Subtotal		1,086.39		750.00	2,000.00	2,639.52		
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Heritage Awards Program	5,600.00		5,700.00		5,700.00		5,700.00	
Star Phoenix advertising		2,151.61				1,240.15		
On Purpose Leadership - Heritage Awards Program		1,785.00		2,186.79		1,785.00		1821.3
Saskatoon Jazz Society - Heritage Awards Rental - The Bassment				446.25				446.25
J&S Picture Frame Warehouse - Heritage Awards Prints				2,222.68			1 - 8 - 8 - 1	2,915.88
Mister Print - Heritage Awards Program Certificates				121.00				132.00
Rayacom Saskatoon (mounting photos for lobby display)								165.69
Reception appetizers - Chef de Partie Catering			***************************************					448.88
Judges Expenses						239.85		
Subtotal		3,936.61		4,976.72		3,265.00		\$5,930.0
			21.02					
Doors Open Event	5,600.00		5,800.00		5,800.00		5,800.00	
(In 2013 cross charges were not provided)		0.00		0.00				
On Purpose Leadership - Doors Open Event		0.00		0.00		5,800.00		
On Purpose Leadership - Doors Open Event		0.00		0.00		2,000.00		
*May 6, 2015 MHAC meeting - transfer from Conferences/Education					2,000.00			
Subtotal		0.00		0.00		7,800.00		
Heritage Festival	500.00		500.00		500.00		500.00	
Library Photo scans for Heritage Fair Display	500.00	161.00	500.00	70.00	500.00		500.00	
Local History Room Photos for Heritage Fair Display	1	161.00 32.00		72.00				
Display Table Fee (Registration)		50.00		50.00		50.00		00.0
Copy charges		50.00		50.00 24.30		50.00		60.0
Subtotal		242.00				50.00		
Subtotal		243.00		146.30		50.00		60.0
Memberships	200.00	7. 24	200.00		200.00		200.00	
Heritage SK Membership Renewal		50.00	200.00	50.00	200.00	50.00		50.0
Architectural Heritage Society Membership Renewal		20.00		20.00		20.00		2
Heritage Canada Foundation Membership Renewal		42.00		42.00		42.00		
Saskatoon Heritage Society - Membership Renewal		.2.50		30.00		30.00		30.0
Subtotal		112.00	-	142.00		142.00		100.0
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TOTAL		\$5,378.00		\$6,015.02		\$13,896.52		\$6,090.0
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# **Heritage Connections**

Saskatoon Heritage Society Newsletter www.saskatoonheritage.ca

You are invited to attend the

# Saskatoon Heritage Society Luncheon & Annual General Meeting featuring guest speaker,

### Dr. Ernie Walker



Sunday, May 15, 2016 @ 1:00 pm, \$55 (Doors open at 12:00 noon) University Club 101 Administration Place, UofS Campus

The Luncheon and Presentation with be followed by a brief AGM
There will a Silent Auction.
You do not have to attend the luncheon to attend the AGM

If you are interested in nominating a member or running for a position yourself, please contact any current board member or email saskatoonheritagesociety@gmail.com

For more info, call Patti at the new SHS phone #: 306-934-5164.

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### Board of Directors for 2015 - 2016

President:

Patti McGillivray

Vice President: Vacant

> Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: James Wood

#### **Board Members:**

Claire Bullaro
Linda Dietz
Roland Dumont
Linda Epstein
Devon Hanofski
Al Morton
Kent O'Grady
Peggy Sarjeant
David Smith
Lenore Swystyn
Andrew Whiting

Youth Ambassador: Lauren Konok

# Message from the Editor

When I was first asked to join the Saskatoon Heritage Society, my thoughts went to the Saskatoon of my youth – my first home in Nutana, built in the 1920s; my second home in Grosvenor Park, a midcentury modern that was actually new when we moved into it; and my current home, built in 1912. I also conjured up memories of the first Capitol Theatre; the gas station at Five Corners (that is now 3 ½ Corners); the coffee house beside the Broadway Theatre; Adilman's Department Store (now Anthology Furniture and Little Bird Patisserie); and the Farnam Block with its downstairs shops and "Merry Mansion" party house behind; the downtown arena (among so many other places that have made Saskatoon unique).

As I served on the Board, I rediscovered even more of Saskatoon's wonders and, sadly, saw some of them torn down rather than repurposed or refurbished (don't even mention the Traffic Bridge to me). Happily, I also saw successes and at least some attempt to recognize heritage (although not nearly enough).

Soon, I realized three things: 1) that Saskatoon is special, not just because of its buildings and streetscapes, its bridges and tramcars, but because of the stories that could be revealed through them; 2) that once something is gone, it is too easily forgotten or lost to the newcomers and next generations; and 3)that what I remembered was only the tip of the iceberg of what Saskatoon had been when I was young and long before I was even a twinkle in my parents' eyes. The stories were the deep underpinnings of who we are as a unique city in a province that is also unique. My pride has only grown since I became an SHS member, despite some of the failures.

And, now, my thoughts have turned to another dimension of Saskatoon that makes up the colours of our city (literally and figuratively) – that of our cultural heritage. Of course, First Nations and Metis have been here long before most of our families settled here. We can see the evidence of that in so many ways, but one of which to be proud is Wanuskewin Heritage Park and the stories it tells of our earliest beginnings. In addition, Saskatoon has been built and developed by the many cultures – Chinese, Ukrainian, British, German, to name but a few – immigrants from all over the world who have shaped our exceptional city into one with values and heritage of which to be proud.

Saskatoon is my home. For most of you reading this, it is your home as well. It is worth getting to know the city in which you live, and to fight to keep its many stories alive.

I hope to see many of you at our annual Lunch and Silent Auction on Sunday, May 15 at 1:00 at the University Club with speaker Dr. Ernie Walker, and I hope you will stay for the annual general meeting that will follow.

- Linda



Luncheon & AGM Ticket Order Form
Sunday May 15, 2016, University Club, 101 Administration Place, UofS Campus
Doors Open at 12:00 noon; Lunch at 1:00 pm; Cash Bar

SHS Dinner Ticket Request
No. of Reservations X \$55.00 = Total
Please make cheques payable to Saskatoon Heritage Society and
mail to 674, University Drive, Saskatoon S7N 0J2
Deadline: Thursday May 11th.
Please check in at our registration desk. No tickets are being issued.
For further info: Peggy 306 652-9801
Thank you for supporting the Saskatoon Heritage Society

# A Message from the SHS President

Dear Heritage supporters,

As I write this, I am thinking of all the events which have happened throughout our mild winter. Things on the built heritage front have been fairly calm. The exception to this would be further demolition of two more spans of the Victoria Avenue Traffic Bridge on January 10th. Despite it being one of the coldest days of the year, thousands of people came out to watch. Some came out to see the impressive explosions, which indeed they were. Others, such as me, came out to mourn the loss of an iconic piece of our history, which was the first structure to join the east and the west sides of the river. In years to come, the new bridge will stand, and the old one and its significance will be lost for future generations. So it is important to prevent further occurrences such as this from taking place. Sometimes, no matter how hard we try, things are simply out of our hands.

The converse of this is the restoration and expansion of the old courthouse. (For more information, see Peggy Sarjeant's Heritage Enthusiast article.)

The strength of our impact on these situations is often increased by the cooperation among many different heritage agencies, both built and cultural. In fact, the mandate of our city's Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee known as MHAC includes representatives of both cultural and built heritage (such as ourselves), as well as from other agencies, all either elected and/or as volunteers; some as members at large. Some of our board members represent us on other boards and committees and vice versa, again both elected and volunteer. These include but are not limited to Friends of the Forestry Farm, the Heritage Festival, Meewasin Valley Authority, and the Marr Residence. Again, volunteer and elected. Also, we encourage people to volunteer for our Saskatoon Heritage Society board who may not be representative of other agencies, but who have an interest in preserving Saskatoon's heritage identity. Diversity is good and enables us to view this city from a variety of angles. Some people might think that these allegiances are not helpful because of the competition for grants and funding. While there is a grain of truth in this, for the most part it's beneficial, because of increased exposure and avoidance of duplication of resources and programming. Our Society would benefit from board members who come from a variety of backgrounds such as community, business, cultural organizations, and individuals. This would certainly help us keep on the pulse of what is happening out there. I would hope this would also help to enrich our heritage.

This brings me to our annual general meeting (AGM), which is being held after the annual luncheon this year. You do not have to come to the luncheon to attend the annual meeting (see the front page of this newsletter). We promise the meeting will be short. The AGM includes the election of officers. We have a number of vacancies on the board. Extensive credentials are not necessary, but one of the criteria is that you must display an enthusiasm for heritage and the ability to attend the monthly meetings. You would then have the inside track on what is happening out there.

Have a great spring and summer and I hope to see you at the luncheon.

Sincerely, Patti

## Thoughts From An Heritage Enthusiast

It's not always that we have positive news on the heritage preservation front but this winter things were a bit different. In February, we were able to celebrate the city's Heritage Awards. Projects on the University campus, 20th street and in Nutana were recognized. The Education category was widened in scope to include not only Nutana's QR Project and the Spirit of Alliance Monument but also the work undertaken to preserve the cultural history of sexual and gender diversification in Saskatoon. Finally, our former Board member, Della Greer, was recognized for her volunteer work in the heritage field, notably as current Chair of the Marr Residence Board. We thank the people behind all these projects for their dedication in preserving the richness of Saskatoon's cultural heritage.

Missing from the list was any mention of residential projects. As we watch with dismay as older homes in our core neighbourhoods are demolished one after the other in favour of new, larger residences, it seems as though the preservation ethic has shifted entirely to the commercial sector. All is not lost, however. Two residences have been recently added to the City's list of designated heritage properties and a third is in process. Congratulations to the owners!



Peggy Sarjeant

One of my most positive heritage experiences over the winter was when I attended the official opening of the expansion and renovation of the Courthouse on Spadina Crescent. As the sun shone through the new atrium windows overlooking the riverbank, we celebrated the completion of what had been a major building project lasting over 5 years.

In 1958, Saskatoon's 1907 courthouse on 21st Street was torn down to make way for increased parking for the Eaton's store on 3rd Avenue and a new courthouse was built on Spadina Crescent. This time, however, things happened differently. The provincial government recognized the architectural and symbolic value of the 1958 modernist building and made the choice to retain and upgrade it. The result is a courthouse that will serve Saskatoon well into the future- a sense of history is preserved while at the same time current needs have been addressed by including a modern addition which successfully complements the existing building.

The government has renovated other courthouses in the province. One of them is the Moose Jaw courthouse built in 1909 and the oldest courthouse in use in the province. It was reopened in December 2015. Renovations to the Weyburn Courthouse (1928) were completed in 2012 and to the Regina Courthouse on Victoria (1959-60) in Sept 2015.

The Department of Justice has proved to be a leader in the preservation of our heritage buildings. The Department understands the important role these iconic structures play in fostering a strong provincial connection and in enhancing a sense of pride of place in our communities. I wish everything were always so positive but, as we continue in our work of raising awareness of the importance of our heritage, we can take encouragement from what has been achieved over the past six months.



### In Memoriam

Rosanna Parry (April 18, 1951-January 21, 2016)

The Saskatoon Heritage Society sends condolences to member John Parry and family on the death of his wife, Rosanna Parry on January 21st, 2016. Rosanna was an accomplished educator whose students loved her. She was deeply committed to her family and worked tirelessly in the community, most recently as a creative and talented photographer, member of the Farmers Market and 3rd Avenue United Church. She was well known for her out-of-the box photography of our heritage buildings and spaces. Rosanna was generous to a fault and our society benefited from this, providing everything from gift cards to professionally framed work for Silent Auctions. Rest in peace, Rosanna.

# Heritage Heroes - Cathy Watts

written by Linda Epstein

Cathy Watts is a community builder. It's in her DNA. Both her grand-mother and mother were community-minded, and she quite naturally has followed in their footsteps. Her approach to volunteerism: "There are no limits. [In Saskatoon] you can do what you want...think outside the box...follow your path."

As a retired physiotherapist, she knew that she wanted to keep going. "You have to reinvent yourself. This stage of life is so exciting. There are so many opportunities. There is a sense of purpose and passion. I feel very blessed."

When she heard about Jane's Walk, a global movement of free, citizenled walking tours inspired by urban activist Jane Jacobs, she desperately wanted to attend, but was away in Edmonton. As it happened it was Edmonton's Jane's Walk at the same time. She went and was hooked.

At the time, Gord Androsoff was leading the Saskatoon organization, and Cathy very quickly became involved. "It was a no-brainer. These are my people."



She eventually took over Gord's position, but humbly says that her role is mainly to call meetings and make tea and cookies. The group (not so much volunteers as talented people who love Saskatoon) have led some walks, but are really more about encouraging people to bring a consciousness to their stories, to explore Saskatoon from all angles, and to connect with their neighbours. "Once you're into the scheme of things, it is always on your mind and ideas come up all the time. Where else can you just decide to do a walk and do it?"

This year, the walks will be held May 6 to 8. Anyone can create and lead his/her own walk. Just register on-line at: http://janeswalk.org/canada/saskatoon/ If you aren't leading a tour, check out the schedule and join one or several walk(s).

Cathy was born in Toronto, but grew up in Alberta. She met her husband (now a retired veterinarian) at the University of Alberta. They have two children – Sarah, a practitioner of traditional Chinese medicine in Thunder Bay, and Brad, a school-teacher at Westmount School.

The family moved to Saskatoon in 1982, but had been travelled back and forth a lot to visit relatives before finally settling here. Whether in Alberta or in Saskatchewan, Cathy would get the feeling, "Ahhh! I'm home." Eventually, she grew to love the subtleness of Saskatchewan – the open skies, the prairie grasses, the space and the subtle beauty that was so different from the "in your face" feeling of Alberta.

As a year-round cyclist ("It's the human thing to do."), Cathy has been a strong voice for Saskatoon Cycles, an advocacy group for safe cycling for all ages, for the past five years. She is currently co-chairperson.

In addition, she feels very strongly that we should all understand about our history. She learned about Canadian feminist Nellie McClung and "The Famous Five", and has since held several Nellie McClung tea parties. These ultimately evolved into Social Good events that help the YWCA.

Cathy admits to some celebrations and some frustrations since she moved here. River Landing, the Farmers' Market and the Remai Modern are all fabulous; but she laments the loss of so many heritage buildings and thinks of the loss of the Traffic Bridge as "the pain that keeps on giving...if we lose our history, we won't be unique".

She often thinks of a scene that she saw once play out in a Japan subway. The car was full, no room for even a feather. Yet this little old woman with white gloves just pushed until she could board. "That's what we have to do – push back. We have a responsibility to make this city the best it can be. It takes time and patience, but we are on the cusp of something. We must be vigilant."

# **Heritage Awards**

In late February, The City of Saskatoon's Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) presented the recipients of the 2015-2016 Heritage Awards. The Committee presents Heritage Awards every second year to recognize contributions to heritage preservation within the City of Saskatoon in the areas of archaeology, history, museums, historic buildings and sites, genealogy, natural history, and folklore.

"The Heritage Awards represent an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the work of preservation, restoration and stewardship of buildings of heritage value and education in our community," says Carla Duval-Tyler, Committee Chair. "These awards recognize what is often an immense amount of vision, time, and a financial commitment for something that benefits the entire city." "We thank all applicants as they demonstrate a vision on the part of Saskatoon residents and business in preserving, conserving and restoring our local heritage, and maintaining a sense of history as we build for the future of our city," she added. Organizations were recognized in the following categories:

#### **BUILDING SITES AND GROUNDS**

#### **Sensitive Addition (2 Awards)**

### **Academic Health Sciences D Wing Addition**Presented to:

- University of Saskatchewan (Property Owner)
- Henry Downing Architects (Architect)
- Graham Construction and Engineering Ltd.
- Flad Architects (Lab Design Specialists)

### St Thomas Moore College 2013 Addition Presented to:

- · Edwards Edwards McEwen Architects (Architects)
- · St Thomas More College (Property Owner)
- · Quorex Constructions Services Ltd.
- · Robb-Kullman Engineering LLP

#### Adaptive Re-Use (3 Awards)

### 210/212 20th Street West (Grazing Goat / Green Ark) Presented to:

· Strata Development Corporation

### 433 - 20th Street West (MGM Communications) Presented to:

- · Lionel Wong (Property Owner)
- · Strata Development Corporation (General Contractor)
- MGM Communications (Tenant)

#### 616-10th Street East (Brainsport)

Presented to:

- Group2 Architecture (Architect and Designer)
- · Brainsport (Property Owner)
- · S2 Construction (General Contractor)
- \* Double Award Winner for Heritage Space Award

#### **EDUCATION AWARDS**

#### **Nutana and Broadway Heritage QR Code Tour**

Presented to:

Broadway Business Improvement District Nutana Community Association

#### **Spirit of Alliance Monument**

Presented to

J. S. Gauthier, Adrian Stimson, Happy (lan) Grove (Artists/ Sculptors)
Chief Darcy Bear (Funder, Visionary)

#### Joe Wickenhauser

Commitment to preserving and sharing the history of sexual and gender diversity in Saskatoon through lectures, walking tours, film events, displays and print publications and contributions to social media.

#### **VOLUNTEER PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**

#### **Della Greer**

Commitment to making Saskatoon a place that recognizes and celebrates arts, culture and heritage through her work with the Marr Residence and other agencies.

# **Recent City of Saskatoon Designation**

The Pendygrasse house was constructed in 1909 – 1910 by Henry Pendygrasse. The family came over in the late 1800s, initially part of the Temperance colony. The first home was a log house on a quarter section of land acquired through the homestead grant by Sarah Pendygrasse. It initially stretched from the South Saskatchewan River to Lorne Avenue and Taylor Street to Ruth Street. Eventually a larger house was built and most of the land was sold.

Sarah returned to Ireland. Her sons stayed behind and her son, Harold, took over the property. In 1909, he built the new home on St. Henry Avenue in what became the Exhibition area. Harold and his family lived in the home until the outbreak of WWI. It was sold in 1918 and Harold went into real estate.



The house remained intact until 1950, when it was converted into suites. The current owners purchased the home in 1980 and restored it to the original state. They have done a sympathetic addition and (yes!) removed the chicken coop. The restoration work earned a restoration award from the City's Heritage Program and in 2002 special recognition by the Architectural Society.

The historical value is in the history of the Pendygrasse family and the Victorian influences including a large turret, a widow's walk and fish-scale shingle siding. Pendygrasse Road was named after this family.

Municipal designated heritage properties receive a plaque and possible financial incentives.

For a full listing of the heritage register and designated homes, access the Agenda of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee's from November 2015 through the City of Saskatoon committee listings.



### Saskatoon Heritage Society Games Night

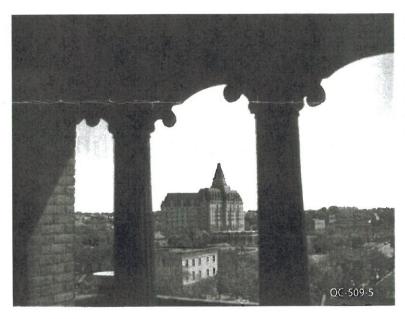
On Saturday, February 27, 2016 the Saskatoon Heritage Society hosted its first annual Games Night Fund Raiser. Games that were invented many years ago but still enjoyed today were available to play in the comfortable friendly atmosphere of the University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students Association - Graduate Commons Hall. Games of chess, checkers, Chinese checkers, backgammon, crokinole, dominoes, and a very active (keep your elbows down) table top hockey were played. The well-stocked food counter provided hot dogs with all the fixings, drinks, and popcorn. Approximately 30 people enjoyed the evening with many commenting that they look forward to next year's Games Night, and they will be sure to bring their family and friends. The Saskatoon Heritage Society is pleased with the enthusiastic response and will work to continue this as an annual event and to grow its attendance and capacity to raise funds while having fun.

# Saskatoon Fire Department Scrapbooks - by Kent O'Grady

In the autumn of 1958 a new firefighter with the Saskatoon Fire Department, Terry O'Grady, was taking out some trash at the Old Number One Fire Hall on 23rd Street, where the Frances Morrison Library now stands. As he was throwing the garbage out, he noticed a discarded scrapbook in the bin. Curious, he inspected it further, and found it was someone's attempt to assemble a history of the Fire Department. Terry learned that whoever made that attempt had long since left the fire service and no one remembered who had created it. Disgruntled that this book would not have been appreciated and just discarded by whomever undertook the spring cleaning, Terry took it home to salvage it. After cleaning and organizing what he had found, he began collecting all news articles pertaining to the Saskatoon Fire Department. As a daily reader of the newspaper, this was easy enough to do. He also approached a number of retired firefighters who contributed further photographs and clippings. Next, Terry purchased a new, large scrapbook and began reassembling the news cuttings and assorted photos. There were, however, a number of historical gaps.

At a later date, the Star Phoenix and the Saskatoon Public Library systematically began placing all newspapers onto microfilm. The old and often crumbling papers, which took up large amounts of space, were seen as redundant and, for the most part, were to be discarded. Terry was able to acquire many of these newspapers, allowing him to review the old issues and retrieve appropriate articles for the scrapbook. Consequently, he was able to assemble a comprehensive collection commencing in 1910 and ending around 1960. The end date was chosen based upon keeping the book to a manageable size. He then started a second scrapbook, which was assembled over 25 years from 1960 to 1985. The majority of the history of the fire service, as reported by the Phoenix, the Daily Star and their successor, the Star Phoenix, is found in these volumes.





Terry was active with the Firefighter's Union, Local 80, as Secretary and later as President. In the late 1980s he was promoted to Deputy Chief. Upon retiring in the early 90s, he donated the first scrapbook to the Local History Department of the Saskatoon Public Library. The second scrapbook was donated to Local 80, so that the work could be continued.

Photos from the Saskatoon Public Library, Local History Room

Above, Interior of Fire Hall #1 circa 1910 (photo lh-444)

Left, View from the top of Fire Hall #1 circa 1956 (photo qc-509-5)

### Important Dates and Announcements:

Holocaust Memorial Program: Sunday May 1 at 1:30pm

Public screening of the movie "Tunnel of Hope", presented by Congregation Shir Chadash, at the Roxy Theatre. "Tunnel of Hope" documents the escape of 250 slave labourers through a self-dug tunnel in what is now Belarus, and the return of some of the families and their descendents to find the physical remains. Admission is free. Donations accepted. 10% to refugees. For info, 306-652-5345.

Jane's Walk: May 6 - 8

Free citizen-led walking tours inspired by urban activist Jane Jacobs. Check www.facebook.com/JanesWalkSaskatoon or contact: janeswalksaskatoon@gmail.com

Luncheon and AGM: May 15 See cover for details

On Safari @ Children's Festival: June 4-7

Forestry Farm Park: Selected Sundays

SUMMER OPEN HOUSE AT THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RESIDENCE AND WALKING TOURS THROUGH THE PARK The Residence will welcome visitors from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm and the walking tour will take place at 2:00 pm on the dates listed below. Everyone welcome! All FREE. No registration required. Lemonade and cookies available. Further information from Peggy: 306 652-9801 SUNDAYS: May 29, June 26, July 17, and August 28

Back to Batoche: July 14-17

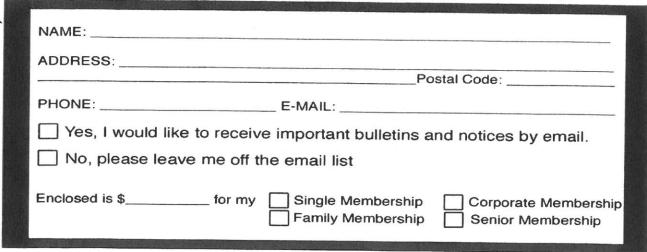
Adjacent to Batoche National Historic Site. Discover the culture and music of the Metis in the most celebrated Metis Festival in North America. Camp under the stars or reserve an electrical site. Info: Tourism Saskatchewan website or call 306-343-8285

#### Membership Renewal

Thank you to those who have already renewed for 2016! All memberships expire on December 31 of the previous year. Those of you who receive newsletters via Canada Post, please check your envelope for the red year-end expiry date. Please renew to continue your support of our efforts to protect and educate about Saskatoon's heritage.

Single Membership: \$15.00 Family: \$20 Senior\$10 Corporate \$30

Send your payment to Saskatoon Heritage Society, P O Box 7051, Saskatoon, SK S7K 4J1



# ON SAFARI WALKING TOUR

Join us "On Safari" as we discover the flora, fauna, and fossils in the buildings that line 21st Street in downtown Saskatoon. This walking tour features buildings that are over 100 years old, built with fossils that are over a million years old!

Now that's history!

Each child will take home a colouring book and even get to make a fossil! Admission is FREE!

June 4 -7, 2016



If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jody at onsafarisaskatoon@gmail.com





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