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February 4, 2014

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Mr. Brent Penner

Ms. Patti McGillivray

Dear Committee Members:

# NOTICE OF MEETING MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Please take note of the following meeting of the above-noted Committee:

DATE:

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

TIME:

11:30 a.m.

PLACE:

Committee Room "A", Second Floor, North Wing, City Hall

A copy of the agenda is attached.

Please notify the City Clerk's Office in advance of the meeting if you are unable to

Yours truly

Joyce Fast, Committee Assistant Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

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#### Attachment

cc.

Director of Recreation & Sport, Community Services Department

Director of Community Development, Community Services Department

Urban Design Manager, Neighbourhood Planning, Community Services Department

Heritage and Design Coordinator, Planning and Development, Community Services Department

Senior Planner II, Development Review Section, Community Services Department

Director of Planning and Development, Community Services Department

**Director of Communications** 

City Manager City Solicitor

**Quorum Requirements:** 

9 members

The date of the next meeting is March 5, 2014.

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# AGENDA

#### (OPEN TO PUBLIC)

## MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

# WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014 AT 11:30 A.M., COMMITTEE ROOM "A"

- 1. <u>Minutes</u> of meeting held on January 8, 2014.
- 2. Communication to MHAC

From: Kent O'Grady, Secretary, Saskatoon Heritage Society

Date: January 6, 2014

Subject: Proposed Cell Tower in the Centre of the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo

(File No. CK. 230-3)

Attached is an excerpt from the minutes of meeting held on January 8, 2014 with respect to the above matter. A copy of the letter is attached (Attachment A).

Also attached for the Committee's information is a letter dated November 21, 2013 from Bernie Cruikshank, President, Friends of the Forestry Farm House, regarding the above (Attachment B).

Mr. Darryl Dawson, Manager, Development Review Section, will be in attendance.

- 3. Report of the Chair (File No. CK. 225-18)
- 4. Report of the Heritage Coordinator (File No. CK. 225-18)
- 5. 2013 Annual Report (File No. Ck. 430-27)

Attached is a draft of the 2013 Annual Report for review by the Committee before submission to City Council through the Planning and Operations Committee.

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Heritage Property Designation
 City Gardener's Site – Victoria Park
 810 Spadina Crescent West
 (File No. CK. 710-19)

For the Committee's information, City Council, at its meeting held on January 6, 2014 considered the above and passed Bylaw No. 9145 – The City's Gardener's Site Heritage Conservation Bylaw, 2014 designating the City's Gardener's Site as a municipal heritage property.

7. Articles for Newspaper – Update (File No. CK. 710-1)

Attached is an excerpt from the meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee held on November 6, 2013 as well as January 8, 2014 (Attachment A).

Also attached is a copy of the first article written by Lucas Richert which was published in the February 3, 2014 issue of the <u>Saskatoon Express</u> (Attachment B).

- 8. Publications (File No. CK. 225-18)
- a) Heritage Saskatchewan Newsletter January 6, 2014 (sent by email dated January 7, 2014);
- b) Heritage Saskatchewan Newsletter January 20, 2014 (sent by email dated January 20, 2014);
- c) Heritage Saskatchewan Newsletter February 3, 2014 (sent by email dated February 4, 2014); and
- d) Sparks Off the Anvil Newsletter of The Saskatchewan Western Development Museum, January March 2014.



The following is an excerpt from the minutes of meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (Open to the Public) held on January 8, 2014:

15. Communication to MHAC

From: Kent O'Grady, Secretary, Saskatoon Heritage Society

Date: January 6, 2014

Subject: Proposed Cell Tower in the Centre of the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo

(File No. CK. 230-3)

Ms. Swystun submitted the above-noted letter, requesting it be added to the February 12, 2014 agenda. The Committee agreed.

RESOLVED: that the correspondence be referred to the General Manager, Community Services Department for further investigation and to arrange for Administrative presence at the next meeting.

06 January 2014
To: Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC)
City Hall, 222 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. N., Saskatoon, SK
S7K 0J5

Re: Proposed Cell Tower in the Centre of the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo

Dear Committee Members,

The Saskatoon Heritage Society (SHS) Board has learned a "letter of concurrence" was issued to SaskTel agreeing to the erection of a cell phone tower at the Forestry Farm. This tower is to be situated adjacent to the most historically sensitive area of the site, directly across the road from the Superintendent's Residence. The tower will be 150 feet tall and come equipped with a full array of antennae. The tower would be a serious intrusion into this historic landscape, affecting important sight-lines.

The Forestry Farm Park and Zoo is an important National Historic Site. As part of the National Historic Site agreement, the City of Saskatoon signed a Community Integrity Statement for the site, which provides development guidance and suggests a heritage impact evaluation of any major development. The City's new Culture Plan also calls for a heritage impact statement for development adjacent to heritage sites. No formal heritage impact evaluation was performed for the proposed tower.

We understand that the City's Cell Tower Policy does not cover situations like this and it seems there is little room for heritage concerns when discussing SaskTel's cell tower requests.

The SHS Board asks that MHAC consider this issue.

- 1. Although a letter of concurrence has been issued, would it be possible for Administration to urge relocation of the tower to a less intrusive location within the site? Better still, can another location be found outside the site?
- 2. Could MHAC encourage amendments to the City's Cell Tower Policy to include reference to designated municipal, provincial and national historic sites? This might save other sites from similar assaults on their historic integrity. The City is responsible for other historic landscapes, such as the Pioneer Cemetery, Moose Jaw Trail and the Next- of Kin-Memorial Avenue and Woodlawn Cemetery. Cell towers would be highly intrusive in those locations.
- 3. We would welcome clarification of the process for evaluation of any proposed development in a National Historic Site. Since these are sites of national significance, we feel that policies should be in place to require a formal heritage impact evaluation. The Community Integrity Statement should be used in conjunction with such an evaluation.

Clearly, competing demands can put the integrity of historic landscapes at risk. We look forward to clarification of the City's procedures with regard to development in such sensitive areas and to the amendment of the Cell Tower Policy to address heritage concerns.

We would welcome the opportunity to attend an MHAC meeting to speak to this issue.

Sincerely

Kent O'Grady, Secretary Saskatoon Heritage Society

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His Worship the Mayor and Members of Council Saskatoon City Hall 222 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

#### Mayor Atchison and Councillors

In 100 years decisions made by the City of Saskatoon and Meewasin Valley Authority (MVA) will still reflect that the heritage landscape of the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo was sold out. This is evident based on the recent decision to allow the installation of a 45m (150 foot) mega communications tower to be built within the boundaries of the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo (SFFP&Z). The Commemorative Integrity Statement upon which all SFFP&Z development should be consulted appears to have been left gathering dust on a shelf.

This letter of protest is about the decision to allow the mega communications tower to be built in the middle of the SFFP & Z, a National Historic Site. The voice of dissent belongs to the Friends of the Forestry Farm Park; the stakeholder group at the park which has restored the Superintendent's Residence and continues to provide historic interpretation of this century old park. Those in charge of the decision to ignore the heritage integrity of the site have been the City of Saskatoon Administration, the MVA and SaskTel.

Technologies change and these modern advances become the new normal. Mega communication towers are required so that adequate cell phone signals can be received. SaskTel, by their own submission to MVA hearing, stated it is to "expensive" to lease land from corporations. The most economical route was to put the mega tower within a City owned park. The second reason for choosing this specific location was that it is 200+ meters away from any local landowner so no individual citizen can have input into the plan to construct within the park. There was a protest over a 15 meter tower to be built in Briarwood so imagine the protest that would have occurred over a 45m mega tower. The citizens of the surrounding area will have adequate cell phone coverage in the future but they had no say in the location of the tower as this strategic location was chosen to not allow any community input.

101 years ago the land on which the SFFP&Z resides was a farm site in a rural area of Saskatchewan. The Dominion Government bought the land and created a forest nursery station that produced millions of trees for prairie farmers. This site is now recognized as one of national historic significance for the impact it had on settlement and the landscape of all three Prairie Provinces. Following the National Historic Sites Designation, stakeholders comprised of Parks Canada, City personnel along with representatives of the MVA, the U of S, MHAC and non-profit stakeholders which operate out of the Park met over several days to develop a Commemorative Integrity Statement (CIS) for the site. This Statement was approved by the City of Saskatoon and Parks Canada in 2003.

The CIS forms the guiding document for all development activity within the SFFP & Z to ensure the continued conservation of the historic integrity of the site. The uses of the CIS are laid out in Paragraph 1.3.3 of the document. Of particular relevance to the current situation re the proposed communications tower are the following statements:

The CIS guides site management by:

- enunciating a set of heritage values and objectives which can be used in analyzing and evaluating the impact of development proposals for the site
- providing a key component for design guidelines for development which may take place within the site and which may have an impact on the site

One of the Objectives of the National Historic Sites Program is:

To encourage and support owners of national historic sites in their efforts to ensure commemorative integrity

"It all began with a tree nursery. Millions of saplings and a hundred years later, the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo remains a cornerstone of ecology, inspired learning and lasting memories. Today, this National Historic Site boasts restored heritage buildings, carefully-crafted garden spaces, and a great new naturally –themed playground and Saskatchewan's only CAZA-AZAC accredited Zoo. Whether your visit is lively and exciting or quietly reflective, the experience is sure to be a memorable one." This is the literature put out by the Marketing Department in the Leisure Services Guide. In the middle of this treasured park will be a monopole that towers over every tall tree in this park (in fact this entire area of the city). It is set on the edge of the historic quadrant and every view from the First Generation buildings will now include this monopole. This is a gross intrusion into this heritage landscape.

The Leisure Service Department, the Park Administration and the Planning and Development Department failed to consult the CIS during the planning stages of the discussions with SaskTel. The city employee in the P & D Department had not even heard of the CIS until it was brought to their attention in September. There was no heritage impact review and the City's own Civic Heritage Policy was not consulted. The land agent representing SaskTel (Scott Land & Lease Ltd) states that the project is excluded from Environmental Assessment and that it is in compliance with Health Canada's Safety Policy. However this does not take into account the heritage designation of the site. As such it is obvious they have not done a thorough evaluation.

There should have been a formal evaluation of the impact on the historic integrity of this important City of Saskatoon heritage landscape as a result of constructing this mega communications tower within the SFFP&Z. In fact, we are requesting, on behalf of the citizens of Saskatoon and Saskatchewan, that the City comply with its own policies and guidelines developed for this site.

Sincerely,

Bernie Cruikshank, President

BCruikshank

Friends of the Forestry Farm House

cc: MHAC City of Saskatoon

MVA, Saskatoon Parks Canada, Saskatoon Branch



## ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

TO:

Planning and Operations Committee

**FROM:** 

Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

DATE:

February 4, 2014

SUBJECT:

2013 Annual Report – Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

FILE NO.:

(CK. 430-27)

RECOMMENDATION:

that this report be submitted to City Council as information.

### BACKGROUND

The 2013 membership of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee was as follows:

Mr. Dave Denny, Chair, public appointment

Ms. Carla Duval-Tyler, Riversdale Business Improvement District (appointed Vice-Chair February 2013)

Ms. Janet Glow, Sutherland Business Improvement District

Mr. Don Greer, Saskatchewan Association of Architects

Mr. Robert McPerson, public appointment

Mr. Lloyd Minion, Saskatoon Region Association of Realtors (appointed in September, 2013)

Mr. Brent Penner, The Partnership (appointed in September, 2013)

Ms. Dorothea Funk, Local History Room, Saskatoon Public Library

Mr. Peter Kingsmill, Tourism Saskatoon

Ms. Maggie Schwab, public appointment
Ms. Signa Daum Shanks, public appointment

Ms. Lenore Swystun, Saskatoon Hentage Society

Mr. Mike Velonas, Meewasin Valley Authority

Mr. Michael Williams, Saskatoon Archaeological Society

Ms. Darla Wyatt (appointed in November 2013) replacing Sarah Marchildon, Broadway Business Improvement District

Councillor Charlie Clark

# REPORT

In 2013 the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) was involved in several activities. Some of the noteworthy activities that occurred in 2013 included:

- 1. The ongoing review of the City of Saskatoon Heritage Policy and Program Review that was undertaken by Donald Luxton & Associates Inc. in 2012.
  - A Task Group, consisting of Mr. Robert McPherson, Ms. Lenore Swystun, Mr. Peter Kingsmill and Councillor Charlie Clark was established to review Ms. Paula Kotasek-Toth, as the the Heritage Policy and Program. Heritage and Design Coordinator, also provided valuable input to this Task Group.

- A special meeting was held in December, 2013 to review the updated Heritage Policy and Program Review. Ms. Kotasek-Toth (Senior Planner) and Ms. Christine Gutmann (Heritage Design and Coordinator) were in attendance at this special meeting.
- It was recommended that the draft heritage policy be accepted in principle, but that a companion document be undertaken (similar to the Calgary Heritage Strategy), which would link the policy document to action, and would be framed as a heritage leadership document.
- Going forward, MHAC looks forward to working with City Council in implementing the new Heritage Policy. The aim is to bring forward the companion document by March, 2014 that will help to market and provide new branding to Heritage in Saskatoon.
- 2. The Committee received a presentation on Cultural Heritage Mapping by Dr. Keith Carlson, Program Coordinator, Cultural Mapping Class at the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Carlson provided information on his background and interests, and his work related to the areas of history and geography. He noted that he has worked in conjunction with Mr. Kevin Kitchen, Community Initiatives Manager for the City, on establishing projects for the students in the Cultural Mapping Class. The first class was offered last year—they had 6 students—from various disciplines such as planning, history and fine arts. These students were very enthusiastic participants and were amazed at how much they didn't know, once they started their research, and on how interesting their research was. Dr. Carlson provided background information on his work in the community and put forward some suggestions on what the Committee might reflect on in terms of projects that could be given to students, such as:
  - Sites of significant events;
  - Appropriate (recognizable) commemorations for heritage buildings (such as the Military use cenotagh type monument); and,
  - Explore why people do not apply for designation/commemoration.

The Education and Awareness Task Group indicated they wished to see whether they could work with Dr. Carlson in undertaking some cultural mapping throughout some neighbourhoods in Saskatoon.

- 3. The Saskatoon Public Library celebrated its centennial. Several events were held throughout the year to commemorate the literacy, information and entertainment needs of city residents. Some of the events of note included the "Saskatoon Public Library: 100 Years in Pictures" display at the Francis Morrison Library in April, as well as centennial parties at several of the branches in May.
- 4. The Heritage Fair was held on February 3, 2013 at the Western Development Museum. Over 2300 people attended the 25<sup>th</sup> annual festival which featured six acts of live entertainment split over two stages, 16 activities & demonstrations, and 39 cultural and heritage exhibits. The theme for 2013 was "Our City: From Prairie to Metropolis" and was well represented in the various exhibits, as well as

through "big name" and multicultural entertainment. Volunteers who helped organize the materials associated with the presentation, as well as those who attended the event consisted of Ms. Janet Glow, Ms. Signa Daum Shanks, Mr. Robert McPherson, Ms. Carla Duval-Tyler and Ms. Paula Kotasek-Toth.

- 5. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Forestry Farm Park occurred on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Forestry Farm Park. Ms. Janet Glow volunteered at the event on behalf of MHAC. The anniversary was based on an old fashioned fair. There were food booths, games for kids including good old fashioned foot races and hoola-hoops. There was a stage with entertainment and old time demonstrations including blacksmithing and a farrier. The Heritage Rug Hookers and Bridge City needle arts were in attendance and displayed their needle work and quilts and rugs in the Superintendent's residence. There were horse drawn wagon rides and an old fire truck for viewing, along with a restored city bus. "Sunny", the tourism mascot was in attendance along with The Rublic Library's Pelican Mascot. Thousands of people attended the event and the weather was great!
- 6. Perhaps one of the most exciting things to happen in 2013 was the Municipal Heritage Designation of the City Gardener's Site located in Victoria Park. The Planning and Operations Committee was advised through MHAC in September, 2013 that the Committee supported the municipal designation of the City Gardener's Site. Additionally, the committee supported the allocation of \$2,500 from the Heritage Reserve Fund for supply and installation of a recognition plaque for the property. The City Gardener's Residence was designated for various reasons. The Old Bone Trail passed through this area. The trail was used to transport bison bones to Saskatoon and provided a route for many settlers to the City. Second, at one time the area had been subdivided and contained houses. The City ensured this area would remain in the public domain by purchasing the land and returning it to park space. Third, the City Gardener resided in a house at this location for many years. Much of the City's park space can be attributed to the first two City Gardeners: A.H. Browne and William James Laurence ("Len") Harvey. These two men also oversaw the development of the urban forest and the stewardship of the riverbank.
- 7. A presentation was given by Ms. Susan Lamb, Chair of the SaskRivers Steering Committee concerning the SaskRivers Canadian Heritage River Project in June, 2013. In May of 2012, the South Saskatchewan River, from the Alberta/Saskatchewan border to The Forks and the Saskatchewan River from The Forks to the Manitoba/Saskatchewan border was nominated as a Canadian Heritage River, based on their cultural heritage values. Ms. Lamb was seeking a letter of support be submitted on behalf of MHAC detailing the Committee's support of the South Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Rivers, as described in a Draft Legacy Document, as a Canadian Heritage River. A Letter of Support was drafted in November, 2013 indicating the Committee's support, in principle, of the Draft Legacy Document.

- 8. On June 2, 2013, Doors Open was held for the sixth time in Saskatoon. Volunteers from the Committee consisted of Ms. Janet Glow and Ms. Maggie Schwab in addition to Ms. Paula Kotasek-Toth. Kim Ali from On Purpose Leadership gave a presentation on the results of the Doors Open Program in October, 2013 to the Committee. Ms. Ali presented the following information:
  - A total of 20 venues participated in the event.
  - Most of the buildings had a physical tour with interpreters, lasting approximately half an hour in length.
  - Comments from participants indicated that the tours were excellent.
  - There was a drop in attendance at the 2013 Doors Open Event with approximately 3,000 people attending. It was cited that the Children's Festival began on the same day, and a change in promoting the event which took a non-traditional approach and relied more heavily on social media; both of which could have resulted in the drop in attendance.
  - Ms. Kotasek-Toth noted that Doors Open partnered with Saskatoon Transit this year and free bus transportation was provided to people displaying a Doors Open button.
- 9. In terms of publications, Mr. Brent Penner was in contact with the <u>Saskatoon Express</u> newspaper who indicated that they were interested in publishing a one-year series of articles, appearing every other month (for a total of six articles) with a suggested focus of how people have invested in heritage buildings along with the past use, and what the building is being used for today. The Committee resolved to hire Mr. Lucas Richert to write the articles on behalf of the Committee.
- 10. Ms Lenore Swystun attended the 2013 Heritage Canada Annual General Meeting in Ottawa, Ontario and indicated that the conference was worthwhile. Mi Robert McPherson attended the Heritage Saskatchewan AGM in Regina.
- 11. The sale of the Third Avenue United Church occurred in October, 2013. The congregation and Presbytery chose a successful applicant in the bid process (Harold On and Sons Engineering, led by John Orr). This building is listed on the Saskatoon Holding Bylaw and is considered to be among Saskatoon's most precious heritage buildings because of its exterior, the interior ceiling, and the important social historical role the building filled in the city for the last 100 years. The Request for Proposals which the congregation issued in July 2013 required, among other things, that the winner provide heritage designation to the building. However, in October, 2013 Mr. John Orr requested the congregation's permission to defer heritage designation until late 2015 to enable renovations and development. While this issue was not brought forth before the Committee, the Committee wishes to pursue a working relationship with the Developer, and with the help of the Heritage and Design Coordinator, to help them obtain Municipal Heritage Designation.

12. Dave Denny stepped down as Chair of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee in December 2013. Dave served as Chair since 2011 and was a member of the board since 2009. The Committee would like to thank Mr. Denny for his efforts serving as both a member at large, and as Chair.

#### **2014 GOALS**

Going forward in 2014, there are several exciting heritage events to look forward to.

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee is looking forward to helping the City of Saskatoon roll out new policies and procedures surrounding heritage preservation and awareness. The Companion document to the new Heritage Policy and Program will be going to Council this spring. The goal is to have a document that makes Heritage policy and programs accessible and understandable to City Council. City Administration and the general public. It is the hope that this document will be completed by March, 2014 where it will be reviewed by the Committee and then presented to City Council. Some of the more important issues concerning MHAC surrounding the new Heritage Policy include:

- The rollout of the registry of heritage properties;
- Promoting heritage in collaboration with the new City of Saskatoon website, Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw, strategic plans, local area plans, (etc.); and,
- Promoting the new incentives (tax incentives, maintenance incentives, fees, and the relaxation of certain development standards), to encourage the preservation and recognition of heritage properties and ultimately demonstrate that heritage properties can be an asset to Developers.

The Heritage Festival of Saskatoon took place on February 2, 2014 at the Western Development Museum. The theme from this year's event was "Bridge Mixture. Who Do You think We Were?" The event was perhaps the most successful, in terms of numbers of attendees. A full summary of the Festival will be undertaken in the 2014 Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee Report.

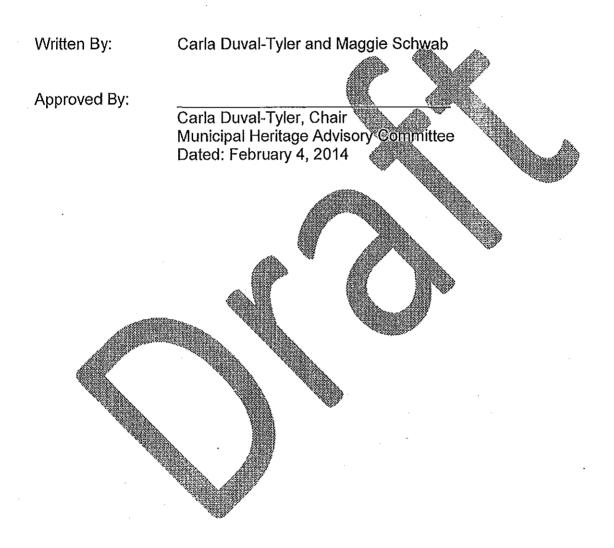
The Heritage Awards Task Group is comprised of Mr. Robert McPherson, Carla Duval-Tyler and Councillor Charlie Clark. The Heritage Awards will be presented at City Council on February 10, 2014.

The Education and Awareness Task Group indicated a desire in 2013 to work with Dr. Keith Carlson in the provision of undertaking some cultural mapping in the City of Saskatoon. The Task Group expressed a desire to explore whether any mapping could be undertaken going forward.

The Committee looks forward to the publications of in the Saskatoon Express, as spearheaded by Mr. Brent Penner.

Lastly, the Committee would like to thank Ms. Paula Kotasek-Toth for her leadership and support over the years, with particular reference to the Heritage Policy and Program Review. The Committee would like to wish Ms. Kotasek-Toth all the best in her new role as a Senior Planner with the City of Saskatoon.

The Committee would like to welcome Ms. Christine Gutmann as the new Heritage and Design Coordinator. We look forward to working with you over the coming years!



The following is an excerpt from the minutes of meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (Open to the Public) held on January 8, 2014:

4. Articles for Newspaper – Update (File No. CK. 710-1)

Discussion was held regarding Item #7 from the minutes of November 6, 2013 meeting and the request submitted to the author to hold off on writing and publishing the article regarding The Farnam Block. The Committee raised the following further questions for clarification:

- In whose perspective is the article written?
- Is the permission of the building owner(s) sought?
- Can MHAC oversee themes and topics and ensure content is not reflective of the Committee's opinion?
- Can a policy be drafted to address instances like these, when an author is contracted to write on the Committee's behalf?

It was noted that Brent Penner, who was resolved to oversee the project, was not in attendance for comment.

RESOLVED: that Mr. Penner be requested to provide an update at the next meeting.

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (Open to the Public) held on Wednesday, November 6, 2013:

7. Articles for Newspaper (File No. CK. 710-1)

Report of the Secretary:

"Attached is an excerpt from the minutes of meeting held on October 2, 2013 regarding the above.

For the Committee's information, Brent Penner has contacted the <u>Saskatoon Express</u> regarding a one-year series of articles with articles appearing every other month for a total of six. The <u>Saskatoon Express</u> is willing to move forward with printing the articles with a January 2014 start date, and a word count in the 600 range with one or two photos per story, with a suggested focus of how people have invested in heritage buildings along with the past use and what the building is being used for today.

The Committee is requested to make a decision regarding hiring Lucas Richert to write the articles on behalf of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, as well as the amount to pay him per article. The Committee paid Mr. Richert \$150/article in the past."

- RESOLVED: 1) that Lucas Richert be hired to write the articles at a cost of \$150/article effective as soon as is feasible; and
  - 2) that Brent Penner oversee the project.

# Ghost-sign debate alive and well in city

Lucas Richert for the Saskatoon Express

The rejuvenation of Saskatoon's warehouse district and Riversdale's 20th to best treat vintage "ghost signs."

A ghost sign is a hand-painted mural that was once applied directly to the brick exterior of a building. Over time these early advertisements have faded and become ghost-like.

Officially they have no explicit heritage protection, but they certainly provide character to a neighourhood, a business district and the city as a whole. According to Adam Pollock, president of the Saskatoon Heritage Society, the signs "add flavour and interest and authenticity to our streetscape."

In recent months the Saskatoon Heritage Society has paid more attention to vintage signs scattered throughout the city. The heritage society has asked council for financial help in establishing a modest grant program to persuade developers to preserve the old signs. This plan has not yet been finalized.

As it stands, there is no specific policy.

for the preservation of the ghost signs, with different solutions appealing to different people.

This past summer Dave Smith, owner of The SignSmith. generated publicity by offering to repaint the vintage 7UP. advertisement on 20th Street. This did not go ahead, however, because of the timing and substantial graffiti on the bottom of the sign. This would have made Smith's job far more complicated.

He remains optimistic about the project and believes that restoring the sign would add more colour and coolness to Riversdale.

Opinions about the vintage signs can be light years apart. They are either eye sores Street has opened the debate over how that have little worth, or they are valuable aesthetic and heritage artifacts. Most views likely reside somewhere in the middle.

It is important to the heritage society that these old signs be protected from thoughtless and unnecessary destruction, although formalizing a preservation policy may be problematic. It is best to be pragmatic and recognize that each sign is unique and requires an individual approach.

One reaction to the deterioration of ghost signs might be to repaint them before they disappear forever.

According to Craig Bellamy, an architect and journalist in Winnipeg, the "risk of this strategy is the diminished authenticity of our heritage neighbourhoods, and the loss of the romantic, ethereal nature of the signs themselves."

That is, they are no longer ghost signs if they are repainted.

The signs offer a window into our much

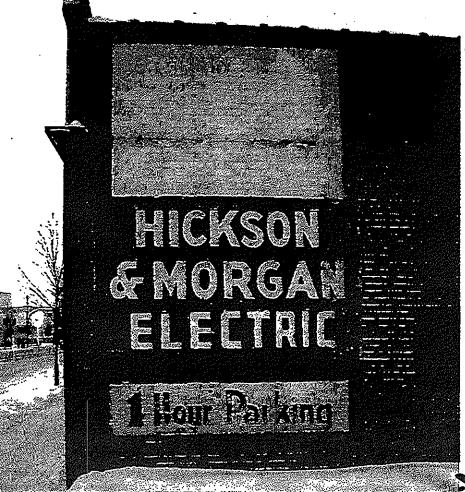
strous LCD screens flickering throughout our cities or personalized micro ads popping up on our smart-phones and comput-

For Sam Roberts, the founder of a popular ghost-sign blog in the U.K., the vintage ads "tell a story about the area and the people who once lived there. They also

simpler consumer past: an era without mon- exist with a permanence that makes them part of the community."

As business owners, heritage officials. city council and ghost-sign aficionados debate the pros and cons of these vintage ads in Saskatoon, one thing is certain: the writing is definitely not on the wall.

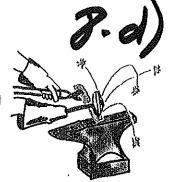
(This article was commissioned by the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee.)



Ghost signs add flavour and interest to an area, says Adam Pollock, president of the Saskatoon Heritage Society. (Photos by Lucas Richert)



# SPARKS OFF THE ANVIL.



Newsletter Of The Saskatchewan Western Development Museum

January - March 2014 Volume 38, Edition 1

Editors: Corinne Daelick & Kristine Flynn

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

By Joan Champ

So much has changed in the world since the Western Development Museum began serving as the keeper of Saskatchewan's collective heritage more than 65 years ago. When it was officially created in 1949 by provincial legislation, the WDM was inspired in part by the need to preserve large numbers of abandoned farm machinery before it was scavenged for scrap metal recycling during the Second World War. Can you imagine how different the Museum would look if it were founded today?

Like most organizations, the WDM is affected by both global and regional trends, as well as by changes within our own organization. External trends include changing demographics (aging population, influx of newcomers to Saskatchewan, growing First Nations and Métis populations), and new technologies.

Within the Museum, collecting is evolving as we seek artifacts that reflect the culture, social life, economy and innovation of post-Second World War Saskatchewan, particularly during the 1950s, 1960s and beyond. Other recent changes at the WDM include communications strategies, such as emailing of event invitations and this newsletter, and increasing staff diversity, including a multi-generational staff mix (Boomers, Gen Xers, Gen Yers).

With the pace of change accelerating, how will the WDM look even a decade from now? As with most things in life, it is our response to change that is crucial. As Mark Twain once said, "I'm all for progress. It's change I object to."

The key to the WDM's success rests in its people – especially as we navigate, and adapt to changes at the Museum. More than ever, we need to work together collaboratively – with our communities, our partners and supporters, our members, our volunteers, and our staff.

Thanks to all of those people, the WDM is having a great year in



Built by Draganfly Innovations of Saskatoon, this remote-controlled unmanned aerial vehicle reflects the WDM's interest in artifacts from both present and past.

WDM Photo

this, the 2013-2014 fiscal year. People are visiting and supporting the Museum in droves, and our staff and volunteers are working really hard to keep the Museum vibrant and exciting. As a result, our attendance has increased; we have opened exciting new permanent and travelling exhibits throughout the system; we have forged some terrific new partnerships; more and more new Canadians are visiting the four WDMs; and, I am pleased to inform you, the WDM is in a good financial position. Status quo budget allocations from the province may continue, but, armed with our business plan, we are implementing a number of new initiatives designed not only to save money, but to generate more revenue in order to keep the Museum progressive, sustainable, and thriving.

# **CURATORIAL CENTRE STAFF CHANGES**



Kathy Furtney
Ruth Bitner Photo

In December 2013, the WDM bid farewell to Katherine Furtney. Over 38 years with the Museum, Kathy evolved from Secretary to Administrative Assistant to Director of Administration. She attended over 140 WDM Board meetings, looked after HR, assisted with accounting functions, provided IT support for staff, and served as a liaison between the Curatorial Centre and the four Museums. Her patience, intelligence, and humour will be greatly missed.



Roxanne Enns
WDM Photo

We are happy to have Roxanne Enns stepping in as the WDM's new Director of Administration. Her warmth and good humour have already helped to brighten the halls. Roxanne grew up in Rose Valley, SK. She has experience as an accountant and office manager, as well as working as a consultant and instructor for the accounting software currently used by the Museum. Roxanne has two sons and lives with her husband near Martensville, SK.



# YORKTON WDM

By Carla Madsen, Education/Special Events Programmer

Happy New Year! We extend our best wishes for a happy and healthy year ahead and look forward to seeing you at the Yorkton WDM in 2014.

Once again the Celebrate Christmas Past program was a great success as 861 students shared in the fun and excitement of an old-fashioned Christmas. Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers and staff, the children enjoyed a wagon ride, gallery scavenger hunt, craft session and snack while visiting, plus took home a goody bag and wooden ornament as a souvenir. Bouquets of appreciation go to the Yorkton Threshermen's Club, Museum Explainers Group, local retired teachers and the Yorkton Antique Auto Association.

The anticipation of his arrival had been building and now he is finally here! Who are we referring to? Omācīw - Hunter of the Prairie Sea! This fascinating travelling exhibit from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum will be on display at the Yorkton WDM until mid-May. An exhibit opening was held on December 19 with greetings delivered by dignitaries and the RSM. We look forward to offering an exhibit that is something "out of the ordinary" for our Museum.

Heritage Day will be celebrated on Sunday, February 16. Heritage Canada The National Trust has chosen the theme of "Have Fun with Heritage:

Historic Places Made for Play." Annual partners in this event include the City of Yorkton historian and Heritage Advisory Sub-Commission, as well as the Yorkton Chapter of the Saskatchewan Genealogy Society. The event runs from 2-5 pm and everyone is welcome to join us.

The Yorkton Threshermen's Club has resumed its regular meetings held on the second Saturday of each month. The Club is looking forward to this year's Threshermen's Show and Seniors' Festival on August 2 & 3, and welcomes new members who would like to assist in their efforts to preserve and demonstrate techniques from the past. For further information, contact the Museum at 306-783-8361.

Members of the York Colony Quilters Guild have returned from their holiday break for weekly meetings each Wednesday beginning at 10 am. Technique sessions and workshops are held throughout the year with time devoted each week for discussions on personal projects. Novice and experienced quilters alike are invited to join and can call Sally Sibley at 306-782-2277 for further details about the group's activities.

The Yorkton WDM galleries and gift shop are open Tuesday to Friday, 9 am-5 pm, and weekends from 12-5 pm. We are closed on Mondays from January through March and on statutory holidays.

# MARTER SCIENCE SASKATOON WDM

By Scott Whiting, Education/Public Programs Coordinator

The holiday season has come and gone, and once again we wish to thank our visitors, members, volunteers and staff who made the Shaw Toy Tree drive a resounding success. More than 600 new toys were donated this year to bring some Christmas joy to less fortunate children in Saskatoon. The number of toys collected this year was up a remarkable 50% from last year.

Thanks to our volunteers and staff who put in so much hard work to deliver our Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 3 Christmas programs and for their help with the City Hospital Foundation's Festival of Trees. Thousands of visitors passed through our doors to take part in these wonderful holiday events.

For the second year, the WDM is offering the Grade 7 Smarter Science Better Buildings program. The public is invited to an open house on January 28 from 2:30-4:45 pm. This is an opportunity for visitors to get a close-up look at the program components and learn about sustainable housing.

Wheels and Runners, our popular Grade 2 transportation program, is once again being offered from January through mid-May. In this program, children discover how transportation has changed our communities from the days of horse-power to modern vehicles. Grade 2 teachers are invited to register their classes for this program.

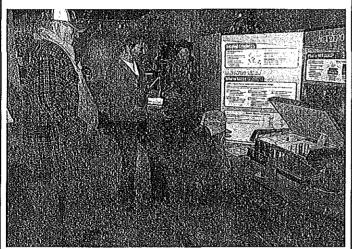
Once again, the Saskatoon WDM will be host to the Heritage Festival of Saskatoon. The 26th iteration of this annual Festival will be held on Sunday, February 2 from 12-5 pm. This year's theme is *Bridge Mixture:* Who Do You Think We Were?, exploring the rich history of Saskatoon through heritage and multicultural themed displays and interactive exhibits. For more information, please visit www.heritagefestivalofsaskatoon.com.

Community partnerships help enhance what the WDM can offer to our patrons. One example is the All Aboard 2014 Model Train Show which takes place February 22 & 23. This is the 30th year for this event which is put on by Prairie Rail Workshop. There will be an amazing array of model train layouts on display. For more information on this event, please contact Prairie Rail at allaboardtrainshow@gmail.com.

Looking for something to do with the kids during the February school break week? Why not visit the Saskatoon WDM where each afternoon from February 18-21, you will find museum volunteers in 1910 period costume and a variety of pioneer demonstrations. If it is not too cold, our volunteers with the Saskatchewan Pleasure Driving Association will be on hand to provide sleigh rides.

For January, February and March, our Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 9 am-5 pm.





WDM volunteers and SES staff put the finishing touches on the workstations for the Smarter Science Better Buildings program.

WDM Photo, Julie Jackson

The WDM has partnered with the Saskatchewan Environmental Society (SES) to offer a program for Grade 7 students entitled, Smarter Science Better Buildings. This program was first offered at the Saskatoon WDM in February 2013. We are now proud to offer it at all WDM locations. The program deals with the theme of energy efficient homes, past and present. The public is invited to learn more about this program at public open houses. Explore workstations designed around water conservation, efficient lighting, home retrofits, solar heating, building materials as well as a model of a net-zero home.

Public Open Houses will be held as follows:

Saskatoon WDM – January 28 Moose Jaw WDM – April 2 North Battleford WDM – May 9 Yorkton WDM – Coming in October

Thank you to the Saskatchewan Environmental Society, VerEco Homes and Sunridge Group for their dedication to this project.



# NORTH BATTLEFORD WDM

By Cheryl Stewart-Rahm, Education and Volunteer Coordinator

All of us at the North Battleford Western Development Museum are bringing in the New Year with confidence and excitement of a bright and successful season!

We have some exciting new additions coming up in 2014. Visitors will see changes as we renovate our indoor gallery space. We are also pleased to offer new programs and travelling exhibits. Coming this spring is the Smarter Science Better Buildings program for Grade 7. The public is invited to learn what this program is about at an open house on May 9. Grade 7 Teachers: Look for information coming soon about this great new program.

Visiting from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, we will have two exhibits coming in June: a replica skull of Scotty, the Tyrannosaurus Rex found near Eastend, SK and Omācīw - Hunter of the Prairie Sea. Omācīw, is a replica of a Tylosaurus that lived around 70 million years ago. We look forward to welcoming these prehistoric guests to the North Battleford WDM.

Don't forget about our Great Escapes Vacation Lottery. There are still 11 draws to be made! Tickets are only \$100.00 each with only 500 tickets to be sold. 100% of net proceeds will be used for restoration of the North Battleford WDM Heritage Village buildings. Tickets can be purchased at the North Battleford WDM.

If you are a fan of cowboy poetry then mark March 8 on your calendar as our popular Cowboy Poetry event returns for another year. This funfilled evening begins with cocktails at 5:30 pm, followed by a roast beef supper at 6 pm. Advanced tickets are only \$30.00 each. Please call the Museum to get your tickets or for more information.

Blues & Brews will be back for another year. Join us on April 12 for good times, music, food and great company. See the next issue of *Sparks* and our website for more details.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our 2013 sponsors, members and volunteers. We appreciate your generosity and look forward to your continued support in the upcoming year.

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# MOOSE JAW WDM

By Jackie Hall, Program/Education Officer

Happy New Year! Thank you to our volunteer's and staff who helped with our successful Christmas events, Kids' Secret Shopping Day, the Girl Guides' Breakfast with Mrs. Claus and Shortwave to Santa with the Moose Jaw Amateur Radio Club. We also hosted a number of Children's Corporate Christmas Parties and Kindergarten classes who had the opportunity to learn about the festive season.

The New Year is an excellent time to reflect on how much has been accomplished in 2013 and to look forward to the coming year. The Moose Jaw steam volunteers have completed the repairs to one coach and are about to start on the second. The Vintage Aircraft Restorers are one year closer to completing the Vickers Vedette replica. The Vedette will be a huge addition to the aircraft collection in Moose Jaw. We thank these groups for their efforts in preserving the history of transportation.

The Moose Jaw Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club is offering a workshop this winter, Model Railroading 101. Each Saturday from January 18 through February 1, participants will learn the basics of model railroading and take home a 30cm by 45cm diorama. Pre-registration is required.

Come celebrate Canadian history at the Moose Jaw WDM during our Heritage Day event on February 8. John Diefenbaker impersonator, Neil Mallard, will be showcasing memorabilia and sharing stories about the only Prime Minister raised in Saskatchewan. Moose Jaw historian, educator and author, Bill Heselton, will also be on-hand to share his knowledge about the history of transportation.

Grade 7 Teachers: Look for information coming soon about the Smarter Science Better Buildings program. Designed to accompany the Heat and Temperature unit in Grade 7 Science, this program will educate students about designing energy efficient and sustainable buildings. The program will be offered at the Moose Jaw WDM from April 1-17. A public open house will be held on April 2 for those who would like to learn more about the program.

Don't forget to stop by to visit Big Bert, a travelling exhibit from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum. Big Bert is an impressive replica of an ancient crocodile that lived around 92 million years ago. This interactive display will be at the Moose Jaw WDM until mid-March.

Our galleries and gift shop are open Tuesday to Sunday, 9 am-5 pm. We are closed Mondays from January through March.

# WE'RE TURNING 65!



To help celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Western Development Museum, we encourage you to visit your local WDM this year. If you are celebrating your 65th birthday in 2014, we will give you free admission on your birth date, as well as a birthday present from the Museum! On April 6, 2014 (the Sunday after the actual anniversary date of April 2), admission to the four WDMs will be only 65 cents. We have so many achievements to celebrate and so much to look forward to. Thank you for supporting the Museum in the past, present, and future!



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

MOOSE JAW WDM

Open Tuesday to Sunday 9 am-5 pm CLOSED Mondays January - March Shop at the Museum Gift Shop Call 306-693-5989 for information

Oct. 2013 - March

Big Bert travelling exhibit from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum

February 8

Heritage Day

March 22 - 23 April 2

Thunder Creek Model Train Show **Smarter Science Better Buildings** 

Open House

April 6

65th Anniversary Celebration

#### NORTH BATTLEFORD WDM

Open Tuesday to Sunday 9 am-5 pm CLOSED Mondays January - March Shop at The Loft

Call 306-445-8033 for information

March 8

Cowboy Poetry

April 6

65th Anniversary Celebration

April 12

Blues & Brews

May 9

**Smarter Science Better Buildings** 

Open House

June - October

Omācīw: Hunter of the Prairie Sea and Scotty's Skull travelling exhibits from the

Royal Saskatchewan Museum

#### SASKATOON WDM

Open Tuesday to Sunday 9 am-5 pm CLOSED Mondays January - March

Enjoy the Boomtown Café Daily specials weekdays

Shop at the Museum Store

Call 306-931-1910 for information

January 28

Smarter Science Better Buildings

Open House 2:30-4:45 pm

February 2 February 18 - 21 Heritage Festival of Saskatoon 12-5 pm School Break Week programming 1-3 pm

February 22 - 23

All Aboard 2014 Model Train Show

April 6

65th Anniversary Celebration

April 12

Pioneer Threshermen's Club Flea Market

# YORKTON WDM

Open Tuesday to Friday 9 am-5 pm, weekends 12-5 pm CLOSED Mondays January - March Shop at the Museum Gift Shop Call 306-783-8361 for information

Dec. 2013 - May

Omācīw: Hunter of the Prairie Sea

travelling exhibit from the Royal

Saskatchewan Museum

February 16

Heritage Day 2-5 pm

April 6

65th Anniversary Celebration

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