

BOWMAN, Lillie

Mrs. Lillie Bigham Bowman was born in 1893, and came to Saskatoon from Kent County, Ontario in 1909.

She was successful in a bid for an aldermanic seat in 1955, and was an Alderman of the City of Saskatoon for nine years. She was chosen Woman of the Year by the Saskatoon Quota Club in 1964, the last year she held the office as Alderman, in recognition of her public involvement.



During her nine years on City Council, Mrs. Bowman served on every committee except the Real Estate Committee. She had been Chair of the Transit Committee and had worked on the Parks and Recreation Committee, as well as the Library Board, the Hospital Board, the Police Commission and the Assessment Board. She also served on the Housing Committee, the Centennial Committee and the Industrial Promotions Committee.

As well as her involvement in civic politics, Mrs. Bowman was Director of the Saskatoon Alcoholism Association, and served on many other boards such as the YMCA, The Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the ASM School of Narcotic Education and the Salvation Army Advisory Board. She was also active in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Mrs. Bowman died on August 21, 1969. She was predeceased by her husband, Aden Bowman, in 1957, who was also active in civic affairs, and who served as an Alderman for 11 years, from 1941 until 1952.

Upon her retirement from civic politics, Mrs. Bowman said, "*When you are doing something for your home city it gives point to thinking and life, and I am going to miss my work of council very much.*"*

When asked about her perspective on being a woman on City Council she said, "*I was an alderman and was expected to do an alderman's duty. Perhaps they modified their language sometimes, but I was expected to carry my full share of responsibility and I feel that I did.*"*

Her grave is located in the flat marker section of Woodlawn Cemetery.

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