



Western Development Museum
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**\$101K FOR THE 101
“BACK ON TRACK” CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES**

Each summer you can see the 1914 Vulcan chugging along the tracks at the WDM Moose Jaw as part of the Short Line 101. With the only operating steam locomotive in Saskatchewan, the Short Line 101 provides a unique experience to WDM visitors.

Even with routine maintenance and annual inspections, the track is in need of repair. The WDM Moose Jaw has launched a fundraising campaign - \$101K for the 101. Funds raised will allow the Museum to build a solid roadbed to support the track so the train runs smoothly, repair some sections of rail and switches and replace worn out ties. Plans are in place to build a shelter for the Vulcan locomotive, spruce up the route with landscaping and grow the Steam Locomotive Operation Training Course, so people can learn how to be steam locomotive engineers.

“There is absolutely no way to duplicate the smell, the sight or the feel of steam.” says Kathy Fitton, WDM Moose Jaw Manager. “We are looking so forward to being able to provide, once again, that authentic steam locomotive experience for our visitors!”

“The 101 Vulcan locomotive is an example of preservation at its ultimate level. As the only operating steam locomotive in Saskatchewan, we are privileged to be the caretakers of this significant artifact.” says Tim Pomeroy, WDM Conservation Manager. “By repairing our track, this will allow 101 to operate for many years. We are committed to preserving the skills that disappeared generations ago, not just in operation, but also in maintenance and restoration. It is important to teach and mentor new people that have the interest to see this skill set continue.”

Thanks to the generosity of individual donors and supporters like Canadian Pacific Railway, the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference, and the SaskTel Pioneers, the campaign has already reached \$40,000. Donations can be made at the WDM Moose Jaw or online at wdm.ca.

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