



Western Development Museum
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WDM SASKATOON ANNOUNCES MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Infrastructure repairs of approximately \$2.3 million are being undertaken at the WDM Saskatoon. ASL Paving Ltd. and Catterall and Wright are overseeing the construction. Construction will begin the week of July 16, 2018 and is expected to conclude by October 31, 2018.

The project includes complete excavation of the parking area to install storm sewers and weeping tile to drain water away from the site; redeveloping the front entrance along with installing concrete curbs and lighting to improve accessibility and visitor safety, installing a new water line and re-paving the expanded parking lot area.

The Museum, Gift Shop, and Boomtown Café will remain open during construction. Pion-Era, the WDM Saskatoon's signature summer event has been cancelled for 2018. An alternate entrance to the Museum and temporary on-site parking will be available as the project progresses. Visitors are encouraged to check the WDM website at wdm.ca for updates on the project and how to access the Museum.

This project has been made possible thanks to community and private donations in the amount of \$699,231; a \$250,000 grant from the Province of Saskatchewan; \$38,326.00 from the City of Saskatoon's Cultural Capital Grant program; and \$25,000 from the Community Initiatives Fund's Community Places and Spaces Program. The remainder of the project costs will be covered by the WDM. An Infrastructure Fee of between \$1 and \$2 is being added to the price of regular admission to help pay for this project.

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