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SUMMER IN THE HERITAGE VILLAGE AT WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

CEO'S REPORT

Summer 2018
at the WDM

UPCOMING EVENTS

What's happening at
your WDMs

LITTLE TRAIN RETURNS

Whistle's back at
WDM Moose Jaw

UPCOMING EVENTS



WDM Moose Jaw

June 17	Father's Day and the Return of the K+S Potash Canada Short Line 101
July 1	Canada Day
July 28-29	Brickspo
August 6	Saskatchewan Day
August 18	Blow Off Some Steam

WDM North Battleford

Through June 17	<i>Our Collective Threads</i> , WDM exhibit
Through July	<i>Model T Fords</i> , WDM exhibit
July 16-20	Heritage Farm and Village Kids Camps, <i>Pre-registration required</i>
August 11-12	Those Were The Days

WDM Saskatoon

Through November 30	<i>They Were There...Over There</i> exhibit from the Saskatoon Museum of Military Artifacts
June 16	TELUS Ride for Dad – The Prostate Cancer Fight Foundation
July 14-August 26	Summer Programming, Friday through Sunday Afternoons
July 23-27	Pioneer Kids Camps, <i>Pre-registration required</i>
July 30-August 3	Pioneer Kids Camps, <i>Pre-registration required</i>
August 13-17	Pioneer Kids Camps, <i>Pre-registration required</i>

WDM Yorkton

Through July 8	<i>Canola: A Story of Canadian Innovation</i> from the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
June 24	Movies at the Museum
July 1	Canada Day Picnic
July 8	Movies at the Museum
July 11	Museum Day
July 15	Discovery Box Family Programming
July 23-September 1	<i>Our Collective Threads</i> , WDM exhibit
July 29	Discovery Box Family Programming
August 4-5	63rd Annual Threshermen's Show & Seniors' Festival
August 14-16	Children's Pioneer Days, <i>Pre-registration required</i>
August 20	Discovery Box Family Programming

Events and dates listed here are subject to change.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Thanks For Your Support

This summer, there are some changes to the WDM's usual line-up of activities as we tackle some big projects and wrap up others.

In Saskatoon, construction on the parking lot will be underway. This is a major infrastructure project that will cause some disruption as we install the needed drainage system to address the high-water table that is the root of all the parking lot problems. The WDM Saskatoon will remain open during construction and an alternate entrance is being prepared on the west side of the building.

Given the scope of the parking lot project and, in the interest of everyone's safety, we have decided not to hold Pion-Era this summer. Our other summer shows – Those Were The Days in North Battleford and the Threshermen's Show and Seniors' Festival in Yorkton – will have lots of great family activities to offer and I hope you take the opportunity to join us at these events.

The 1158 Locomotive in North Battleford will be back on display beside the train station having been completely restored over the past year. The restoration of the 1158 locomotive was a major undertaking and we are pleased that it is once again on display.

For the first time in two years, summer in Moose Jaw will be marked by the return of the Vulcan locomotive's whistle. The railway track has been repaired and visitors can once again ride the only operating steam locomotive in Saskatchewan. We will be re-launching the locomotive at a special opening on June 17, so come out and enjoy a day of family fun and train rides.

Coming for a visit to any one of our WDM locations is a great way to reconnect with family and friends. We hope a visit to one of the WDM locations will be a part of your family's summer memories this year.

Have a safe and happy summer everyone!

Sincerely,
Joan Kanigan, CEO

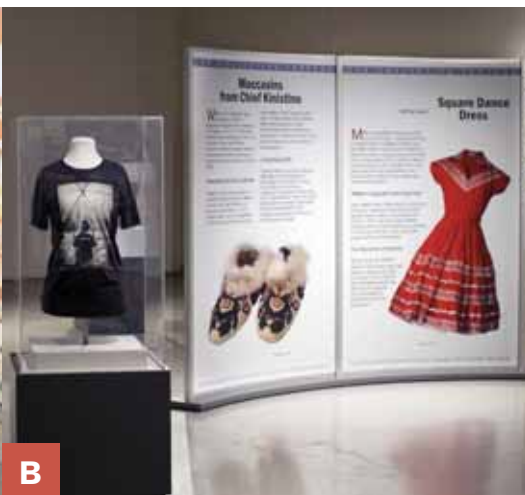
IN THE GALLERIES

A WDM Moose Jaw – *1927 Derby Model 93 Sedan*
WDM Exhibit



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B WDM North Battleford – *Our Collective Threads*
WDM Travelling Exhibit
Through June 17



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PHOTO COURTESY OF INGENIUM – CANADA'S MUSEUMS OF SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

C WDM Saskatoon – *They Were There...Over There*
from the Saskatoon Museum of Military Artifacts
Through November 30

D WDM Yorkton – *Canola: A Story of Innovation*
from the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
Through July 8

ABOUT US

The Whistle is Back in Moose Jaw!

Join us on Sunday, June 17 as we celebrate Father's Day and welcome back the **K+S Potash Canada Short Line 101!**

Sunday, June 17, 2018

1:00–4:00 pm

Western Development Museum - Moose Jaw
50 Diefenbaker Drive

1:00 pm - K+S Potash Canada Short Line 101 Opening Ceremonies

2:00–4:00 pm - Indoor Activities

FREE Train Rides and **FREE** Museum Admission

There will be family friendly activities, opening ceremonies and of course, rides on the **K+S Potash Canada Short Line 101.**



Thank you K+S Potash Canada, Cypress Paving Ltd., Canadian Pacific Railway, Teamsters Canada Rail Conference, Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club, Saskatchewan Lego Users Group, Vintage Aircraft Restorers, SaskTel Pioneers, Ironhorse Railroad Contractors Ltd., and all other supporters.

WDM MOOSE JAW



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Canada Day

JULY 1

1:00–4:00 pm

Celebrate our country with a special event at the WDM! We're planning heritage demonstrations, old-fashioned ice cream making, crafts and games. You can also check out vintage Canadiana short films in our theatre from the National Film Board.

Summer Outreach

Our Summer Interpreter will be out and about in the community bringing along a pop-up Museum and WDM activities to local events to help share Saskatchewan's story! Keep your eyes open for him at the Moose Jaw Homegrown Farmers' Market, Sidewalk Days and more.

WDM MOOSE JAW

BRICKSPO

July 28–29

Stunning sculptures by the Saskatchewan LEGO Users Group + workshops by Bricks 4 Kidz.

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JUNE–JULY HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily

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WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN AND ST. ANTHONY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN THE HERITAGE VILLAGE

Summer in the Village

The Heritage Farm and Village is open for another season! The Village boasts over 30 homes, businesses, and other buildings representing small town life in the 1920s. Visit this summer to see four authentic churches, each moved from a Saskatchewan community to the Museum: St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church from Fielding, St. Mary's Anglican Church from Lilac, St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church from Redfield, and Holy Trinity Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church from Hafford.

New in the Gift Shop

Check out unique pieces made by Calico Cat Handcrafted Jewelry in Swift Current from chain, leather, beads, stones, and found or re-purposed items.



WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

August 11-12

Save the date and watch for more in your next *Sparks!*

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JUNE-JULY HOURS

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Daily



WDM SASKATOON



TELUS Motorcycle Ride for Dad

JUNE 16

Once again, the WDM Saskatoon will serve as the starting point for this annual fundraiser to fight prostate cancer. Events kick-off with a pancake breakfast in the Museum from 8:00 – 10:00 am, following breakfast the parking lot comes to life with the roar of hundreds of motorcycles setting off on the charitable poker run.

Find out more at: ridefordad.ca/saskatoon

Summer Programming

The WDM Saskatoon offers more reasons than ever to visit over the summer months, featuring special afternoon programs on Boomtown Street Fridays through Sundays from July 14 – August 26. From demonstrations of historic skills and crafts to costumed interpreters, each day will have something to offer. Contact the WDM before your visit for more information!

WDM SASKATOON

BOOMTOWN PURSUIT

Search Boomtown looking for a mischievous thief using this exciting digital scavenger adventure. Ask for details at the gift shop.

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JUNE-JULY HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily



WDM YORKTON



CANADA DAY COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS, 2017

Movies at the Museum

JUNE 24, 2:00 PM

Established in 1947, the Yorkton Film Festival is North America's longest running film festival. The WDM proudly partners with YFF to share films from the festival on various Sundays throughout the summer.

Good Old-Fashioned Canada Day Picnic

JULY 1

Celebrate Canada Day with us! Join us for the Opening Ceremonies at 12:30 pm, then hay rack rides, restored fire truck rides, live entertainment, delicious food from our concessions and more! Enter the colouring and costume contests and join in on our scavenger hunt! Admission to the grounds is free.

Museum Day

JULY 11, 1:00-4:00 PM

Join us for a fun way to spend a summer afternoon! Come-and-go activity stations throughout the galleries featuring crafts, games and a scavenger hunt. Scheduled demonstrations of butter and ice cream making, tractor wagon rides, plus cookies and refreshments to end a great day at the WDM. Admission is free for Museum members!

WDM YORKTON

63RD ANNUAL THRESHERMEN'S SHOW & SENIORS' FESTIVAL

August 4-5

Antique tractor & car show, variety entertainment, hobby & handicrafts, and so much more!

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JUNE-JULY HOURS

Until June 19

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday-Friday

12:00 - 5:00 pm Weekends

After June 19

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Daily



"CAN YOU HEAR ME?" TALKING ON 1920S HAND CRANK PHONE AT WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD.

Summer Kids Camps & Clubs

WDM Moose Jaw

Summer Heritage Club

Join the Club to take part in weekly workshops, hands-on activities, demonstrations and meet special guest speakers.

July and August

WDM North Battleford

Heritage Farm and Village Kids Camps

Ages 7–10

Fun in the sun and the great outdoors! Play games, go on horse and wagon rides, make rope and other crafts, and learn about farm chores.

July 16 - 20, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm daily



Community
Initiatives Fund

WDM Saskatoon

Living History Young Pioneer Camps

Ages 7–10

Journey back in time to experience the work and play of our pioneers by doing daily activities, like milking a cow, baking bread and churning butter.

July 23–27 and July 30–August 3

1:00–4:30 pm daily

August 13–17

9:00 am–4:30 pm daily

WDM Yorkton

Children's Pioneer Days

Age 8–12

Make friends, experience pioneer demonstrations & handicrafts, learn cooking and baking skills, go on wagon rides, and join us for a family picnic on Thursday.

August 14–16

10:00 am–4:00 pm daily

Before and after care available for additional cost. (9:00–10:00 am, 4:00–5:00pm)

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL CAMPS AND CLUBS. VISIT WDM.CA FOR MORE INFORMATION.

FEATURE

Towards a New Parking Lot

Plans for fixing the Saskatoon parking lot have been underway for over 5 years. Last year, we committed to finishing the project in 2018. Repairing the parking lot is a major infrastructure project because of the high-water table in the area.

Continuing to make surface repairs to both the asphalt and gravel areas of the parking lot are no longer feasible. Patching asphalt and adding gravel has been done annually over the past 10 years and the repairs rarely last a full season. Correcting the poor drainage and lowering the water-table is the only long-term solution to the ongoing problems experienced in the parking lot.

Fixing this will require excavating the entire parking lot to install the necessary drainage systems before new curbs and asphalt can be added. As a result, the main entrance and parking lot will be inaccessible during construction. We are anticipating that construction will occur between July and October.

The WDM Saskatoon will remain open during construction. An alternate entrance to the Museum is being planned on the west side of the building and parking will be located in the Pioneer Circle. We are doing everything possible to keep the disruption to a minimum. Detailed signage and maps will be available to guide visitors to these alternate areas once construction begins.

The anticipated cost for this project is \$1.5 million. As part of our ongoing efforts to raise funds for this project, a \$2 infrastructure improvement fee is being instituted. This fee will be added to the cost of regular Museum admissions. WDM memberships will not be impacted by this surcharge.

We are excited to be moving forward on this project and while the construction will be disruptive, the end result will be a well designed and accessible parking lot.

'53 Chevrolet Bel Air Restoration Project

This month saw the culmination of several months of labour by Curatorial Centre staff and volunteers when this '53 Chev was moved from the restoration shop and outside into the sunlight for the first time in almost 20 years!

Look for the '53 on the streets of North Battleford this summer!



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WDM Curatorial Centre

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WDM Curatorial Centre Business Hours

8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday

Closed statutory holidays

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