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NEWSLETTER OF THE WESTERN DEVELOPMENT MUSEUM



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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## WDM Moose Jaw

<b>June 15 – September</b>	<i>Sisters United</i> exhibit from Diefenbaker Canada Centre
<b>June 18</b>	Father's Day
<b>July 1</b>	Canada Day
<b>July 29–30</b>	Brickspo
<b>August 7</b>	Saskatchewan Day

## WDM North Battleford

<b>July 17–21</b>	Heritage Farm and Village Kids Camps <i>Pre-registration required</i>
<b>August 12–13</b>	Those Were The Days

## WDM Saskatoon

<b>June 12 – September</b>	<i>A Taste of Science</i> exhibit from Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
<b>June 17</b>	Ride for Dad
<b>July – October</b>	<i>Our Collective Threads</i> , WDM exhibit
<b>July 8–9</b>	Pion-Era
<b>July 13 – August 25</b>	Summer Programming Thursdays through Sundays
<b>July 17–21</b>	Pioneer Kids' Camps <i>Pre-registration required</i>
<b>July 24–28</b>	Pioneer Kids' Camps <i>Pre-registration required</i>
<b>July 31–August 4</b>	Pioneer Kids' Camps <i>Pre-registration required</i>

## WDM Yorkton

<b>Through September</b>	<i>Insects, Flowers and Food</i> exhibit from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum
<b>June 25</b>	Movies at the Museum produced by the Yorkton Film Festival
<b>July 1</b>	Canada Day Picnic
<b>July 2</b>	Movies at the Museum produced by the Yorkton Film Festival
<b>July 9</b>	Discovery Box Family Programming
<b>July 12</b>	Museum Day
<b>July 16</b>	Movies at the Museum produced by the Yorkton Film Festival
<b>July 23</b>	Discovery Box Family Programming
<b>August 5–6</b>	62nd Annual Threshermen's Show & Seniors' Festival
<b>August 15–17</b>	Children's Pioneer Days <i>Pre-registration required</i>

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN MARK ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH LIZ SCOTT AND CEO JOAN KANIGAN DISCUSS AN ARTIFACT FOR THE OUR *COLLECTIVE THREADS* EXHIBIT.

## Canada 150

Anniversaries are important. They are a time to celebrate our achievements, reflect on our failures, and plan for our future. Although Saskatchewan didn't become a province until 1905, our region was part of Canada long before 1867. We can't forget that the human history of our region reaches back even further, as Indigenous Peoples have called this place home since time immemorial.

This year, we are highlighting the contributions our province has made to confederation. Artifacts and exhibits that explore Saskatchewan innovation are being highlighted. At each Museum, a Canada 150 Guide will give visitors an opportunity to explore Saskatchewan's contributions to Canada. A travelling exhibit showcasing Saskatchewan people's place in, and contributions to, Canada will also be on tour in 2017 and 2018. The exhibit explores a variety of themes woven together through textiles from the WDM's collection.

We have also begun exploring our role in Truth and Reconciliation. Our goal is to engage with Indigenous communities throughout the province in finding ways to address the TRC's Calls to Action. Not everything that has happened during the past 150 years has been positive and addressing the legacy of residential schools is important. Especially if we want to foster understanding and appreciation for diverse experiences to build stronger communities.

Canada's sesquicentennial represents a milestone in Canadian history. How we remember this milestone will depend on what we do to create a Saskatchewan where everyone belongs and histories matter.

Happy Birthday Canada!

Joan Kanigan, CEO



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# IN THE GALLERIES

**A** WDM Moose Jaw – *Winning The Prairie Gamble*  
WDM Permanent Exhibit



**B** WDM North Battleford – *Outdoor Village*  
WDM Permanent Exhibit  
Through October 8



**C** WDM Saskatoon – *A Taste of Science* produced  
by the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum  
June 12 – September

**D** WDM Yorkton – *Insects, Flowers and Food*  
from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum  
Through September 30

# WDM MOOSE JAW



## Father's Day

**JUNE 18**

Bring Dad to the WDM Moose Jaw from 1:00 – 4:00 pm for a unique opportunity to take a special self-guided tour of our Classy Car Gallery, Complete a scavenger hunt for a chance to win a prize for Dad. There will even be crafts for the kids.

## Canada Day

**JULY 1**

Show off your best Canada Day attire and snap a selfie at our photo-op stop. There will be crafts and activities for the whole family to take part in throughout the day to celebrate Canada 150!

## Brickspo

**JULY 29-30**

Mark your calendar for the most exciting LEGO show in the province. Thanks to a partnership with SLUG (Saskatchewan LEGO Users Group), the WDM once again hosts this incredible event. LEGO enthusiasts from around Saskatchewan will show off their creations – large and small. Brickspo takes place from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Member perk: skip the line with your membership card!

## WDM MOOSE JAW

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### JUNE - JULY HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily



# WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



NORTH BATTLEFORD FIRE TRUCK, WDM-1973-S-215

## Summer in the Village

The Heritage Farm and Village is open for another season! The WDM North Battleford is 100 acres (40 hectares), with over 30 homes and businesses representing the boom years of the 1920s. The Fire Hall in the Museum is typical of small town fire halls that appeared in many Saskatchewan communities in the pioneer years. It was constructed at the Museum in 1967 by the North Battleford Firemen's Association. During special events visitors can tour the village in a 1920s-era fire truck. The fire truck was used by the City of North Battleford until the 1940s.

## Heritage Farm and Village Day Camps

**JULY 17-21**

Registration is open for Summer Day Camps at the WDM North Battleford. Campers aged 7-10 will get a taste of life in 1920s Saskatchewan through activities such as rope making, clothes washing and other domestic demonstrations. They'll also spend some time in the School House, make crafts and go on a wagon ride. Lunch and snacks are provided. The camp runs daily from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Come for one day or all week! Pre-registration is required.

## WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

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### THOSE WERE THE DAYS

August 12 & 13

Save the date for our annual summer show. Fun for the whole family!

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### JUNE - JULY HOURS

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Daily





MAKING CANDLES AT THE LIVING HISTORY YOUNG PIONEER KIDS' CAMP, 2016

## Living History Young Pioneer Kids' Camp

Young campers step back in time and get a hands-on look at what life was like for prairie pioneers through old-fashioned games, a horse and wagon ride, baking bread and learning pioneer skills. Camp sessions run half days July 17–21 or July 24–28 and full days July 31–August 4 for campers ages 7–10. Pre-registration is required.

## Summer Programming

**JULY 13–AUGUST 25**

Get hands-on with history at the WDM Saskatoon on Thursday through Sunday afternoons. Boomtown is brought to life with activities, pioneer demonstrations and costumed interpreters.

## WDM SASKATOON

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### JUNE – JULY HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily

## WDM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Raymond Sadler – Biggar  
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ICE CREAM MAKING AT MUSEUM DAY, 2016

## Canada Day Picnic

**JULY 1, 12:00 – 4:00 PM**

Celebrate 150 years of Canadian Confederation with us! Join in on a Canadian citizenship reaffirmation ceremony, then enjoy games, activities, entertainment and food for people of all ages! Featuring hay rack rides, restored fire truck rides, face painting, concessions and more! Explore the galleries and see if you can find all the artifacts on the Canada 150 Scavenger Hunt! As a Canada 150 bonus, admission to the grounds and Galleries is free!

## Discovery Box Family Program

**JULY 9 & 23**

Enjoy a hands-on Museum experience! Partake in our educational Discovery Boxes, featuring artifacts, stories and history from First Nations and pioneer cultures. Begins at 2:00 pm.

## Museum Day

**JULY 12**

Here's a fun way to spend a summer afternoon! Explore come-and-go activity stations throughout the Galleries featuring crafts, games and a scavenger hunt. There are scheduled demonstrations of butter and ice cream making, plus cookies and refreshments to end a great day at the WDM. This event runs from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

## WDM YORKTON

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### JUNE – JULY HOURS

Until June 18:  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday-Friday  
12:00 – 5:00 pm Weekends

June 18 – August 13:  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily



## FEATURE



“I know it’s summer when  
I hear the train whistle”

## The WDM Needs your Help! \$101K for the 101 Campaign

The Short Line 101 has been chugging along the tracks since 1978, providing a unique experience at the WDM Moose Jaw. Even with routine maintenance and annual inspections, the track needs repairs so visitors can continue to enjoy rides for many years to come.

The WDM's Short Line 101 railway, the only place in Saskatchewan to experience riding on a steam-powered train, has been closed since 2015. There's nothing else quite like steam – and every summer without a track we lose that direct connection to history. We need your help.

You can bring that history back to life. You can bring the whistle back to Moose Jaw – with your donation today to the \$101K for the 101 Campaign.

Your donation will help build a proper roadbed to support the track and to re-engineer it so the train runs smoothly.

With your gift, we will repair rail, replace ties and fix switches. You will help build a shelter for the Vulcan locomotive and spruce up the route with landscaping. Your support of our training program will make sure we have certified steam locomotive engineers so the train runs as much as possible every summer.

Thanks to the generosity of individual donors and supporters like Canadian Pacific Railway and the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference, the campaign has already reached over \$42,000.

Donating is easy –

- online at [101forthe101.wdm.ca](http://101forthe101.wdm.ca)
- in person at the WDM
- over the phone at  
1-800-363-6345

Please consider a gift of \$101 for the 101. Together, we can get the little train at the WDM back on track.

## FEATURE

# Saskatchewan and the 1967 Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant

To mark Canada's 100th birthday in 1967, the Centennial Commission asked Canadians "What does Centennial mean to you?" For 100 young canoeists, representing eight provinces and two territories, it meant the adventure of a lifetime.

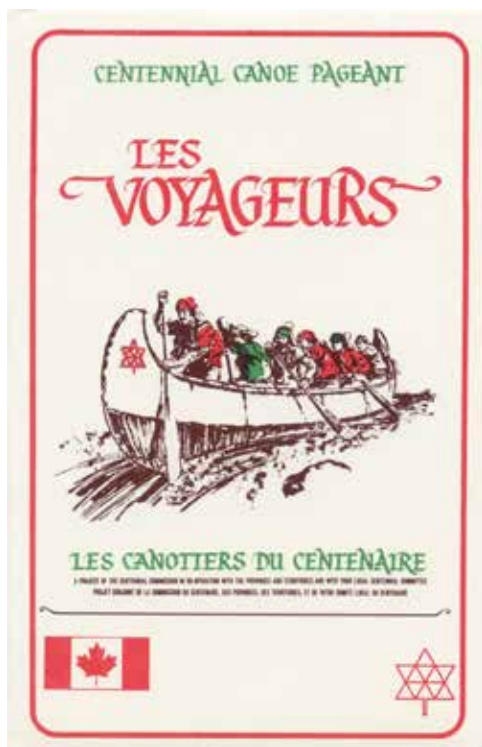
The Voyageur Canoe Pageant saw teams of six men in fur-trade era costume and canoes traverse over 5,600 km from Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, to Expo '67 in Montreal, Quebec. Nine of the 104 race days were spent in Saskatchewan: Lloydminster, North Battleford, Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Nipawin.

The pageant was the Centennial's most successful event, evocative of a uniquely Canadian past that celebrated the Voyageur spirit and brought together First Nations, Métis and Newcomer communities. Weaving together the Centennial's themes of history, youth, innovation and fitness, it provided the young Canadians on the trip with an exciting way to express their national identity and see the country.

For Saskatchewan canoeists paddling on Team Saskatchewan's canoe, the "Henry Kelsey," it was akin to celebrity status. Affectionately dubbed the "boys," the team placed sixth overall.

Today, new generations of canoeists like the Canadian Voyageur Brigades look to the 1967 pageant as inspiration for races planned to commemorate 150 years of Confederation in 2017.

The WDM is fortunate to have several artifacts from Team Saskatchewan in the collection including the canoe. It will be on display at the WDM Saskatoon later this summer.



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# FEATURE

## Pion-Era 2017

JULY 8-9

WDM SASKATOON

Create family memories that will last a lifetime at Pion-Era! The Museum comes alive with the sights and sounds of Saskatchewan pioneer life. The whistles of the steam engines, the clang of the anvil, the smell of fresh-baked bread and the gentle rocking of the wagon ride will take you back in time.

The show runs from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Check out old favourites like the Story of Threshing, Parade of Power and sawmill demonstration.

Children will love the games and crafts in the Kids' area, open each day at 11 am.

Take in the fashion show as we celebrate Canada 150 through fashion.

Join us on Saturday from 9:00 – 11:30 am for the Harvest Pancake Breakfast. The cost is \$5 plus gate admission.

Enjoy a tribute to Johnny Cash as Cash Back performs at the Sunday Brunch & Show. Tickets are \$30 per person and include admission to Pion-Era. Tickets for the brunch must be purchased in advance.

See you there!



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8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday to Friday

Closed statutory holidays

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