



Heritage Conservation in Your Community

Ideas and Suggestions

Heritage conservation is very important in Saskatchewan communities. Most of our communities are over 100 years old; it is critical for us to remember how these communities were developed. A lot of planning was involved in the establishment of our communities and a lot will be required to grow into the future.

Heritage conservation can involve many different aspects of a community. Buildings, trees, community events, museums, and cemeteries are all heritage components within your community.

It is also very important for our communities to track their history. All communities should keep records of major community events and developments in order to develop their own history. It is also important that the general public is educated regarding historical conservation and engaged in preserving our past.

Below is a list of various activities and projects that CiB committees have completed or used to showcase community heritage:

- Creating historic tours of the community
- Re-purposing older buildings for new uses (e.g. turning the old hospital or school into a museum and community centre)
- Marking sites of historically significant buildings (even if the building is gone)
- Placing plaques on main street buildings to explain the building's history
- Developing and/or maintaining a community museum

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- Developing cemetery directories
- Offering cemetery tours including historically significant people
- Marking historically significant trees (e.g.: first trees in town, trees over 80 years old, etc.)
- Develop the opportunity to experience tasks of the past (e.g.: stone or clay bread ovens being built for public use in parks)
- Involve schools/community in the completion of monuments/murals/tributes to the railway and grain elevators
- Develop memorial gardens for veterans/community members
- Clean-up/maintain/re-furbish the cenotaph areas within town
- Host Cemetery clean up days
- Hosting annual fairs or harvest days (Old Time Threshing Events)
- Document the churches and partner with them to host fundraising events
- Maintenance projects involving the continued use and upkeep of older/heritage buildings
- Create a municipal/local list of heritage building and sites. Local Heritage sites don't have to be Designated Heritage Buildings.
- Host a "Learn our Heritage" community day
- Install street banners reflecting community values
- Offer Municipal incentives to maintaining older buildings and properties
- Use material that reflects the history of the community in the construction of new facilities