

The Saskatoon Heritage Society Newsletter

# Heritage Connections

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## The Saskatoon Heritage Society



Invites you to its

## Annual New Year's Social!



Sunday, January the 5th, 2025- 2.30 p.m.

Cliff Wright Library Auditorium – 1635 McKercher Drive

*Featuring*

The book cover features a circular globe icon in the top left corner. The title "A BRIEF HISTORY OF STEAMBOATS ON THE SASKATCHEWAN" is printed in a bold, serif font. Below the title is a large black and white photograph of a steamboat named "CITY OF MONTREAL" with a group of people on deck. To the right of the main photograph is a smaller, circular portrait of a man in a white uniform, identified as Horatio Hamilton Ross. At the bottom of the cover, the text "Featuring the intriguing life story of Horatio Hamilton Ross!" is written in a cursive font.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF STEAMBOATS ON THE SASKATCHEWAN

CITY OF MONTREAL

Featuring the intriguing life story of Horatio Hamilton Ross!

*A presentation by Alan L. Morton*

Join us for our Annual New Year's Social, and enjoy an interactive afternoon with fellow heritage enthusiasts - Light refreshments available.

**Free admission - All are welcome!**

**The Saskatoon Heritage Society  
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Barbara Shawcross, Peggy Sarjeant and Wally Wells.

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025!**

Your membership fee includes a yearly subscription to our newsletter.

Single Membership: \$15.00; Family: \$20.00; Senior: \$10.00; Corporate: \$30.00

You can renew your membership online through our website at [www.saskatoonheritage.ca](http://www.saskatoonheritage.ca)

OR

by filling out the form below and sending the form and payment to  
Saskatoon Heritage Society, P.O. Box 7051, Saskatoon, SK S7K 4J1

**Saskatoon Heritage Society Membership Form**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes, I would like to receive important bulletins and notices by email

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for my membership

Single Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Corporate Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership \_\_\_\_\_  
Senior Membership \_\_\_\_\_

# *A Current Issue:*

Dear Society members and friends,

Many of you will have heard about the proposed demolition of the former Lutheran Seminary, which sits on the northern edge of the U of S campus, overlooking the riverbank. A beautiful location and a beautiful building. This is a fine example of late modern architecture. It was designed by well-regarded local architect, John Holliday-Scott, who also designed the Law College building and the Dental College, as well as several municipal buildings. The Seminary building is listed as an 'A' building in the USask Heritage Register.

Unfortunately, the Seminary at 114 Seminary Crescent has been empty for several years and has suffered from neglect and vandalism. The university feels it does not have a use for the building and, despite its 'A' listing status, is proposing demolition. In response to pressure from architects, members of the Lutheran community, heritage advocates, such as the Saskatoon Heritage Society, Canadian Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS Canada) and other concerned citizens, the university has agreed to run a USask led expression of interest (EOI) process to determine if there is interest in leasing and re-purposing the building. The deadline for response is February 19<sup>th</sup>. A very short time frame indeed!

The Lutheran Seminary is a remarkable building, a gem from the 1960's. Members of the Society and others are doing their best to raise awareness of the situation and of the possibilities for the building's re-use. They will be meeting in early January to discuss further strategy.

If you are interested in the building and want to know more, please contact Lenore Swystun: [Lenore.swystun@prairiewildconsulting.ca](mailto:Lenore.swystun@prairiewildconsulting.ca). 306 222-8481

In the meantime, enjoy the holidays!

Best wishes,

Peggy Sarjeant



# *From the Local History Room, SPL...*

The Local History Room has recently acquired several informative manuscripts from Victor Whitbread. These are various histories, mostly on the early settlers and settlement of Saskatoon and surrounding areas. Most notable is the “Coldex”, a codex of materials related to the Temperance Colony with Volume One listing colony settlers alphabetically by name and providing information on each, and Volume Two dealing primarily with property and facilities within the Temperance Colony or its immediate environs. All manuscripts are available for study at the Local History Room.

Our next Local History Book Club is going to be Arab Cooking on a Prairie Homestead by Habeeb Salloum. You can sign up online at <https://saskatoonlibrary.ca/events-guide/event/11188729> , or by contacting any library.

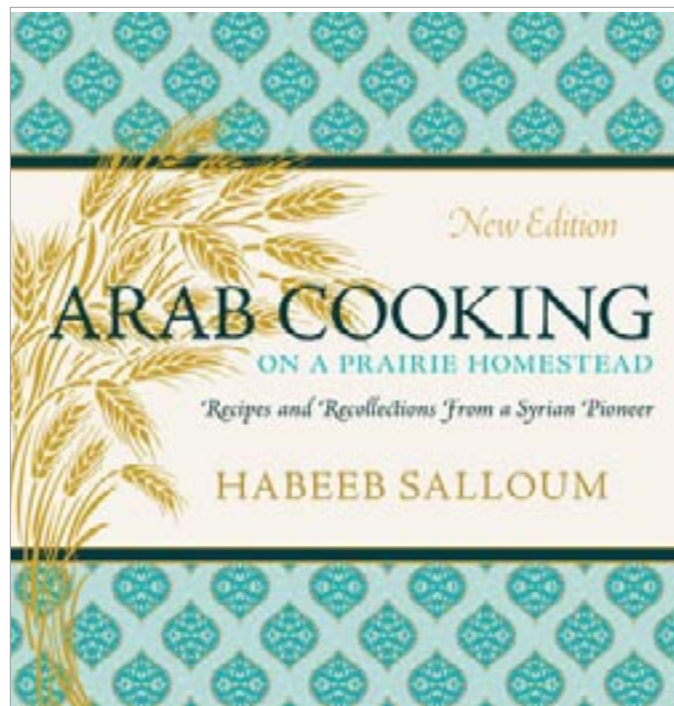
Best,

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# *From the City History and Archives...*

The year 2024 will probably go down in the books as the most frantically busy, as well as the most satisfying, in the history of the Saskatoon City Archives.

The Archives was actually closed from February until June as we prepared to move into a permanent facility on the main floor of the old Post Office Building – “CSE” nowadays, for “Civic Square East.” The Archives had been in a leased office building near the airport since 2010. This was always supposed to be temporary. When the opportunity came to take over space at CSE, we jumped at it. The move itself happened in mid-May, followed by weeks of putting up and re-stocking shelves, after which we quietly re-opened. We’re hoping for an official opening during Archives Week in February.

The new digs are bigger, shinier and more accessible than the old ones. Being downtown again after nearly 15 years means we can tap into the vibrant life of the city, more easily working with groups like the Local History Room, the MVA and the University than was possible before. Not to mention the civic administration itself.



With our expanded Reading Room, we can now host community groups for workshops, presentations and meetings. We've always had an active outreach and education program, going out to different community groups to talk about the history of Saskatoon. Now we can invite them in, too, in groups of 20-25 (although it gets a little cozy at the higher end.)

As of this writing, we have given tours and played host to groups from the Mee-wasin Valley Authority, the city's Facilities Management Department, and a group of Grade 9 students and their parents on Bring Your Child to Work Day. We have a couple of different groups scheduled for the New Year, and are mulling over possibly starting up some kind of monthly event— a noon-hour “Thursdays in the Archives,” perhaps, or even some kind of Local History Writer's group, perhaps in partnership with Local History and/or the SHS. The possibilities are endless, and we invite feedback from our various communities as we look for ways to make best use of our wonderful, new, downtown facility.

Jeff O'Brien, City Archivist

## Heritage and the City Centre and District Plan

By Peggy Sarjeant

In September, City Council unanimously approved a new plan for Saskatoon's downtown, called the City Centre and District Plan. It is an update of an earlier downtown plan. Check it out at [City Centre and District Plan Info Materials Sept 2024.pdf](#) The Plan includes references to the proposed event and entertainment district (that is the “District” in the title of the report, also known as DEED) but it in no way limits itself to, or focuses primarily on “the District”. This report presents a plan for the whole city centre, which is bounded by 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Idylwyld Drive and the river.

There are lots of good things in the report, many of which are relevant to heritage issues. The Plan sees the city centre as the heart of Saskatoon. It will be both inclusive and accessible, reflecting all of Saskatoon. The Plan provides “a framework for heritage, safety and culture”.

Most of the heritage - relevant items appear in Goal 2 and Goal 3 of the report.

As a Society, we were very interested in the concept of a comprehensive interpretive plan for Downtown. We stressed, however, that any such undertaking should be based upon a complete inventory of our built heritage within the downtown area. We would be happy to work with the City on such a project.

It is worth spending time looking through the whole City Centre and District Plan. It includes other sections, which speak to the aesthetics of the downtown environment. of our identity as a city.

# *From the City of Saskatoon...*

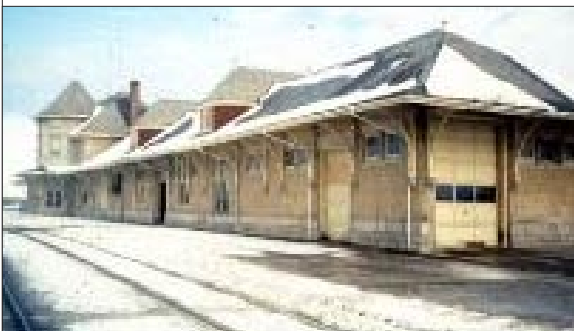
## **City of Saskatoon Heritage News**

While there were no new Municipal Heritage Property Designations in 2024, the CPR Station Building underwent significant rehabilitation work to repair the roof. The new roof covering matches the original with new cedar shakes.

Planning has begun for the next Doors Open event which will be held on June 1, 2025. At this time work to build the steering committee and create a list of potential buildings to show case at the event is underway.

In 2024, The Heritage Conservation Program Project was undertaken. This project includes a jurisdictional review of municipalities to identify best practices, a re-view of existing incentives and recommended approaches for an updated Heritage Program and options for the creation of new education and resource materials. A final report, outlining options for City Council to consider is expected in 2025.

Kellie Grant, Heritage and Design Coordinator, City of Saskatoon



*Rear view of the CPR Station Building, south side.*



*Rear view of the CPR Station Building, north side.*

# *From the Heritage Festival...*

Plan on joining us, on Sunday, February the 2<sup>nd</sup>, for at the 2025 Heritage Festival of Saskatoon. This, long standing, traditional event will be held at the Western Development Museum, from noon until 5.00 p.m.

Admission is FREE to the museum for the event, and it will feature a variety of cultural and heritage exhibitors, including the Heritage Society.

The afternoon will also include a selection of related speaking presentations, to be held in the Education Room!

Cultural entertainment will be presented on both the main stage, and in the children's area, which will also feature face painting and other activities for the 'younger set'.

In addition, Festival Week will also include a Saskatchewan writers reading event, to be held at McNally Robinson's, on the evening of Wednesday, February the 5<sup>th</sup>!

Al Morton



*The main floor of the Saskatoon Heritage Festival 2022, at the Western Development Museum.*



# *From the research desk of Terry Hoknes...*

## **SASKATOON FEMALE BUSINESS OWNERS (pre-1950)**

Every year female business owners in Saskatoon would send out Happy New Years Greetings in the Star Phoenix newspaper

The Star Phoenix featured many pages and photos of local business owners every year from 1933 to 1973. Only five women were featured from 1933 to 1942. During World War Two many women started up new businesses and by the end of the 1940's there was a huge boom in female entrepreneurs. Here is a list of women, their business and the years they were featured.

TM GUYTAR - Owner of Nu-Jene Permanent Wave Shop / LaBelle Beauty Clinic School 1933  
34 35 36 37 38 39 41 42 43 44

MRS E. MARRIOTT - Saskatoon Nursery (Marriott's) 1934 35 36 37 38 39 41 42 43 44 46 48  
49 50

MADAM RUBY HW KING - Manager of Marvel Beauty Parlors 1935 36 41 42

MRS MA ELLS - MA Ells Ladies Wear 39 41 42 43 44

MRS CM HARDING - Manager of Picardy Candy Shop 39 41 42 43 44

MISS LAURA MARCOTTE - Laura Marcotte Beauty School 43 44 48 49 50

MRS B ELLIS - B Ellis Millinery Ltd 43 44

MRS M DODD - Manager of Lorraine's Dress Shop 43 46

MRS J MEADWELL - Meadwell's Radio & Electric 44 45 46

MADELINE GUILLET - Madeline School of Sewing 44 45 46

MRS HANSON - Nu-Jene Beauty Parlors / La Belle Beauty Parlor(49 on) 44 45 46 48 49 50

IDA BOBROFF - Ida's Ladies Wear 44 45 46 48 49 50

MISS AUDREY ROFFE - Nu-Glo Beauty Salon 45

BLANCHE BUCHANAN - MA Ells Ladies Wear 46 48

MRS P SLATER - Broadway Hardware 46

MRS MARY MURRAY - Caroll Gwynne Cosmetics / Belisle Beauty Salon 46 48

MRS ENID WINE - Manager of KAYLLAR'S LTD 48 49 50

MISS LILLIAN PETERS - Manager of Chatelaine Beauty Salon 48 49 50

MRS GRACE KENNEDY - Manager of Belisle Beauty Salon 48 49 50

GLADYS MAHONEY - Manager of Gladys Beauty Salon 48 49 50

DR TURNBULL - Manager of Marvel Beauty Salon 48 49 50  
 MRS M SKLAR - Adrienne's Ladies Wear 48 49 50  
 MRS AH KROLIK - Fashion Fur Co 48 49 50  
 BUNTY HEUCHERT - Godfrey's Beauty Parlor 48 49 50  
 MRS M KOTELKO - Meadwell's Radio & Electric 48  
 MRS MAGDALIN - Veteran's Cleaners 48 49 50  
 MRS MB MILLER - JH Speers & Co 48 49  
 MRS G DENHAM - Denham Awning Makers 48 49 50  
 GRACE ATKINSON - Manager of Early Mailing Service 48 49 50  
 MISS LOUISE MCKENZIE - Louise Beauty Parlor 48 49 50  
 MRS MILLIE O'BRIEN - Bishops Beauty Parlor 49 50  
 MISS DOROTHY NELSON - Gift Garden 49  
 MISS TERRY BOISVERT - Vern Welker's Mens Wear 49  
 MRS JACK ELSTYNE - Hollywood Furs Ladies Wear 49 50  
 MRS JEAN MCMILLAN - Manager of Caswell Beauty Shop / Pleasant Hill Beauty Parlor 49  
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 MRS MARY TUESHER - Fred's Service Station 49  
 MISS L EMBERSON - City Park Beauty Salon 49  
 MRS RD MUNKLEY - The Shirt & Hat Shop 49 50  
 MRS L ARMSTRONG - Denham Awning Makers 49 50  
 MRS MADELEINE (LEN) HUNT - Madeline School of Sewing 49 50  
 MRS JF GEORGE - Nu-Glo Beauty Parlor 49  
 MRS IW HEWITT - Broadway Beauty Salon 50  
 MISS ROSE SLOWENKO - Manager of Caswell Hill Beauty Parlor 50  
 MISS RUTH REID - The Hat Box 50  
 MISS MONA DU CHARLAND - The Hat Box 50  
 MRS GERTRUDE BAXTER - The Hat Box 50  
 MRS RUTH STERNBERG - Stern's Silk Shop 50  
 MRS WILLIAM GEATROS - Ritz Hotel & Café 50  
 MRS L EGNATOFF - Handicraft Supplies 50



*Pictures of women entrepreneurs taken from issues of the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.*