



City and Heritage Museum announce agreement

Museum to facilitate events and take over management of City archives

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 (Wetaskiwin, Alberta) — The City and Heritage Museum have reached an agreement for the organization of three major annual events and the management of the City of Wetaskiwin Archives.

City council approved a memorandum of understanding with the Wetaskiwin and District Museum Society — the board which oversees the Wetaskiwin District Heritage Museum Centre & Star Store — during council's [regular December 12 meeting](#).

The museum will organize Canada Day, Taste of Wetaskiwin, and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation events for the community on behalf of the City.

“Finalizing the MOU with the Heritage Museum is great for the community,” said Mayor Tyler Gandam. “Our City’s archives will be well looked after by the museum and the three wonderful events — Canada Day, Taste of Wetaskiwin, and the Orange Shirt Day walk for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation — that we look forward each year will be fantastic simply by having the experience and commitment of the museum and its staff.”

While the agreement simply formalizes a lot of event planning work the museum had already been performing, the management of the archives will be a new task for the museum to tackle. Earlier this year, the City asked for expressions of interest from external parties that would be interested in taking over care of the archives. The museum was the sole bidder and, as a part of the new agreement, is now responsible for the delivery of all programs and services related to the archives.

As outlined in the agreement, the archives are expected to re-open to the public on or before April 30, 2023. Other requirements outlined in the agreement state the museum must complete a full inventory of records and organize the vault, handle any accessioning of new materials, conduct outreach events and promote the archives via traditional and social media, and are responsible for regular cleaning and maintenance.

The new agreement outlines annual funding provided by the City to the museum in the amount of \$100,000 for operation and delivery of programs and services, as well as \$70,000 to manage the City of Wetaskiwin Archives. The MOU will remain in place until either the museum or the City wishes to alter the terms of the agreement.

To learn more about the Wetaskiwin and District Museum Society Board, and the Wetaskiwin District Heritage Museum Centre & Star Store, visit wetaskiwinmuseum.com.

Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts on the levels of service provided by the City by reaching out directly to council. Contact information for mayor and council is available at wetaskiwin.ca/mayor-council.

About the City of Wetaskiwin

Wetaskiwin is a secure, connected, and inclusive community, home to a diverse population of nearly 13,000 people. Located only 30 minutes south of Edmonton International Airport, the City of Wetaskiwin provides a high quality of life through ample recreation opportunities, diverse cultural activities, and a modernized, business-friendly downtown.





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