Museum Established in 1959 - Closing

REGINA, SK – August 14, 2015 – After 55 years of preserving the history of the city, The Civic Museum of Regina (formerly The Regina Plains Museum) will be closing its doors to the public August 31st, 2015 and will be permanently dissolved by December 31st, 2015.

The museum is member-based, registered charity and has been unable to secure core-operating funds. The decision comes after working with the City of Regina for several years in hopes to avoid closure.

“Without sustainable operating funds, we are unable to meet financial obligations,” said Rob Deglau, President of the Civic Museum of Regina.

The closing comes at an unfortunate time in the Museum’s history. In 2013, operations were moved from the temporary space on Scarth Street, to the larger and more economical current location on Broad Street. The move allowed for more of the collection to be enjoyed by the public and for the entire collection to be stored safely under one roof.

"The Civic Museum of Regina is the only museum in the city with a mandate to collect and preserve the artifacts that tell the story of historic development of Regina and of the people who helped form this capitol city,” Said Deglau, “unfortunately, our museum receives less annual operational funding than other civic museums in Saskatchewan such as Swift Current, Moose Jaw and Prince Albert.”

The Civic Museum of Regina is a premier civic institution seeing a 100% increase in attendance year over year since relocation and had anticipated continued growth.

The museum was founded as the Plains Historical Museum in 1959 and, to date, stewards approximately 19,000 civic artifacts including one of the few buffalo hide presses still in existence and a stained glass window that survived the 1912 tornado. All of the artifacts are held in public trust.

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