



**Those working to safeguard Saskatchewan's heritage to be applauded
in Heritage Saskatchewan's annual Heritage Awards**

Regina, March 13, 2018 –Heritage Saskatchewan is delighted to announce the launch of the annual Heritage Awards, to be presented by the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan in June of this year. These awards celebrate and recognize projects that build resilient and sustainable communities for the future. In recognizing success stories, the awards program aims to inspire and encourage others to play an active role in the safeguarding of Saskatchewan's rich and diverse Living Heritage for generations to come.

In addition to the Physical Heritage Conservation award that has been presented in previous years, Heritage Saskatchewan has added three other categories, recognizing both tangible and intangible heritage. In the past, the focus for the awards was on built heritage and this change is designed to recognize not just heritage projects that honour the tangible, but also those that have intangible elements too. The four categories are:

- Community development
- Public outreach
- Physical heritage conservation
- Intangible cultural heritage

Ingrid Cazakoff, CEO, Heritage Saskatchewan, commented, "When we think of heritage, many of us think just about those things that you can see, the tangible aspects. And while these are an extremely important and significant part of heritage, there are also those elements that you can't see – the intangible. These are the skills and traditions that are passed down through generations and help to give individuals and communities a sense of identity, place and belonging.

"This year's awards have been adapted to allow for all types of heritage, be it the tangible, the intangible or the community development and awareness programs that have been implemented to address heritage. We are really excited to hear about the many successful heritage stories out there and hopefully inspire other communities throughout the province in the process. We invite organizations, business and all levels of government to submit their nominations in any of these categories!"

Nominations are now being accepted through to April 27th, 2018. Information on the categories, along with the submission forms, are downloadable from the Heritage Saskatchewan website: www.heritagesask.ca.

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Living Heritage is those values, beliefs, and ways of living received from past generations that we use to understand the present and make choices for the future. It defines our sense of identity as individuals and our relationships with others, shaping our communities and our quality of life.

Heritage Saskatchewan's work encourages innovative, holistic and inclusive approaches to building community resilience.

