

Heritage Saskatchewan Board Meeting Synopsis June 10-11, 2023

The Board of Directors of Heritage Saskatchewan met on the evening of Saturday, June 10, 2023, for an informal gathering to welcome new Board members and spend time interacting with each other. Board members were encouraged to share their personal history with the larger group, and enjoyed a group meal.

The Board met at Wanuskewin Heritage Park on Sunday, June 11, 2023, where they received a presentation delivered by Jenaya Chutskoff regarding the Park, and the application being made to the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the Park to become a recognized UNESCO site. The presentation opened interesting discussion on the returning topic of the Saskatchewan Heritage Properties Act, and the need for amendments to the Act.

Following the presentation, the Board met to conduct a regular meeting. Among the usual business and governance monitoring, a motion was made to appoint Virtus Group as Heritage Saskatchewan's new auditor for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, which was carried.

The Board was pleased to receive updates from staff members, Katherine Gilks, Outreach & Program Coordinator regarding the status of the Heritage Fairs program, and from David Siebert, Researcher, on his ongoing and upcoming research projects.

Diversity and inclusion continues to be a topic of discussion, as Heritage Saskatchewan aims to represent the many voices of our communities. We continue to be committed to responding thoughtfully to the TRC Calls to Action, the MMIWG Calls to Justice, and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Erin Folk, President