



Chad Debert

Chad's work and volunteer history has afforded him participation with a variety of municipal, provincial and federal cultural organizations in a number of capacities. Community planning, strategic planning, policy governance, museum policy and exhibit development, and museum collection management are just a few such capacities.

Chad has been part of the Saskatchewan museum community since 1999 when he moved to the province from British Columbia. He has served as Executive Director of the Biggar Museum and Gallery, Museum Technician for the Western Development Museum in Moose Jaw, Preparator for the RCMP Historical Collections Unit and, for the past eight years, Assistant Manager at Government House in Regina.

During his stay in Biggar he was heavily involved in the local cultural and economic development community. His community board experience included: the Biggar & District Arts Council, the Majestic Theatre, New Creation Community Players, the Bear Hills Economic Development Office, and he was a founding member of the Biggar & District Community Foundation.

Chad also became involved with the Museums Association of Saskatchewan (MAS) soon after his arrival to the province, and has served as a board member for five and half terms over the past 16 years, including a term as President. Along with MAS board member duties he has been active in the association's networks, learning collectives, served as a grant program jury member and was also the interim Executive Director for a year. In his role as MAS President he was afforded the opportunity to interact at the national level with the Canadian Museums Association. Additionally, he participated in the SaskCulture Heritage Committee, which was the precursor to the formation of Heritage Saskatchewan.

Chad's personal interests include taking in any number of cultural experiences he can. He has been known to create the odd drawing or painting and he has even performed in a musical (though likely not to be repeated). He greatly values the heritage community and its many facets, is a firm believer in consensus and the value of learning from our past to better inform and realize the future. He has a strong grasp of Policy Governance language and concepts thanks to his experiences, and looks forward to serving with Heritage Saskatchewan.