

# Exploring Southern Saskatchewan's Places of Faith – Past, Present, and Future

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*Our Places – Our Stories That Matter*



# Project outline

## Places of faith

- A defined area where spirituality is expressed in tangible and intangible features

## Adaptive re-use

- Changing a place to suit a new use not originally imagined

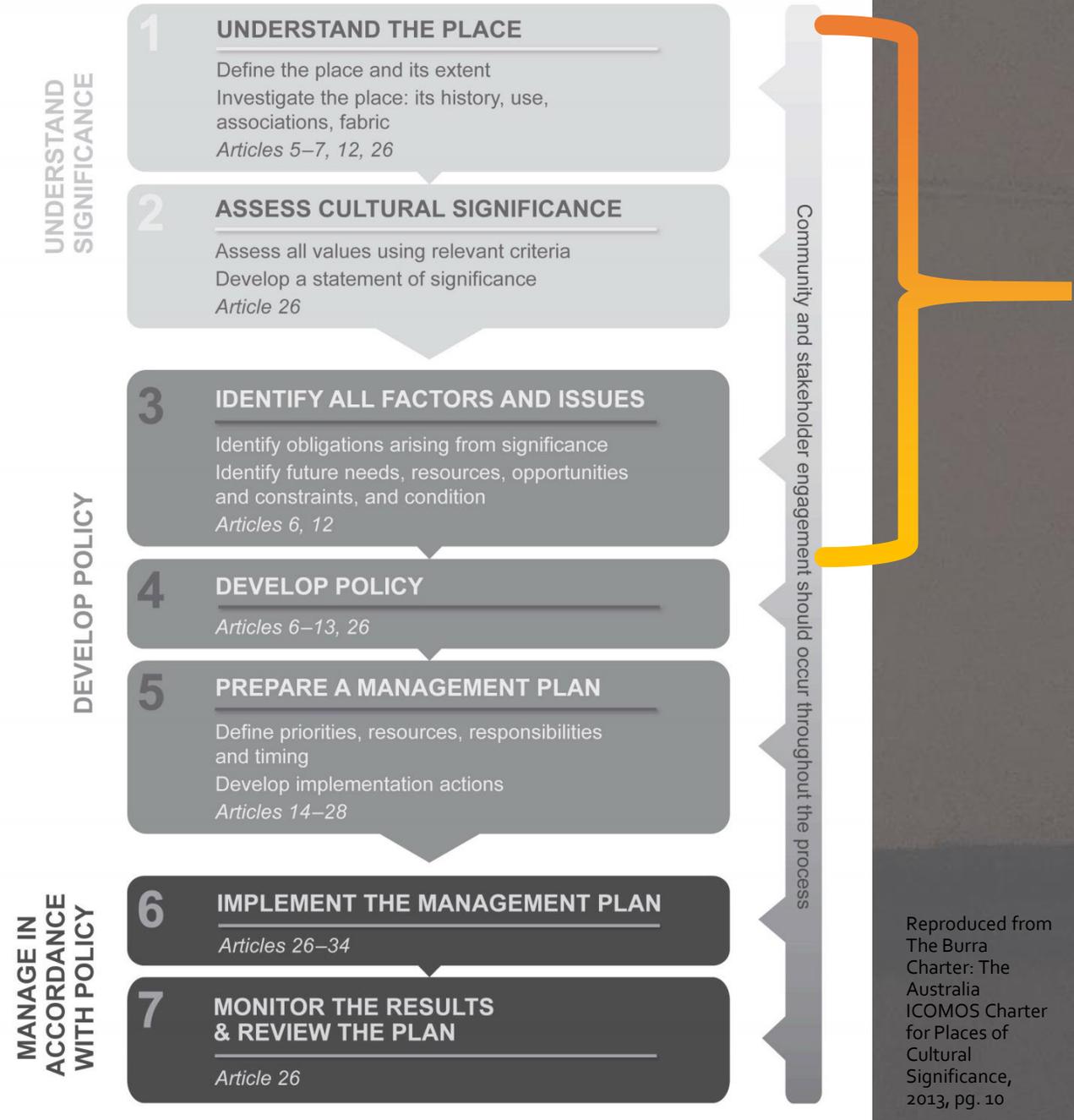
## Managing change

- Planning around or modifying the way a place of faith operates in the face of change

# Research process

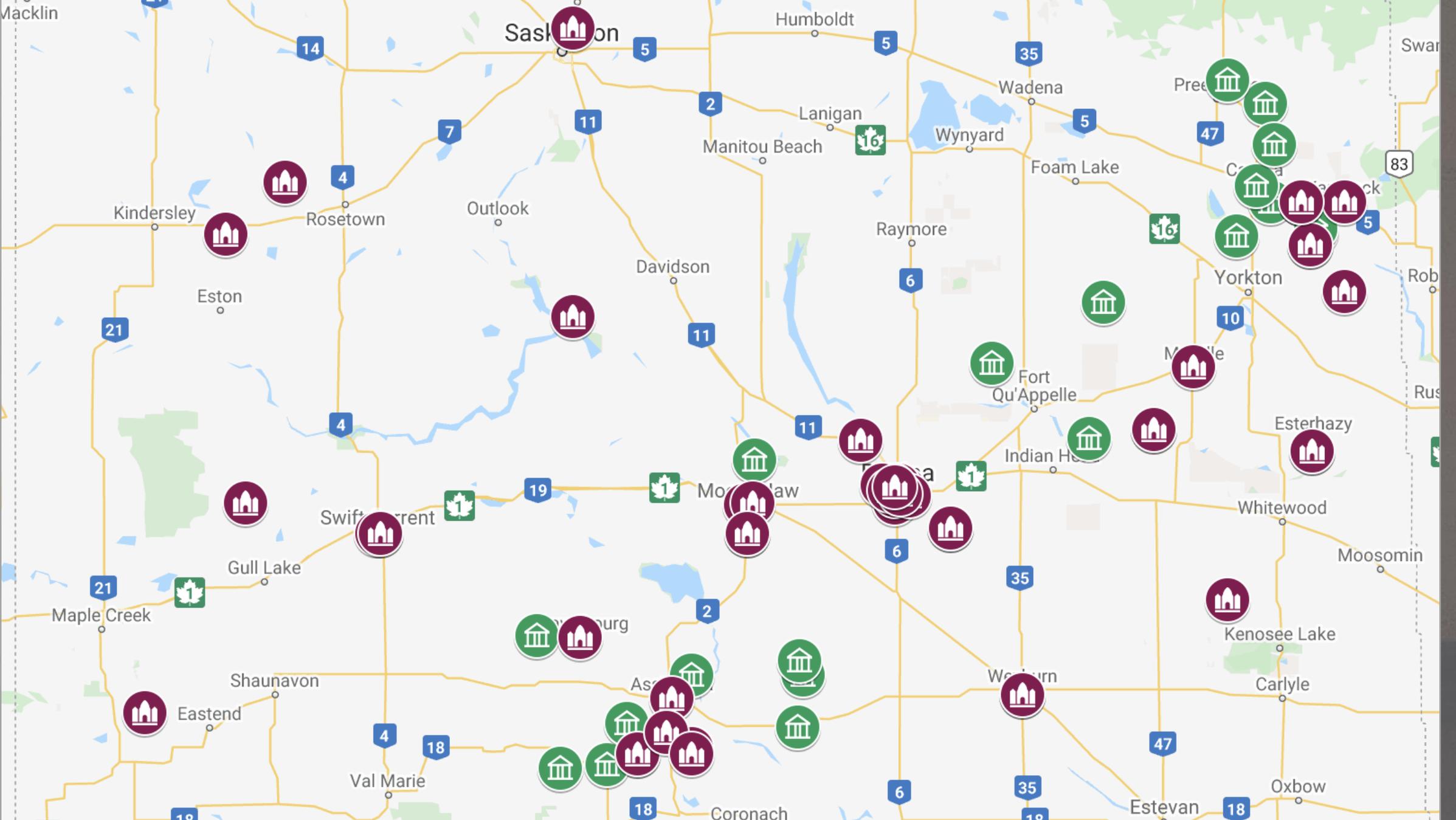
- Site visits (intentional & accidental)
- Talking to people
- Burra Charter (2013)

- Project was not aimed at designating properties
- Architectural & age values not a focus



# Inventory

- Quality of life
- Community identity
- Tourism (is it identified or advertised as such)
- History & local lore (truth not a hinderance)
- Community space
- Landmark
- Spiritual tradition
- Commemoration
- Genius loci (“spirt of place” – the site as a special atmosphere)



Screenshot of database exported to Google Maps

# Adaptive Re-use

*The Artesian, Regina*

*(Formerly Calvary United  
Brethren Church)*

- Sympathetic re-use



- Quality of Life
- Community Space
- Community identity

# Managing Change

## *Knox Metropolitan United Church, Regina*

- Appropriate management of the building seen as “good stewardship”
- Making changes to better accommodate community needs



- Quality of Life
- History & local lore
- Community Space
- Landmark
- Spiritual tradition

# Managing Change con't

*Pheasant Rump  
Medicine Wheel  
(or Moose Mountain  
Medicine Wheel)*

- Managing environmental change
- Does archeological status erase current values?



- Community identity
- History and local lore
- Spiritual Tradition
- Commemoration
- Genius loci

# A bit of both

*Islamic Centre and  
Mosque, Regina*

*(Formerly St. Mark's  
Evangelical Lutheran  
Church)*

- Acquired 1989 –  
community has grown
- Need to adapt building  
to better fit  
community needs



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# Somewhere In between

## *Gravelbourg Convent, Gravelbourg*

- Previous uses include public library, and public school



- Community identity
- Tourism
- History and local lore
- Community space
- Landmark
- Spiritual tradition

# Or neither...

*Kenlis United Church,  
near Abernethy*

- Managing *some* change
- Not seeking adaptive re-use



- Annual/Ceremonial Use
- Commemoration
- History & local lore



## Our Lady by the Lake Chapel, Silton (Clifford Wiens)

- History & local lore
- Genius loci

From: Canadian Architect, "Looking Back: Silton Chapel," Bernard Flamen (2015). Photo: Karl Hinrichs, courtesy of Clifford Wiens. Reprinted from Canadian Architect, April 2006

## Further Research

- Fill in the map
- Continue Burra process to completion (ie. policy changes)
- How is climate change affecting how buildings fall apart?
- Develop better ways of letting go

## Recommendations

- Cultural landscape
- Increase awareness
  - Of existing guidelines
  - Of sites themselves
- Deconstruction & material re-use

# Nature- culture

*St. Elias Ukrainian  
Orthodox Church, Rhein*

- Whose use do we value?
- Are there relationships between natural and cultural conservation that be fostered at these sites?



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- Landmark