



## **Board Meeting Synopsis**

**October 3 & 4, 2019**

The Board of Heritage Saskatchewan met on October 3 and 4, 2019. As a policy governance board, we discussed our scheduled policies that needed to be monitored and next steps for the organization. One of the next steps that we discussed was how our Chief Executive Officer plays a role, not only leading the organization in a number of exciting initiatives, but on a scale like no other in our country that has such a large positive impact across many sectors including heritage. Another step is our dedication to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action. We started our conversations by remembering why this matters, the Truth behind the Reconciliation and read some of the stories that were shared in the final report. Our Board and Staff participated in an exercise to narrow our focus on key Calls to Action, by looking at the intent of each Call and inserting "We call upon ourselves". We were surprised at where the conversation lead us and though we will continue to honour and support each Call, we understand that not every one of the Calls is applicable to our organization and that we can not truly honour all Calls therefore we have chosen to focus on a few. Those Calls which we discussed in detail and will continue to drive our organization are Calls #43 and #44, the adoption and implementation of the United Nations Declaration of Rights of Indigenous People's (UNDRIP) and linking that to our actions and goals; and Call #92, our organizational adoption of UNDRIP through meaningful consultation, equity and inclusivity, and education. We, as a Board, shared how working towards honouring these Calls to Action and UNDRIP reflect in Heritage Saskatchewan's mission, vision, values and our Ends. Moving forward, the Board agreed that keeping the intent of these frameworks top of mind will ensure our processes build respectful relationships and further reconciliation in our province and communities.