

Marr Residence 2020 Annual Report

Submitted by the Marr Residence Management Board

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The Marr Management Board respectfully submits to the City of Saskatoon it's Annual Report for 2020

The Marr Board mandate is to :

Maintain and enhance the historical integrity of the site

Provide public access

Develop programming which increases public awareness of Saskatoon's heritage

2020 saw the arrival of Covid 19 and with that programming at the Marr was cancelled for what was an unknown period of time. Using City of Saskatoon and Province of Saskatchewan Guidelines a Covid 19 Protocol was developed for the Marr . We hope that 2021 will see us able to once again be able to open the house.

The Marr continues to have difficulty filling vacant member at large positions . This creates problems when trying to plan any programming.

I have made a request through the City Clerks Office to reduce the number of board meetings the Marr has in a year. The request is for meetings to be held the 2nd Tuesday of September , November, January , March and May. Due to Covid19 an e-mail is being sent out to board members , following the above schedule , providing updated information. If we are able to open the Marr this summer we will either have a physically distancing meeting or a zoom meeting

The website continues to be effective in getting The Marr and our programming out to the public. This year due to Covid 19 it was decided to ask Dianne Wilson do a virtual tour of the house , which has been posted on our web site. Any tour requests are being refereed to the virtual tour on the website.

Facebook continue to be used.

The Historical Society once again held their Levee at the Marr. We welcome any not-for-profit groups to use the house as long as they fit within the rental policy guide lines (Rental Policy revised 2017)

Again because of Covid 19 our School Tour Program did not happen this year. We hope next year will see us able to offer these tours again.

Once again special thanks goes to our gardeners, Jan Robbins Bronwin Joyes, Sue Barrett and Marianne Amos for their hard work and dedication in keeping the Marr Garden so lovely. We also thank Jan Robbins for her hard work in keeping the snow cleared at the Marr during the winter.

Repairs required at the house are dealt with by Dean Boyle, from the City of Saskatoon , and his team in a very quick manner. The roof of the Marr is in

great need of repair, I thank Dean for his continued efforts to find money to get this repair done.

An effort to reduce the presence of students from Nutana Collegiate communication is ongoing. Because of the large number of students coming (30 one day , not physically distancing or wearing masks) the gardeners took it upon themselves to monitor the yard during the first month of classes. Student presence resulted in garbage and debris being left in the yard and in the parking lot which the gardeners cleaned up . This has resulted in 24hr private parking signs being installed , this will result in parking enforcement monitoring the parking lot. Vandalism continues to be a problem , we appreciate Dean's quick response in dealing with these issues.

The Marr Board would like to acknowledge all the volunteers who give of their time and effort to the Marr . Many have expressed sadness at the house needing to be closed. I also want to thank my Board members for their commitment to the Marr Board and its programming .

I want to express my utmost thanks to Sue Barrett for all that she continues to contribute to the Marr.

I personally want to thank my Board for their commitment and hard work. I want to thank City Councillor Cynthia Block for her commitment to the Marr Board as she leaves our board . I want to welcome Councillor David Kirton as he joins the Marr Board. In 2020 the Meewassin Valley Authority choose to no longer hold a position on the Marr Board , I thank Andrew Whitting for his involvement as the MVA representative.

Programing and Special Events for 2020

January 6 Heritage Society Levee

January 27 - Open House

February - 3 Heritage Festival at the Western Development Museum -

February 14 -	Open House
March -	Closed
April	Closed
May	Closed
June	Closed
July	Closed
August	Closed
September	Closed
October	Closed
November	Closed
December	Closed

On behalf of the Marr Board I would like to express our appreciation to the City of Saskatoon for their commitment and support in maintaining The Marr Residence making it accessible to the public. Due to the Marr being closed for most of the year we only had 50 people visit the house in 2020 . Any questions about the Marr that were received via e-mail or phone calls were responded to in a timely manner.

Respectfully Submitted by

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