

Marr Residence 2021 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 2021

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

2021 programming at the Marr continued to be impacted by Covid 19 . The only programming done this year at the Marr was a presentation by David Carpenter on his book " The Education of Augie Merasty ". We also welcomed back John Huston who presented his one-man "A Christmas Carol " show. There were five shows, all of which were sold out. We once again used On The Boards Staging Company as our ticket provider.

We used City of Saskatoon and Province of Saskatchewan Guidelines a Covid 19 Protocol's for both these presentations . We hope that 2022 will see us able to once again be able to open the house.

In early 2021 The Meewasin Valley Authority (MVA) notified the Marr Board that they were taking at least a one year leave from the Board.

As of January 2022 The Marr Board has two vacant Member at Large positions in addition to the vacant MVA representative. This will continues to creates problems when trying to plan programming .

My request to the City Clerks Office to reduce the number of board meetings the Marr has in a year was approved. Meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of September , November, January , March , May and June if needed. Due to ongoing Covid19 concerns our meetings continue to be held via zoom.

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 continues to be used.

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.

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 and welcoming to the public. We also thank Jan Robbins for her hard work in keeping the snow cleared at the Marr during the winter.

Many thanks to Dean Boyle, from the City of Saskatoon , and his team who manage maintenance at the house .

In April of 2021 the City of Saskatoon agreed with the Boards concern over the state of the roof. Working with Dean Boyle and City Administration funds were designated towards the project. The Marr was fortunate to have been awarded a grant from the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation to be put towards the project. The Marr also launched an ongoing Donor Campaign which resulted is a very positive response. Money from these three sources resulted in a new roof

for the Marr Residence. I am very appreciative to the City of Saskatoon, the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation and the private Donors that made this project happen.

We continue to have students from Nutana Collegiate coming to the yard , smoking , and not following any covid19 protocols . It is not possible to monitor this activity , but we have been fortunate that because of covid19 the visits have been fewer. I believe that having the 24hr private parking signs installed has helped.

With the Marr being closed we have not utilized our volunteer , but the Marr Board is very appreciative of those who are on our volunteer list and are awaiting our reopening. I also want to thank my Board members for their commitment to the Marr Board. Thank you to Councillor David Kirton for all his assistance over the last year. With many thanks we said farewell to Michael Boyko who has completed six years on the Marr Board , we wish him well in his future endeavours.

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

Programming at The Marr Residence for 2021

September 5th David Carpenter presentation

“ The Education of Augie Merasty”

November 29th to December 3rd

John Huston presents “ A Christmas Carol “

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 our visitor numbers were 96 in 2021 . I continue to monitor the Marr email and message manager, responded to inquirers in a timely manner.

Respectfully Submitted by

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