

Councillor Blog

Welcome back fellow residents of White City, and those reading from the surrounding area, for the fourth edition of the White City Councillor Blog. Since becoming a member of council in 2012, a passion of mine has been developing more cultural opportunities in the town and being a part of the White City Museum.

The White City Museum is devoted to celebrating the intrepid spirit of our 1960s "settlers," paying tribute to the First Nations Treaty 4 territory and homeland of the Metis we're privileged to live on, and offering interactive learning and fun for residents, students and visitors. From the interpretive trails of our ecomuseum to the audio recordings provided by our community elders, we offer visitors the story of our region, a tale of wholehearted passion, hard work and home.



Deputy Mayor Rebecca Otitoju

The White Butte Ecomuseum Ecology Heritage Project has been a great success for the White City Museum. The project gives students and teachers an opportunity to explore and discover natural features and wildlife on the prairie landscape. The experiential lessons include material on birds, pollinators, water quality, glacial rocks, mindfulness, and pasture management. The activities were created by University of Regina students with the teachers guide created by Dr. Adela Kincaid. Teachers can access the guide and work with the students to go through the activities, encouraging them to interact with the information, objects, and outdoor environment. Aside from this, the Museum has had the opportunity to facilitate the program on a local piece of land with classes from Ecole White City School and Emerald Ridge Elementary School. In partnership with Access 7 Community News, the 2020 Ecology Heritage Project was shared through a trio of educational videos, that are now available for public access. This project has set the stage for future opportunities for community-based science and research and for disseminating results to the community.



We are honoured to have been recognized in 2020 with the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrator Environment Award and an Award of Merit from the Museums Association of Saskatchewan. The honour of receiving these awards motivates us to continue to expand the cultural offerings in our town and region, share our stories, and create more opportunities to learn and engage our residents. There are many exciting projects ahead and the museum is looking for board members to help guide its future.

In partnership with undergraduate students from the University of Regina, as part of an ecomuseum course offered by Dr. Glenn Sutter, our next (hopefully award-winning) project is a historical walking tour through White City and Emerald Park. Students will dig into stories in our community and document locations to be featured on a walking tour including exploring different ways that the tour can be used by the community and local schools.

If you have any questions, have a comment, want more information or want to suggest a topic for a future blog please email townoffice@whitecity.ca or call 306-781-2355 – we look forward to hearing from you!



Join Us!

In 2018 the Friends of the White City Museum Board was established as a non-profit organization to govern the White City Museum – we are always looking for new board members or opportunities to share information with anyone interested.

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