

Introduction

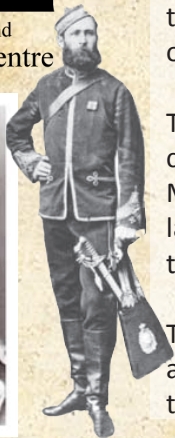
The Fort Museum is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history of the NWMP, First Nations of the area and the local history of the town of Fort Macleod.

The Museum was built and first opened in 1957. In 1972, to celebrate the centennial of the formation of the North West Mounted Police, the Fort formed its Mounted Patrol and a year later began performances of the NWMP Musical Ride. This tradition has been proudly kept to this day.

The Fort houses 8 buildings, over 9,000 artifacts, an archival collection, and is the original location of two of the oldest buildings in the area: the Frederick Haultain law office and the Fred Kanouse trading cabin.



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Executive Director

Sandi Davis

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Sandi began working for the Fort Museum in 2013 as the admin assistant. Her work for the past years along with an education in tourism has given her the skills and knowledge to be efficient and effective as the Executive Director. She is very excited to bring the Fort to it's full potential!



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Year Round

The Fort offers free scavenger hunts for children, with a prize upon completion! The museum is home to four pygmy goats and multiple wild animals, including a feral cat, family of robins and a bush bunny and his friends!

A summarized version of the documentary film “the Great March” which tells the story of the NWMP formation and the March West to abolish the whiskey trade, plays daily on loop when the museum is open.



Printed Translation Guides

Dutch | French | German | Portuguese | Hindi | Nepali
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What Sets Us Apart

Programs & Performances



The Museum

The Fort has 8 buildings that house 9,000 artifacts! These collection and archival items include information and items pertaining to the NWMP, RNWMP and RCMP, Regional First Nations, local history and provincial history. The Fort houses 2 of the oldest buildings in the area, restored on their original sites, the Fred Kanouse trading cabin, and Sir Frederick Haultain's first law office.

The NWMP Musical Ride

We are proud to present the only on-site Musical Ride re-enactment in Canada! In 1972 the Fort Museum formed the beginnings of the NWMP Musical Ride as a Mounted Patrol and in 1973, to celebrate the formation of the NWMP, the Ride began and soon became a world-wide tourist attraction. The only Musical Ride attraction, besides the official RCMP Musical Ride, is performed four times daily, weather permitting, and is a favorite stop for visitors from all around the world!



Groom-a-Horse

Our Canadian Signature Experience! If you love horses, history and behind the scenes experiences, or know someone who does, then the Groom-a-Horse program is the perfect addition to your visit to the Fort. Dress in a Mounted Patrol uniform and have an exclusive guide that will give you a behind the scenes tour of preparing for the NWMP Musical Ride, historic oration, VIP inspection duties, and a special presentation at the end of the ride you prepared for! Stated to be a one-of-a-kind experience, we are definitely set apart by this wonderful program!

The March of the Redcoats

The "Redcoats Program" started as a school program in 2008 and is offered during the months of May and June. This program has been awarded a Governor General's History Award and has been a favorite stop for schools and groups from around the globe.

Canada Day

Each year over 1,000 visitors enjoy our celebrations with the inaugural Musical Ride, canon demonstrations and special guests.



Past & Future Projects

PAST PROJECTS

2018

ATTENDANCE COUNT: 14,344

BUILDING RESTORATION - The two original buildings at the Fort received new log replacements to rotting sections and window treatments.

EXHIBIT AUDIO - The Transportation Building and Chapel received upgrades with sound effects to compliment the visitor experience.

2019

ATTENDANCE COUNT: 11,762

WINDOW REPLACEMENT - Many of the buildings had windows replaced or restored to prevent further deterioration to buildings.

BLOCKHOUSE RENOVATION - The rotting boards on the balcony were replaced to keep the balcony safe for visitors.

PICNIC TABLE RENOVATION - The rotten boards on the picnic tables were replaced and the tables were repainted.

2020

ATTENDANCE: 3,207 (limited season due to COVID-19 pandemic)

ON THIS SPOT APP - The Museum collaborated to put Fort Macleod's unique history on this engaging app that promotes our community.

WEBSITE - The Museum launched a new website that is both desktop and mobile friendly to allow for easy access to museum information.



FUTURE PROJECTS

SOUND SYSTEM

The Musical Ride is commentated using a sound system that after years of use is no longer clear or loud enough for many of our visitors to hear. We need to replace the sound system so that our visitors can have the best possible experience while watching the Musical Ride.

HORSE TACK

The NWMP Mounted Patrol is in need of new tack. As with the nature of the ride, the tack that the museum uses for the world famous NWMP Musical Ride has become worn and sun bleached, and it is becoming more and more obvious.

BUILDING REPAIRS

Repairs are an ongoing project and many of our buildings are very old and require constant maintenance. No matter how small the repair is, it is better for it to be done when it needs to be instead of when it has grown into a larger project.

CLIMATIZED & HUMIDITY CONTROLLED STORAGE

Museums require climate and humidity controlled conditions in order to properly store and preserve artifacts. Currently the museum only has one building that maintains the parameters to properly store items and with a growing accession of artifacts, the museum is in need of an additional space.



Sponsorship Tiers

\$100

- A thank you post on our social media
- A Fort Museum postcard
- A Fort Museum thank you poster
- 2 all-inclusive admission passes

\$250

- A thank you post on our social media
- A Fort Museum postcard
- A Fort Museum thank you poster
- 5 all-inclusive admission passes
- Certificate for 10% off the gift shop

\$500

- A thank you post on our social media
- A Fort Museum postcard
- A Fort Museum thank you poster
- 10 all-inclusive admission passes
- Certificate for 20% off the gift shop

\$700

- A thank you post on our social media
- A Fort Museum postcard
- A Fort Museum thank you poster
- 15 all-inclusive admission passes
- Certificate for 20% off the gift shop

\$1,000

- A thank you post on our social media
- A Fort Museum postcard
- A Fort Museum thank you poster
- 15 all-inclusive admission passes
- Certificate for 20% off the gift shop
- Name listed on our donor board
- A thank you during the Musical Ride

\$2,500

- A thank you post on our social media
- A Fort Museum postcard
- A Fort Museum thank you poster
- 20 all-inclusive admission passes
- Certificate for 20% off the gift shop
- Name listed on our donor board
- A thank you during the Musical Ride
- Logo placed on website with link

\$5,000

- A thank you post on our social media
- A Fort Museum postcard
- A Fort Museum thank you poster
- 30 all-inclusive admission passes
- Certificate for 20% off the gift shop
- Name listed on our donor board
- A thank you during the Musical Ride
- Logo placed on website with link
- Option to place signage on the inside of the arena fence

\$7,000

- A thank you post on our social media
- A Fort Museum postcard
- A Fort Museum thank you poster
- 50 all-inclusive admission passes
- Certificate for 25% off the gift shop
- Name listed on our donor board
- A thank you during the Musical Ride
- Logo placed on website with link
- Option to place signage on the inside of the arena fence

\$15,000

- A thank you post on our social media
- A Fort Museum postcard
- A Fort Museum thank you poster
- 75 all-inclusive admission passes
- Certificate for 25% off the gift shop
- Name listed on our donor board
- A thank you during the Musical Ride
- Logo placed on website with link
- Option to place signage on the inside of the arena fence
- Advertising placed on horse trailer

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