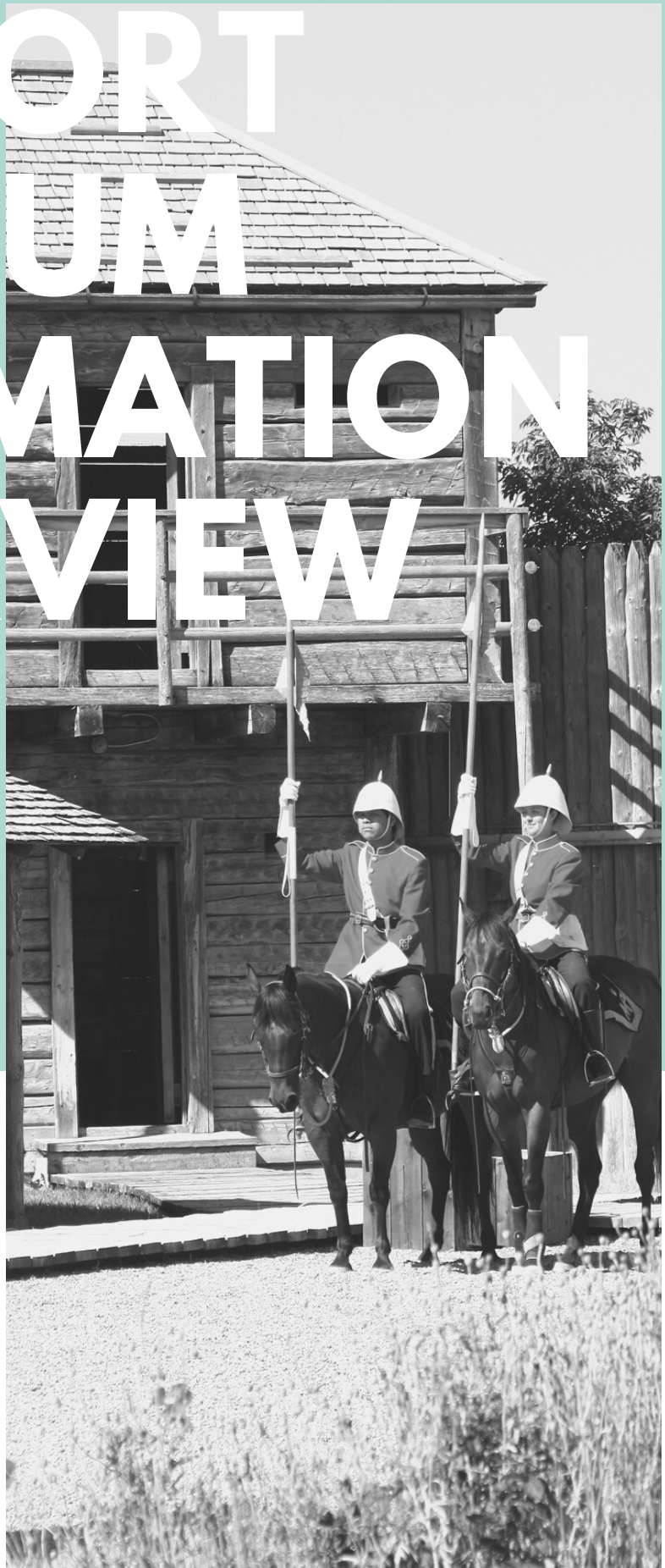


THE FORT MUSEUM INFORMATION OVERVIEW



**The Fort
Macleod
Historical
Association**



LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Fort Museum of the NWMP and First Nations Interpretive Centre acknowledges that we are on Treaty 7 territory, the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Nation, including Siksika, Piikani, Kainai, the Tsuut'ina Nation and the Stoney Nakoda First Nations. We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.



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MUSEUM HISTORY

1883

Fred Kanouse House

Fred Kanouse has a history of providing Fort Macleod with all sorts of goods, leaving behind the whiskey trade to trade with the NWMP

Fredrick Haultain Law Office

Though there are little official record of when this building was built, Haultain is known nationally for his efforts of creating the provinces of both Alberta and Saskatchewan

1884

The Historical Association is Formed

1956

Museum Is Built

The Museum was built in this location to stimulate the downtown core, driving Tourism for both the Museum and Historic Main Street and to protect the 2 original buildings on site

1957

Accreditation and Museum Standing

The Fort Museum has achieved full Museum status and has been Accredited by both the Alberta Museums Association and the Canadian Museums Association



COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT



9,288 Artifacts in our Collection

This does not include: Education Collection, Barracks Site, Found in Collections (FIC) items.

10 Galleries On-Site - Interpretations in 3 Blockhouses

2 on-site storage facilities and 2 off-site storage facilities house the collection.



16 Research Requests and 12 Reviewed Donations in 2021

In 2019/2020 the Museum saw 19 research requests and reviewed 411 donations.

1 Full-Time Staff Member Manages the Entire Department



MARCH OF THE REDCOATS

The March of the Redcoats Program is an interactive, educational program on the early days of the North West Mounted Patrol force



- **2022 Marks the 14th Year of the Program**
- **2010 Governor Generals History Award Recipient**
- **This live theatrical play requires 6 actors to portray each of the key historical figures**
- **The actors receive 2 weeks training, including a trip to Head-Smashed-In-Buffalo-Jump and guest speakers to understand the significance of the figures they will play**

NWMP MUSICAL RIDE

Celebrating the 50th year of being the ONLY on-site re-enactment of the NWMP Musical Ride in all of Canada!

Birth Place of the Original 1876 NWMP Musical Ride



The NWMP Musical Ride requires 12 riders on staff for the regular season, with 3-5 riders available as standby riders. The 12 riders work on a rotating schedule over the 7 open days during the season

Each Ride is enacted by 8 riders

- The Fort has employed over 500 riders in its 50 years of Musical Ride enactment!**
- Received RCMP support starting the Ride in the 70's**
- Continued RCMP support through all aspects; uniforms, music, tack, assisting in developing accurate formations**
- We receive tour bookings specifically for the NWMP Musical Ride 2 years in advance**

BARRACKS

Riders of the Plains Commemorative Troop Association

The Association formed with the goal of reopening the Barracks as an interpretive center. They started building reconstruction in 2005.

In 2007, legal implications barred them from renewing their lease/contract in 2008.

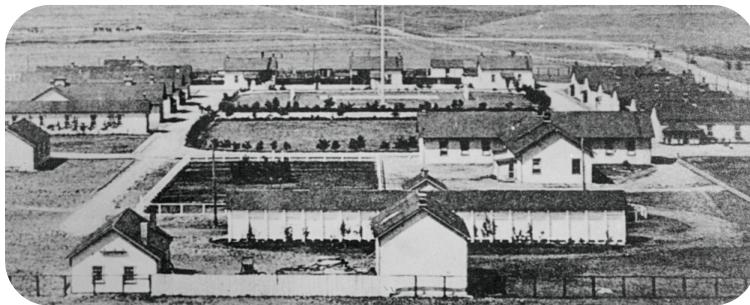
In 2015, the Riders of the Plains dissolved permanently.



Historic Area Society

In 2010, the Riders of the Plains Association transferred all of their assets to the Historic Area Society.

In 2016, the Historic Area Society was dissolved permanently.



Fort Macleod Historical Association

A Lease Agreement was started with the Alberta Government in 2011 to maintain the Barracks property. This included the right to store FMHA Artifacts on the Barracks property.

In 2013, the Lease Agreement was amended to include the grazing lease, allowing the NWMP Ride horses to use the Barracks land to graze. Note that due to complaints from Garrison Estates we have not had the horses graze in 7 years.

From 2013-2017 the Lease Agreement was amended to include the allowance for a school to use the Barracks site for classes.

In 2016, the Historic Area Society transferred all Barracks assets to the Fort Macleod Historical Association.

BARRACKS

3 Buildings at the Barracks Site

Haultain (Surgeon) Living Building

Originally reconstructed to be an admissions and gift shop building with offices on the upper level

This building was used as the school house in the school lease agreement



Storage Room F

Originally reconstructed as an interpretation building with Jail Cells and a Trading Post

This building was used as a gym by the school lease agreement

Harness Shop

This Original building was used as intended before being moved off site to be used as a church hall

It has recently been moved back to the Barracks and sits on a foundation with a basement



On-This-Spot

FMHA has been approved by the Alberta Government to allow On-This-Spot to develop a self-guided walking tour on their app

5 interpretation panels will be installed on the Barracks site to work with the app

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

The Fort Museum is the Visitor Information Centre for Fort Macleod and Region and has been since 2010



The Museum does receive additional funding specifically for the VIC from the Town of Fort Macleod, where typically these are funded in part or wholly by the Chamber of Commerce



Our staff answer visitor questions regarding where to eat, where to stay, where to camp, what backroads to take, answer map questions and giving directions, aid foreign tourists, help plan trips, and provide local club/group info



PARTNERSHIPS/STAKEHOLDERS

Teachers Conventions

We attend the Lethbridge and Calgary conventions every year to promote the Museum and Education Programs



Canada West Marketplace

We attend this Alberta and British Columbia Tourism Convention to build partnerships and connections within the tourism community and with tour operators



Rendez Vous Canada

We attend this National Tourism Conference to meet new tour operators, introduce them to our community, and create new contracts



Cultural Heritage Tourism Alliance

As part of this committee, Sandi, and the Fort understand the need to continue the growth of Fort Macleod's tourism industry



Travel Alberta

This promotional/information tool has aided the Museum in that their info system has resulted in 3,891 hits on our profile. They also provide grants and key industry information that we rely on



Destination Canada

Destination Canada is an important tool for international tourists, throughout the pandemic they have focused on local tourism. Groom-A-Horse is a signature experience listed with a select number of other Alberta destinations

Town of Fort Macleod

The Town is our largest annual sponsor

EVENTS

National Indigenous Peoples Day

- June 21
- Will be a large event celebrating Indigenous culture
- Have applied for additional funding through Commemorate Canada
- Due to the guidelines of Commemorate Canada, this event will be held free for all who attend



Canada Day

- July 1
- All staff are asked to work and are paid time and a half
- We are the only Canada Day organizers in Fort Macleod; we have been successful in securing funding through Commemorate Canada in the past, the Town of Fort Macleod supports the event with additional funds
- Due to Commemorate Canada guidelines, this event is held free for all who attend

Heritage Day

- First Monday in August
- Celebrates the vast cultural diversity in the Province and more specifically, in Fort Macleod



Musical Ride Finale

- Last weekend in August
- Celebration includes cannon demonstrations, special "Ride Through the Ages" Musical Ride showcasing the evolution of NWMP uniform

Truth and Reconciliation Day

- September 30
- We recognize this day as a stat holiday and pay staff time and a half
- Discounted admission is offered to those of Indigenous descent



Halloween (Fort of Terrors)

- October 31
- Haunted Museum held in the evening as a fundraiser for the Museum
- Historically attendance has been high for this event and the community (and staff) look forward to it

Christmas

- Musical Ride horses present in the Santa Clause Parade
- Museum open for Moonlight Madness