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Saskatoon Throws its Doors Wide Open to the Public on May 31

Take a Peek Inside Saskatoon's Most Interesting and Exciting Buildings

Saskatoon, SK – The 4th Annual Doors Open Saskatoon will take place on Sunday, May 31, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Curious visitors will have the chance to explore upwards of 25 buildings of architectural, historic or cultural significance throughout the city. Each year, participating buildings, some of which are rarely accessible to the public, open free of charge as part of Doors Open Saskatoon. The event encourages understanding and enjoyment of our city's built heritage.

The event was first organized in 2005 as a partnership between the Saskatoon Heritage Society, the City of Saskatoon, the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee and the Meewasin Valley Authority. Since the first Doors Open Saskatoon, nearly 32,000 visits have been made to participating buildings. Attendance numbers have increased steadily over the years and the event has become memorable for participants and volunteers as well as building owners and tenants.

“Doors Open Saskatoon is a terrific event organized primarily for Saskatoon residents. It offers a unique opportunity to explore buildings old and new and to take a peek behind closed doors to uncover the rich and diverse history of our city. This year's theme is a celebration of the inherently green credentials of historic buildings and their adaptive reuse.” said James Winkel, Chair of the City of Saskatoon's Municipal Heritage Committee. “We will also be featuring a new building that has achieved LEED standards.”

No tickets or pre-registration is required and the event is absolutely free. Some venues feature a range of activities from guided tours by volunteers in period costume to exhibitions designed to bring the history of the building to life.

Full information on Doors Open Saskatoon and all participating buildings can be found in the Saturday, May 30 edition of the Star Phoenix. More information on this year's event is available online at www.doorsopensaskatoon.com. For a full listing of confirmed buildings to date, please see attached.

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Doors Open Saskatoon
Sunday, May 31, 2009
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Broadway / University Neighbourhood

Bottomley House
Broadway Theatre
Diefenbaker Canada Centre at the University of Saskatchewan
Kindrachuk Agrey Architects
Little Stone School House
Nutana Collegiate
Saskatchewan Craft Council
Marr Residence
University of Saskatchewan Law Building

Riversdale Neighbourhood

Fire Station #1
Little Chief Service Station
River House Gallery
White Buffalo Youth Lodge

Downtown Neighbourhood

2nd Avenue Lofts
Avenue Building
Delta Bessborough Hotel
Drinkle Building
McLean Building
Saskatoon Police Services
The Saskatoon Club
Third Avenue United Church