

CORRECTIONS MUSEUM OF
MANITOBA & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

YEAR 2021

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

LATEST INFORMATION AND UPDATES
ABOUT THE CMMHS

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A WORD FROM THE CURATOR

Although our board was officially formed in 2018, as curator, I have been collecting items since 2014. Some of our items can be seen in the Winnipeg Police Museum.

We are in the process of photographing, documenting and properly storing our already-growing collection of artifacts. Pictures and documents are slowly being scanned and preserved.

We have reached out to various newspapers to spread the word out to the community about the museum as well as sent out letters to some known retired staff. Plans are to continue reaching out to the communities through new social media feeds such as Facebook, Instagram and a new museum webpage.

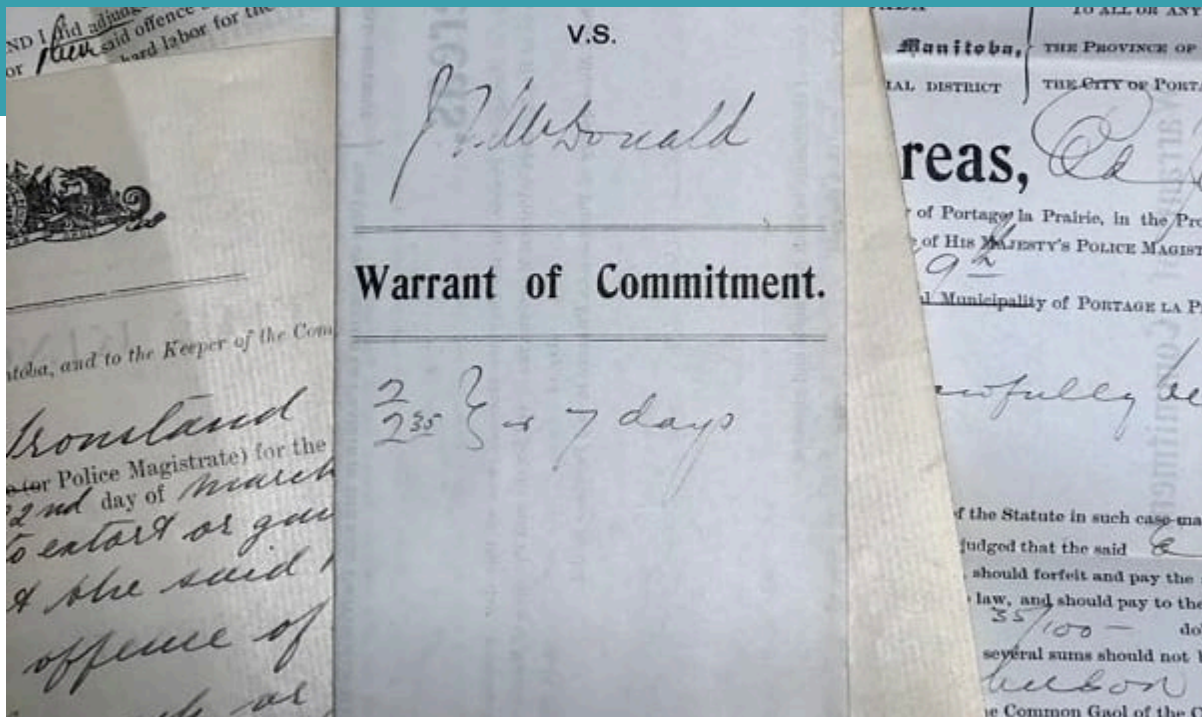
Aside from Corrections Artifacts, we were able to secure various display cases and stands from Sears Canada and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. We are grateful for the donations!

Over two years, treasurer, Tammy Skrabek and I have completed the required courses and have obtained a certificate in Museum Practices through the Association of Manitoba Museums.



PETER KORZENIOWSKI
CURATOR





MISSION STATEMENT

To preserve the history of Manitoba Corrections by gathering and collecting items that have a significant connection to Manitoba Corrections. These items will be used to teach the public and give them the most accurate timeline of where and when Corrections started and their current practice as a result of changes to policy, laws, legislation, and government regulations.

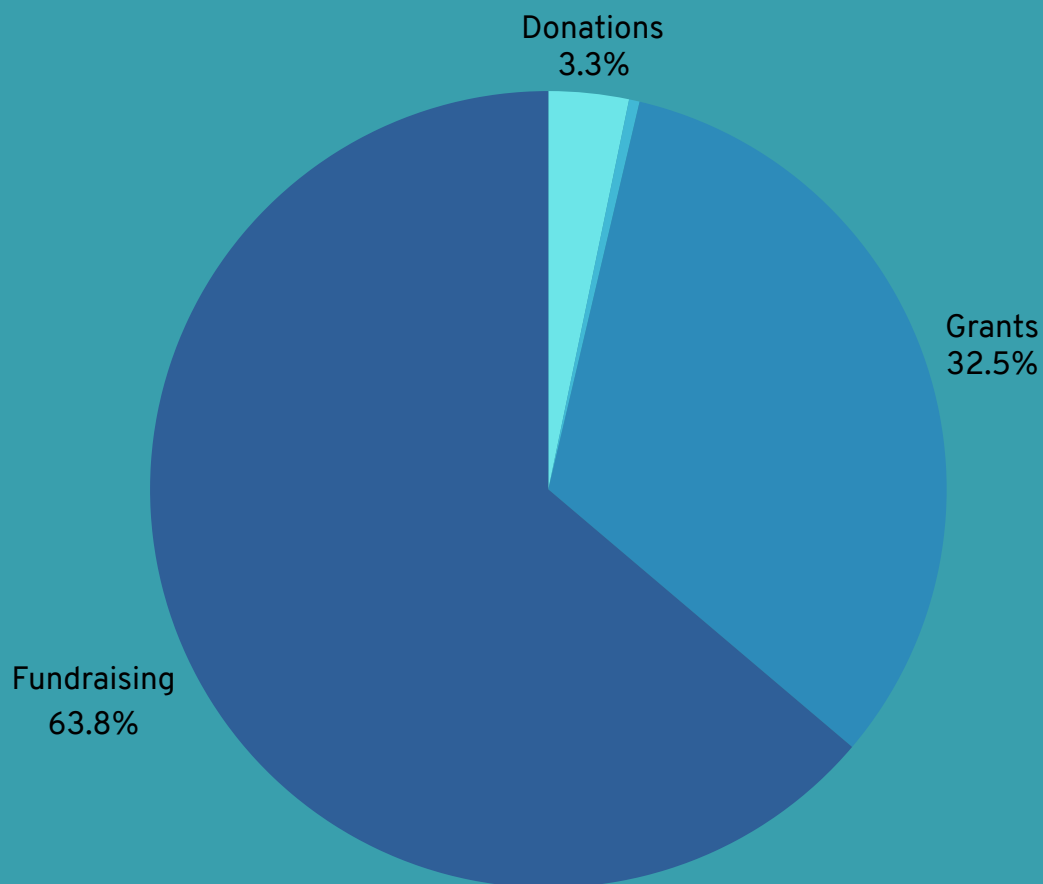
Covid -19 Updates

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2021 Red River Heritage Fair had been cancelled. The Museum is to reconvening in 2022.

The government of Manitoba has offered a new program for Manitoba Museums called the Manitoba Bridge Grant. The program offers a one-time grant of \$5000 to museums that qualify. This grant provides financial assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. This grant is also considering an extension of funding if necessary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Museum continues to look for sponsors to support the collections and preservation of history. Our ultimate goal is to have a secure space to display our collection to the public. The Society's 2020 financial statements show a balance sheet that is sound, healthy, and debt-free. The majority of our funding comes from fundraising efforts and grant support.

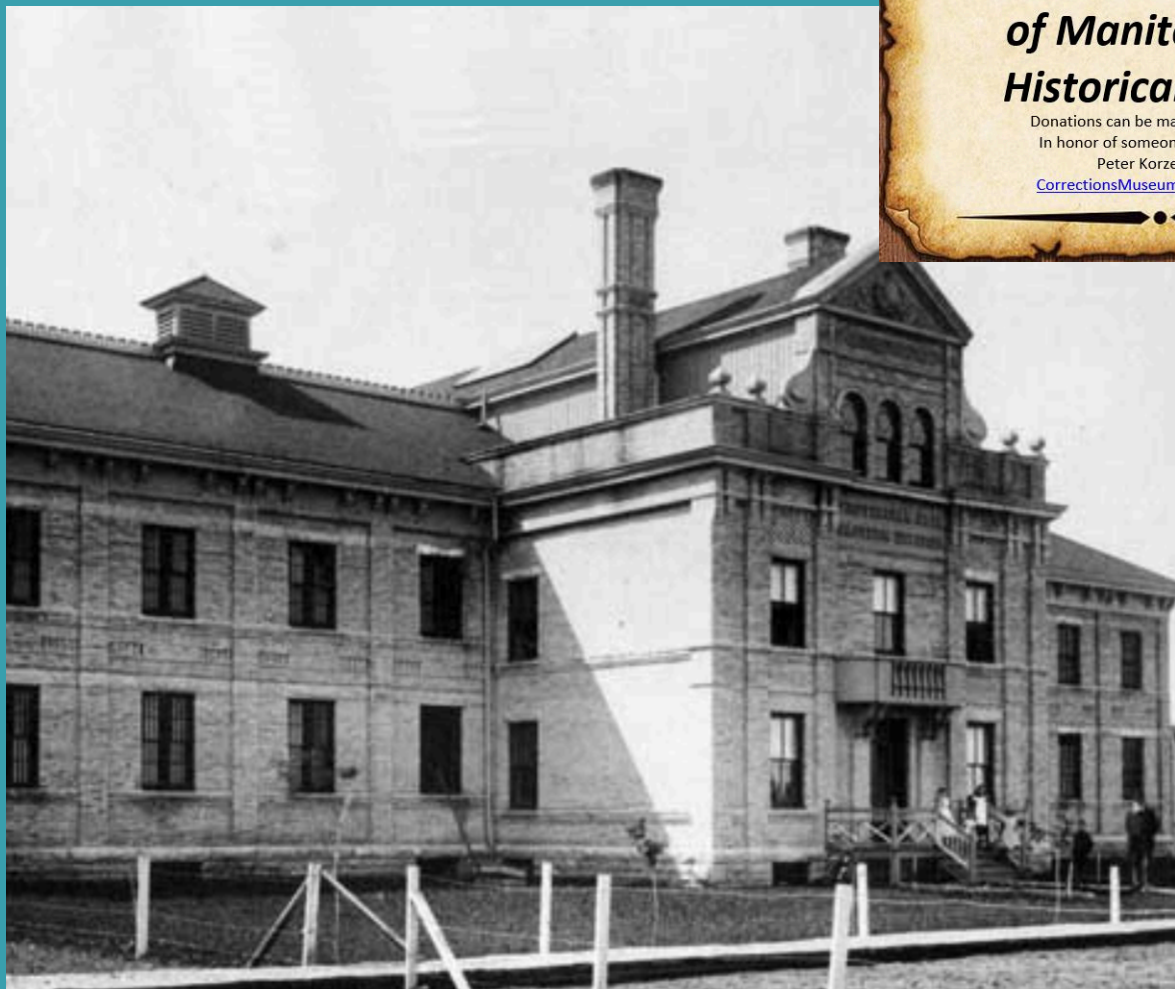
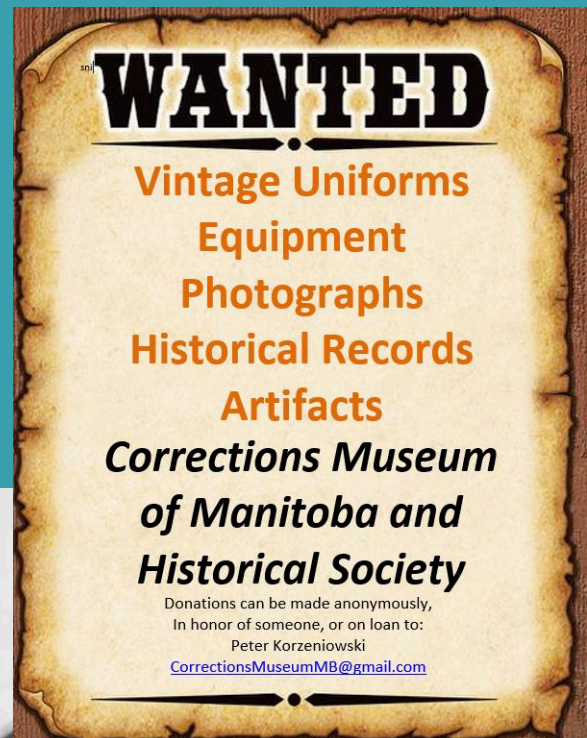


ACQUISITIONS

Being a non-profit organization Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries division has kindly put the Corrections Museum on a list to receive items for giveaways. The museum has acquired various tall standing glass display cases as well as shelving units that are currently being used to assist in the storage of our items. The Museum also acquired some jewelry cases and stands from Sears Canada when they were closing their stores in Winnipeg.

The Canadian Museum for Human Rights has also donated several display cases to the Museum.

The Museum continues to look search for pieces history to support the collection of the museum and preservation of our past.

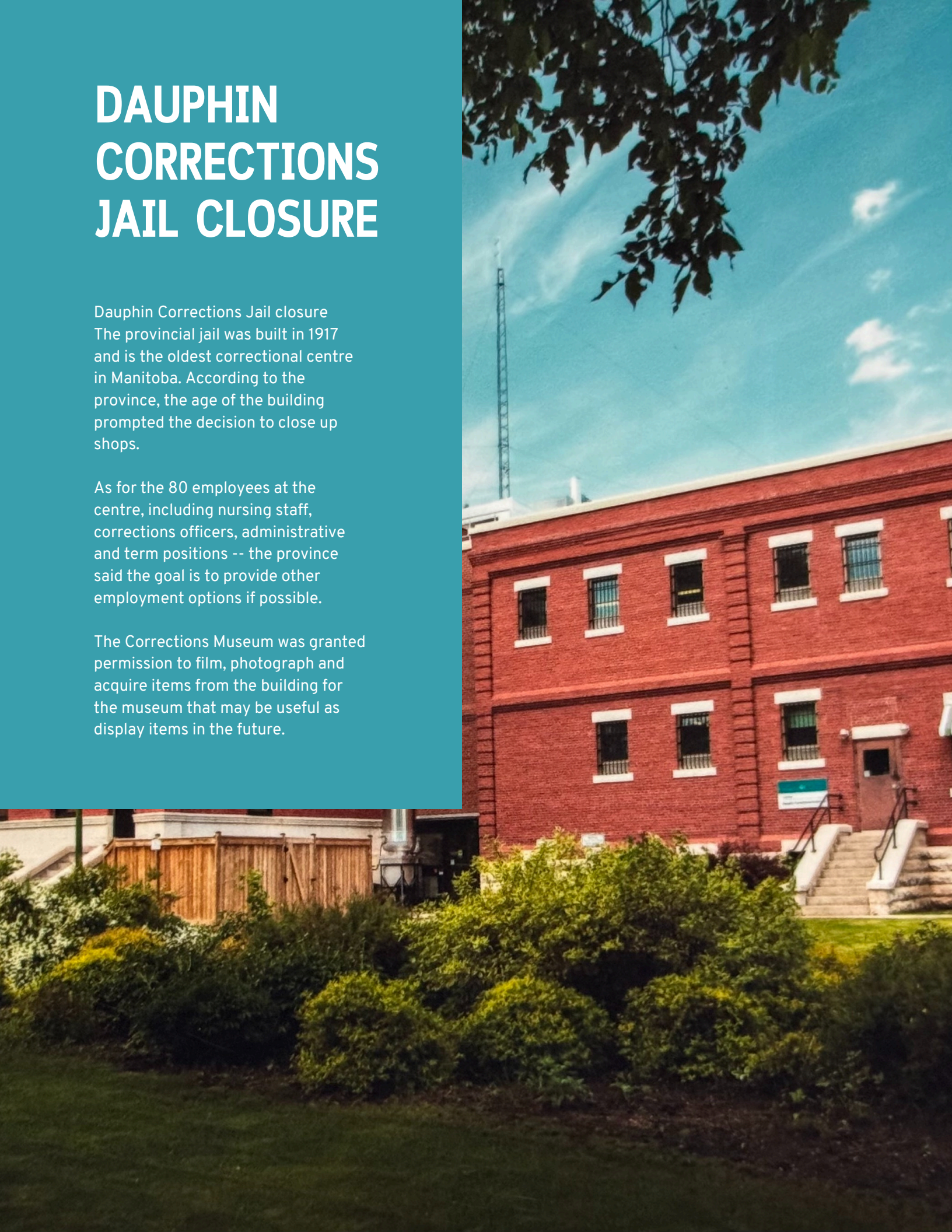


DAUPHIN CORRECTIONS JAIL CLOSURE

Dauphin Corrections Jail closure
The provincial jail was built in 1917 and is the oldest correctional centre in Manitoba. According to the province, the age of the building prompted the decision to close up shops.

As for the 80 employees at the centre, including nursing staff, corrections officers, administrative and term positions -- the province said the goal is to provide other employment options if possible.

The Corrections Museum was granted permission to film, photograph and acquire items from the building for the museum that may be useful as display items in the future.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND EVENTS

As part of its Mission Statement, the Corrections Museum has made some significant strides in terms of Community Education. The Museum has established a website and both an Instagram and Facebook account. We are looking for a home for the Corrections Museum but in the meantime, we have established a virtual Museum of sorts to get the word out about our museum as well as have the opportunity to educate the public of some featured items we have acquired for the Museum.

The Corrections Museum has also been invited to the Red River Heritage Fair but was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Red River Heritage Fair program encourages students to explore the history of our country in a dynamic and hands-on environment. Students use the medium of their choice to recount the stories of the people, events, familial events and key moments from Canadian history and present

their research in a public exposition at their school.

The best projects from schools are invited to showcase their work at the Red River Heritage Fair. The students present their research, respond to questions from judges, and discuss and share their projects with fellow students, parents, teachers, and community members. But it is much more exciting than that; students participate in interactive workshops, join in a scavenger hunt, meet other students and share their history projects thus creating a fast-paced history learning day.

Workshops are designed for students and provided by local museums, historical societies or organizations promoting Canadian history and heritage.

The Corrections Museum also volunteers once a year in May for The Winnipeg Police Half Marathon. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the event has been cancelled for the year.





FUNDRAISING

The Corrections Museum has begun fundraising to assist with caring for our ongoing growing collection which requires proper storage, digitalizing photos and logbooks, and creating travelling exhibits to be used for community education.

An online store was created on our website to showcase some of the items which are available for purchase. The museum started with some simple items such as a Folger Adam key bottle opener with our motto on one side. Thin Grey and Blue line lapel pins representing and supporting Correctional and Police



Officers everywhere. We also sold Thin grey-line silicone Wristbands. New ideas are being looked at for future online sales.

2020 also marked our very first year putting on a Golf Tournament as our once-a-year major fund drive. Our tournament was held at Kingswood Golf and Country Club. Due to Covid restrictions, the tournament sold out to 100 supporters with great success. Hope to do it again next year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

With the departure of Arlen Nienhuis from the board, the Museum Board proudly announces it has accepted and added 1 new member to its fold. Welcome William Whyte.



WELCOME WILLIAM WHYTE

William is a Correctional Officer with over 23 years of service. He is a serving member of the Provincial Honour Guard, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Manitoba Peace and Police Officer Memorial Foundation, and creator and collector of Challenge Coins.

2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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THANK YOU

The Board expresses our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the support the Winnipeg Police Museum.