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President's Message

by **John Hutchings**
President

When I became President about a year ago, which seems like only a few weeks ago, I was told that every President has their unique challenges to deal with in their upcoming Presidential year. I thought to myself, other than to complete the building upgrades, everything should go real smooth as I had an outstanding group of Board Members, Committee Members, Past Presidents, Staff Personnel, City of Calgary Partners, and Member Volunteers to back me up. So what can go wrong?

Little did I know that the worst pandemic in 100 years was about to descend upon us. Needless to say, the COVID-19 virus wiped out all our social events, our 100-year celebrations, our historical initiatives, casino, and building usage; it disrupted the building upgrade; plus it forced us into the realm of virtual reality by having to carry out business and meetings online.

And sadly, we will not be having any more social functions this year including the AGM Luncheon, Round-up and Christmas Dinner.

However, the AGM will proceed at the Memorial Building on October 17th with COVID-19 protocols in place such as social distancing, wearing masks, and bringing your own water bottles as neither food nor beverages will be available.

The virus has not yet gone away and neither has our resolve to get through it. I am confident that we will come out of it with a renewed sense of optimism and hope that will make the

Southern Alberta Pioneers better than ever.

Some of the visions I have are:

- Expanding our Historical Programs and public presentations
- Creating closer relations with other historical groups and organizations
- Having better than ever social events such as the Stampede BBQ and Breakfast, the Wine Event, etc.
- Increasing membership by changing the criteria or creating new membership categories
- Engaging younger members to get more involved
- Facilitating gala fund raising events
- Further enhancing the beauty of the Memorial Building and grounds
- Having our Centennial Anniversary Celebration in 2022

Even with all the unexpected challenges that unfolded during the last year, I feel I had an awarding and amazing journey mainly due to the unwavering support I received from everyone for whom I am so thankful. I am looking forward to continuing my support for this great organization in any way I can.



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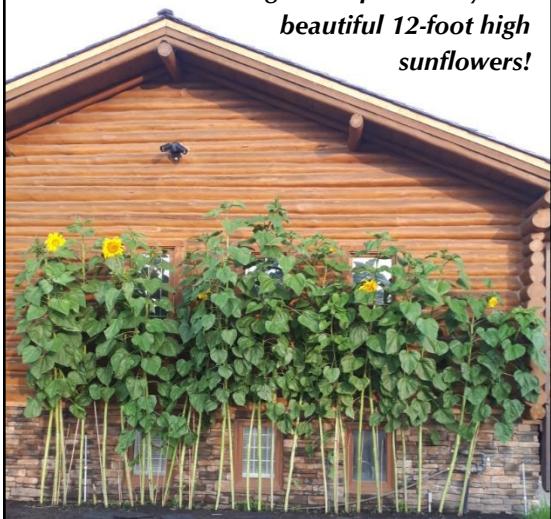
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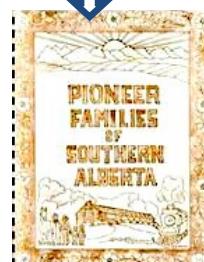


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Annual General Meeting



Saturday, October 17, 2020 – 1:00 to 3:00 PM

The Annual General Meeting will start right at 1:00 PM

Presiding: John Hutchings, President 2019–2020

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Oct. 19, 2019
2. Business arising from the minutes
3. President's Report — John Hutchings
4. Treasurer's Report — Brian Rogers
5. Membership Report — Maureen Peckham
6. Committee Reports
7. Election of the Board of Directors for 2020 – 2021
8. Introduction of the Incoming President
9. Incoming President's Remarks
10. Adjournment

Southern Alberta Pioneers & Their Descendants Foundation Meeting
to follow the AGM to appoint Directors to the Foundation Board.

If you wish to let your name stand for either Board,
contact Pamela Hilton at 403-934-2637 or whitehawkranck@gmail.com

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no Food or Beverages served and everyone must wear a mask.

Membership Report

by Maureen Peckham
Membership Chair

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www.pioneersalberta.org/newsletter

IN MEMORIUM

- Dr. Lloyd Rodway
- Kenneth Thompson
- Charles James,
- Clint Henrickson
- Buster Schwieger
- Michael Lockwood

WELCOME BACK

- Hilary McMeekin
- Daniel McCormick

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

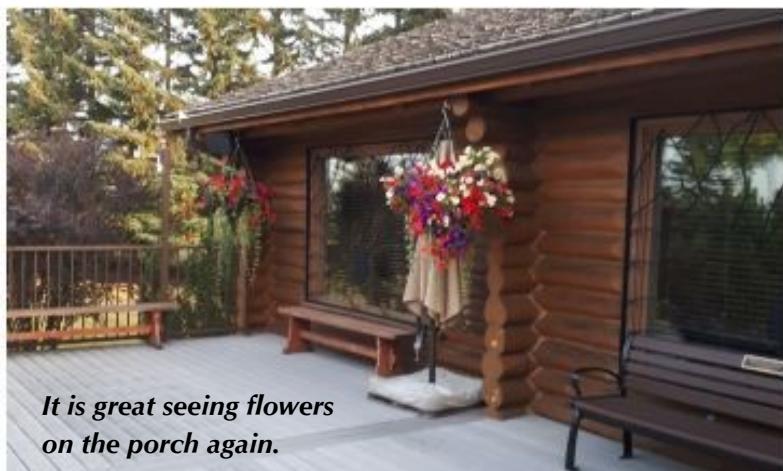
- Michael McCormick,
Descendant of Eneas Edward McCormick, Lethbridge, 1889

NEW GOLD CARD MEMBERS

- Marjorie Van De Sande
- Robert Simmering
- Judith Rennie
- Mary Stagg

If you have paid your dues for 2020 THANK YOU!

**If you HAVE NOT PAID
your dues for 2020
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with your newsletter
or by separate mail.**



*It is great seeing flowers
on the porch again.*

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Cards & Remembering: Notify Peggy Barr at 403-246-2843 if there are any illnesses or a death in your family.

Historical Committee: The hall is closed until further notice but you can contact Alan Lynas at 250-551-1450 to ask about committee meetings. To have your Family History entered into our archives, submit your write up to our Librarian, Kelsey Hipkin at 403-700-8698.

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Members are encouraged to support the businesses that advertise in this publication.

MEMBERS ONLY SALE

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s mentioned in previous Newsletters, we need to divest ourselves of a good portion of our kitchen inventory at the Memorial Building. After completing an inventory list, the following items have been deemed to be "expendable."

We want to provide our Members the first chance to purchase anything

in this list before a public offering is made at the beginning of November. If you wish to purchase any item(s), please contact me, Maureen Hill, by October 31 at 403-225-2397 or email moehillg@shaw.ca.

Thanks to Jeff Hill, Dan Shaw, Sandy Pedlar and many others for taking inventory and cataloguing all these items.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Royal Daulton (England) Capital Hotel Porcelain white luncheon plate | (1) | 16. WEDGWOOD SUMMER SKY BLUE (England of Etruria Barlston) saucer | (87) |
| 2. Wine (short stem) bulb shaped | (35) | 17. WEDGWOOD (as above) Teacups | (32) |
| 3. Sherry Glasses | (27) | 18. WEDGWOOD (as above) Dinner Plates | (64) |
| 4. Wine glasses: white | (10) | 19. WEDGWOOD (as above) Luncheon Plates | (116) |
| 5. Wine glasses (different) | (30) | 20. Water goblets | (59) |
| 6. Water glasses (short stem) | (6) | 21. Wine glasses (white) | (7) |
| 7. Beverage dispenser with stand | (1) | 22. Gray Box: compact with Key attached at bottom | (1) |
| 8. Johnson Bros. white dinner plate with scalloped edge and gold rim | (20) | 23. Large black cashbox (key attached to bottom) | (1) |
| 9. Johnson Bros. saucers with gold rim | (57) | 24. Serving Tray (blue) | (1) |
| 10. Johnson Bros. B&B plate plain white | (21) | 25. KENWOOD CHEF: MAJOR appliance (England) mixer: 3 paddles | (1) |
| 11. Johnson Bros. saucers gold rim | (22) | 26. Box of a variety of board games including Bingo Roller (all in 1 box) | (1) |
| 12. Grosvenor: B&B white | (40) | 27. Meat Slicer General 419 White U.S. | (1) |
| 13. Grosvenor: Dinner plates | (2) | 28. Meat Slicer (GRAEF) smaller: Silver U.S. | (1) |
| 14. Royal Daulton: Sandwich plates | (47) | 29. Aluminum Stock Pot (estimated 3-4 L) with lid | (1) |
| 15. Christmas Chocolate fondues (New) | (3) | 30. Trio of Decanters for a bar: Scotch, Vodka, Bourbon | (1) |
| | | 31. Hanging votives for Christmas Tree (or whatever) | (30) |
| | | 32. Track Lights (LED, black, brand new) | (20) |

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Memorial Building Upgrade Report

by John Hutchings
President

The Memorial Building Upgrade Project is now finished, and what a project it was! Typical with most renovations, no matter how long and thorough the upfront planning was, it never seems to quite pan out as envisioned and this project was no different. However, we did get through it with many successes; I would like to share some of the highlights and lowlights of the project.

What went well

1. The project came in under budget.
2. We received many generous donations from members ranging from \$50 to \$10,000 for a total of \$65,010 going toward the project costs.
3. There were no serious health, safety or environmental incidents or infractions, which is a credit to the Contractor.
4. The move out and the move back in went well thanks to the help of several volunteers who helped pack and unpack.
5. The decision to keep the power lines as overhead lines instead of underground saved money and time.
6. There were no complaints from the neighbours during the construction period.
7. The government grants were generous and administered relatively smoothly.
8. All the invoices were paid and no liens were placed against the property.
9. Disputes were resolved peacefully without going into mediation or arbitration.
10. The project happened to be caught in the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is classified as a "Black Swan Event," meaning no one is at fault.
11. The resulting shutdown of all community halls in the city meant we did not lose potential facility renters despite having to defer the May and June rental bookings until next year.

What did not go well

1. The project was about 2 months behind schedule.
2. There was an over abundant amount of change orders to the fixed price. We had budgeted 15% of the contract amount to allow for scope changes; the actual percentage was 18%.
3. There was significant change orders such as:
 - a. The asbestos abatement in the attic;
 - b. The concrete wall penetrations for the new ducting to the furnaces;
 - c. The original sizing of the furnace room was too small and needed to be enlarged, which compromised the downstairs kitchen; and
 - d. The fire alarm system upgrades were more extensive than originally specified resulting in a large change order.
4. There was turnover in the Contractor's key personnel.
5. The light fixtures were selected by the designer without approval or input from us; therefore, many of them were unsuitable and had to be removed or replaced.
6. The coordination between subtrades was sometimes lacking.
7. The post-job cleanup was only average meaning Our Building Manager had to spend many hours cleaning up afterwards.
8. The deficiencies after substantial completion were not promptly corrected.

I would like to thank the following people and organizations in making this project a success

- Joan Hampaul
- Dan Shaw
- Brian Rogers
- Jeff Hill
- Dave Wake and the Historical Group
- Gabrielle Leah
- Ileana Tamaian
- Jason Moroz – Three Peaks Group
- Heather Ritchie – IBI Architects
- Courtney Friesen – City of Calgary

- Sarah Papineau – City of Calgary
- Longboard Construction – General Contractor
- Stampede Electric
- Secure Mechanical
- ENMAX
- Big Guy Productions – Audio / Video System
- Home Suite Home – Moving and Storage
- The members who gave financial donations (as listed on next page)

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Social Committee Report

**by Maureen Hill
Social Committee**

Donations:

The following generous people donated funds toward the project ranging from \$50.00 to \$10,000 for a total of \$65,010.00 to date.

- Barb Depaoli
- Anonymous Descendant
- Nola Rintoul in memory of Bob Rintoul
- Clark Farms
- Kathleen & Brian Rogers
- Rhonda & John Hutchings
- Michael Stewart
- Jan & Don Cook
- Catherine Foote
- Alice Huggard
- Jim McDonald
- Lockwood Family Fund at Calgary Foundation
- Norreen Baker in memory of Tom Hall
- Barb MacDougall
- Dave & Betty Wake
- Maureen & Jeff Hill
- David Mayhood
- Betty & Charles Nakamura in memory of Garry Trimble
- Joan & Ronn Christianson
- Val McKinney in memory of Bud Vine
- Edith Morlidge
- William Jackson
- Hilda Reiner

Thank you all for making it happen. Soon we can all enjoy the building.

I do hope members are faring well during this era of Global Pandemic. It has had a devastating impact on our social activities so far this year and looks as though it will continue for the balance of the year.

Although our building renovations are complete and look terrific both inside and out, we have missed our get togethers. We had to cancel our events up until the fall, as we were uncertain in the spring of where this virus would take us.

As we head into the fall, we just had our September meeting to discuss the balance of the year and have made the only decision we could and that is, despite the measures taken to keep us as healthy as possible, there are still too many unknowns and risks.

To that end, we have cancelled all events for the balance of this year for the safety of our members.

It was the right thing to do! We will keep you apprised of future endeavors. We are, however, planning on carrying forward for the AGM but with restrictions. We will limit the number of people into the building, with necessary COVID-19 precautions.

We talked about having the meeting outside, but the weather is too unpredictable. There will be no food or beverages at the meeting. If you wish to bring water to drink, please do so, as well as a mask.

We thank you for your understanding and continued support and look forward to any upcoming gatherings.



*With the upgrade
done and everything
put back in place ...*



*the grounds are once
again bathed in the
colours and
fragrances of flowers.*



The Old Chimney at Stampede Park

by Kathleen Rogers

On April 7, 2020, our President, John Hutchings, forwarded an e-mail to me.

Hello John - I understand you are the president of the Southern Alberta Pioneers and their Descendants. I'm hoping that you can share a little info about the old chimney at Stampede Park that's connected to your organization.

I'm a Toronto-based travel writer who's doing a book called 111 Places in Calgary That You Must Not Miss. It's part of a global travel series mainly aimed at getting locals to do deeper explorations of their cities. I stumbled upon the old brick chimney at Stampede Park and their historian shared a little info and pointed me in your direction. Jennifer Bain, travel writer

There is never any such thing as “a little info” when it comes to the Southern Alberta Pioneers. COVID-19 isolation has given me the time to dig in a bit. It involves the early days of our association and spans the many decades we have been intertwined with the Stampede.

Starting with a call out to past presidents, which resulted in a lead in the right direction by Margaret Buckley, I then went on to try to tie up the pieces.

I used old Calgary Herald newspaper articles, the websites from the Stampede, the Glenbow, City of Calgary and the Calgary Public Library and enjoyed perusing

old notes that Jim Mackie had made, including a summary of all the old minutes of those years.

Digging up the roots

The original sod roofed Old-Timers’ “shack” or “hut” or “cabin” was built in 1923, the same year that the Calgary Stampede merged with the Calgary Industrial Exhibition to become the **Calgary Exhibition & Stampede**.

Guy Weadick had been hired as the arena manager to boost spirits and attendance at a time when Western Canada was in a recession.

Amongst other initiatives, the Pioneer and Indian Village was envisioned to be a main feature.

Weadick and General Manager Ernie Richardson approached the Old-Timers to ask for their participation in the event and, at a joint meeting of the Men’s and Women’s group, the Old-Timers agreed to co-operate with the venture.

The Village was located near the main entrance on 17th Avenue in the vicinity of where the Corral is now. Charles Jackson supervised the construction of a replica pioneer log cabin that was chinked with fibre plaster and had a fireplace made from mud and willows. The stones for the hearth were quarried from Shaganappi Point. The 1923 Stampede was a great success and the shack remained in place on the exhibition grounds.



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Above: Builders include Harold Riley, the first secretary of the Old Timers Assoc. R. C. Thomas of the Thomas Block and the Wales Hotel. J. J. McHugh. Colonel Walker is wearing a police Stetson.

Photographer: W.J. Oliver Calgary, Alberta.

Above: A group poses in front of the Old Timers’ hut. A Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer is on horseback at left.

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Right: Old Timers and prominent Calgarians gather in front of the hut. The Old Timers' shack had to be re-roofed and a small kitchen was attached to the back. The shack was the gathering place for the Old-Timers, with a tea being held each afternoon and a Pancake breakfast on Saturday.

Left: Location: Victoria Park.

From front to rear: The Dominion Forestry Building that later became the Post Office building and now houses the Fudge shop in Wheadickville; the Hudson's Bay Company trading post (hidden); Old Timers' hut, and the white RCMP hut. These huts are in the midst of Blackfoot tipis.

1925 was celebrated by the Exhibition and Stampede as the Jubilee year of the coming of the NWMP to Calgary.



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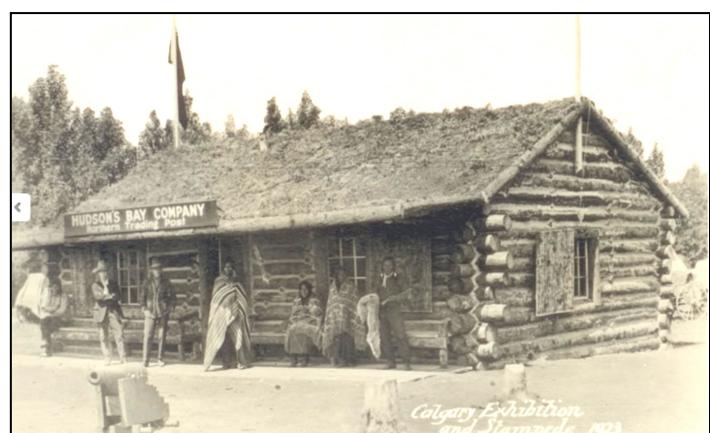
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Right: The Indian Village set up on the Calgary Stampede.
Date unknown.

Below: The Post Office

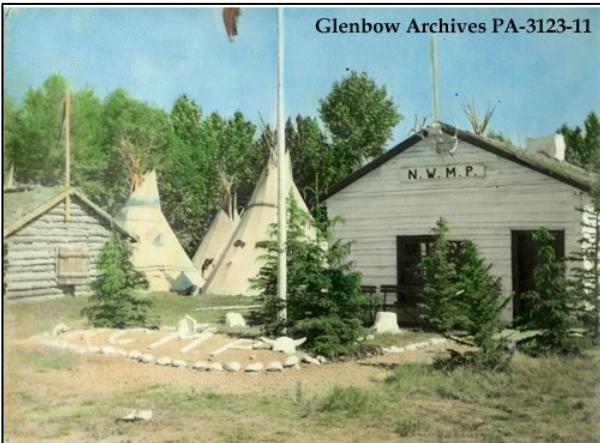


Right: The Hudson's Bay Company Trading Post was amongst the Indian Village during the 1923 Calgary Exhibition & Stampede.



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The Old Chimney at Stampede Park continued



Above: NWMP (originally from Morley) ca. 1930s.
This is from the original hand tinted photograph.

1950: The Stampede marked the 75th Anniversary of the coming of the NWMP by building a stockade to resemble old Fort Calgary. It was just within the rebuilt main gates at the NW corner of the grounds. The Old Timers hut, the NWMP hut and the log Post Office were all moved to be inside the new structure.

The next year, discussions began amongst the Old-Timers to build a memorial building to perpetuate the memory of the pioneers and to store the archives. Walter Birney was appointed Chair of the Building Committee. Hobart Dowler of Pigeon Lake was hired to design and build the log building.

Between **1951** and **1954**, there was much discussion and dissension amongst the members with some wanting to build on a new site at Lindsay Park and others wanting to stay on the Exhibition site. Since building on the exhibition site would mean turning ownership over to the CE&S, the members decided on the Lindsay site. A building permit was obtained and the Southern Alberta Pioneer Memorial Building was officially opened in June 8, 1955.

1955: The Exhibition Board proceeded with their plans for the Golden Jubilee Stampede celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Province. As their major contribution to the Jubilee, the Exhibition Board chose to construct a new log building for the Southern Alberta Pioneers Association.

Right: The photo caption reads: "Commissioner L.H. Nicholson of the RCMP declared the Stampede board's new pioneers' and old-timers' hut officially open Tuesday. Taking part in the ceremony were officials of the city, the province, the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Old Timers' Association, the exhibition board, and representatives of the Blackfoot, Stoney and Sarcee Indian tribes."

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Old Timers' Hut Renovated For 75th Anniversary Year

An oasis of quiet conversation is found in the noise and confusion of the Stampede grounds is the Old Timers' Hut, where pioneer Calgarians entertain their relatives and friends all this week. The hut has been re-painted and moved to its new location inside the stockade representing old Fort Calgary, and has received many modern improvements.

BUT IN SPITE of the new surroundings Monday of Stampede

Above: The Calgary Herald, Tuesday, July 11, 1950. The hut had been repainted and moved to its new location inside "old Fort Calgary."



COMMISSIONER L. H. NICHOLSON OF THE RCMP declared the Stampede board's new pioneers' and old-timers' hut officially open Tuesday. Taking part in the ceremony were officials of the city, the province, the southern Alberta Pioneers and Old Timers' Association, the exhibition board, and representatives of the Blackfoot, Stoney and Sarcee Indian tribes. The crowd gathered for the ceremony is pictured above.

Above: The official opening of the new hut within the stockade at the CE&S site was on Monday, July 11, 1955.

By 1956 the official name was Fort Calgary House, although the Old-Timers preferred to call it the log cabin.

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The building at CE&S would be placed at the sole disposal of the Old-Timers during Stampede week and be used by the Exhibition Board for other functions throughout the year. The Old-Timers agreed to have the shack demolished.



Above: July 1954: Construction began on the Lindsay Park site.

Photographer: Jack DeLorme, Calgary, AB



Above: The official opening of the Southern Alberta Pioneers' Memorial Building in Lindsay Park was on June 8, 1955. John J. Bowlen officiated as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

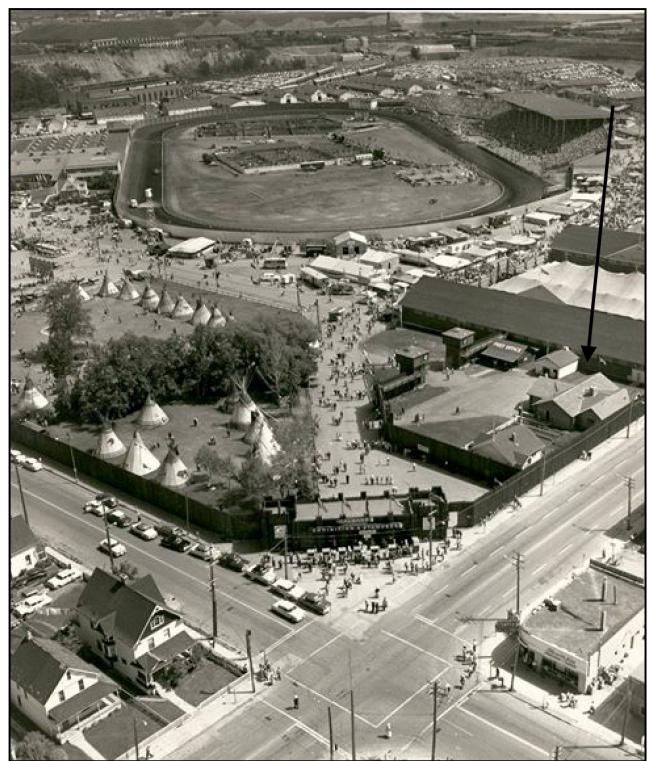
Photographer: Jack DeLorme, Calgary, AB
Published in The Albertan on June 9, 1955, page 3



1979: To make way for the LRT, Fort Calgary House saw its last stampede in 1979. The replacement structure was bigger and newer but could not retain the original name, as it would cause confusion with the newly developing historical Fort Calgary by the Bow and Elbow.

The new building was named Rotary House in recognition of the financial contribution of the Rotary Club of Calgary South.

The Hobart Dowler built chimney from the 1955 Fort Calgary House is what stands today on the grounds of the Rotary House.



Above: The Post Office, the NWMP hut and Fort Calgary House within the Fort Calgary stockade area in 1956.

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The Old Chimney at Stampede Park continued



Above: Fort Calgary House, 1955-1979.
Alison Jackson collection, Calgary Public Library



1/16 Interior of Fort Calgary House, ca. 1923, showing the stone fireplace that still stands just west of Rotary House.

Left: The photo caption reads: "Interior of Fort Calgary House, ca. 1923, showing the stone fireplace that still stands just west of Rotary House."



Right: Brian & Kathleen Rogers
Parade Day

A Final Word from Kathleen Rogers, Past President 2012

There **was** a log cabin erected in 1923 and that cabin **was** on the original Exhibition Grounds, although the exact location was further to the East.

This original shack, or hut as it was known, was moved to the new location in the stockade in 1950 and was replaced by Fort Calgary House in 1955.

In 1979 the LRT was built and Fort Calgary House was sold and moved off, leaving the fireplace. It has been understood that the building was dismantled and moved to a farm near Alix, Alberta.

The present chimney appears to be in the identical spot and is marked by this plaque that says,

"This fireplace was part of a log cabin constructed in 1925 on the original Exhibition Grounds by the Southern Alberta Pioneers."



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