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WDM Director Bids Farewell

After 20 years at the helm of the Western Development Museum network across Saskatchewan, and a previous 10 years as Manager of the Saskatoon WDM, David Klatt has announced that he will be leaving the Museum at the end of June, to pursue new challenges.

Klatt takes leave from the WDM with a legacy of accomplishments to his credit.

During his tenure, he brought the WDMs in Moose Jaw, North Battleford and Yorkton back from seasonal openings to year-round operations. In all four sites, vital new permanent positions were created in Museum programming, research, exhibits, conservation and artefact collections work.

Klatt inherited buildings with leaking roofs and gravel floors. New roofs were installed on the Museums in Moose Jaw and Saskatoon, and on the Curatorial Centre in Saskatoon. Floors were upgraded in Moose Jaw and Saskatoon, along with major renovations and storage additions throughout the WDM system.

The bold, innovative new *Winning the Prairie Gamble* exhibits, conceived in celebration of Saskatchewan's centennial in 2005 were developed. A WDM first, strategic planning and operational planning sessions were begun in 2006.

Klatt's holistic vision of the heritage milieu in Saskatchewan led him to champion the provincial culture sector and propelled him to an eight-year stint on the Museums Association of Saskatchewan Board of Directors, including a term as president.

The WDM Board and staff bid a fond farewell to David, and wish him the very best with his future endeavours.

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