

# The Flour Mill

Yorkton's historic flour mill is one of the oldest remaining buildings from the community's early years. Yorkton moved south from its original location in 1891 to be alongside the newly-built rail line, and in 1898 John J. Smith built a flour mill with bricks from his own brick plant to support the new settlement's agricultural base.

Over the next 80 years, the old mill changed ownership a number of times before falling into disuse in the late 1980s. It is now one of the last and oldest remaining local commercial and agricultural heritage sites.

The Yorkton Brick Mill Heritage Society Inc. was formed in 2012, at a time when it was contemplated that the building be demolished, with the intent to save and restore it. It was declared a municipal

heritage site, and since then much work has been done, utilizing donations and grants, to strengthen the structure, replace windows and roof, landscape the grounds and start to tell the story not only of the mill, but of area First Nations, Yorkton's early settlers, the railway and the role of agriculture.

The Society is now undertaking a campaign to raise the funds for an annex to the original mill. The Interpretive Station will house displays and educational material, archival documents and meeting spaces to make the mill a gathering place that welcomes visitors and residents, and tells the story of more than 125 years of Yorkton history.

The mill and site is being developed by and for those who believe that history can be alive and accessible, and need not exist only in photographs and books. The mill was here in years past, is still here today, and with your help, will be here in the future.



The mill in 1910, above;  
Repair work in 2018, below.



*Leave a legacy,  
create a memory*



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# Leaving a legacy

If you are interested in exploring ways to make a donation to The Flour Mill project, you can contribute to this heritage project by leaving a legacy of your own. Ways to give to the project include leaving a gift in your will, donating a life insurance policy, creating an endowment, donating securities, and donating remaining retirement funds.

The Yorkton Brick Mill Heritage Society Inc. strongly recommends you seek the professional services of a lawyer, accountant or financial advisor to ensure that your financial goals are considered and preserved, your tax situation reviewed, and your planned gift tailored to best fit your and your family's circumstances.

## Leave a gift in your will

A gift in your will may be the biggest gift of your life. You will help preserve our heritage and move a vision of the past into the future, yet this gift doesn't cost you anything during your lifetime.

Ways you can leave a gift in your will include:

- Leave a specific dollar amount;
- Leave a residual bequest, a share of the remainder of your estate after other needs are met;
- Leave a contingent bequest, a share of your estate after other beneficiaries have passed on.

## Donate a life insurance policy

With a gift of life insurance, you make periodic premium payments that turn into a major gift, one that has the power to preserve our history and our heritage.

You can:

- Purchase a new life insurance policy and name Yorkton Brick Mill Heritage Society Inc. as the owner and beneficiary. The premiums you will pay qualify for a charitable tax receipt;



- Donate an existing policy to the Society now. You will receive a charitable tax receipt for the fair market value of your life insurance policy;
- Name the Society as the beneficiary of your existing life insurance policy. Your estate will receive a charitable tax receipt when the proceeds are paid to the Society.

## Create an endowment

By creating an endowment fund you can provide support for the preservation of local history for generations to come.

Your donation will be invested by the Yorkton Brick Mill Heritage Society Inc. The principal amount will not be used; only the investment income – your ongoing gift – will be used to help fund projects. You can set up your personal endowment fund with a one-time donation, a pledge over time or through a gift in your will.

Your fund can be named after you, your family, or in honour of a loved one. Your fund can choose to support specific areas of our project such as education, operations or capital projects.

A minimum of \$25,000 is required to set up a named endowment fund. However, it is possible to establish the fund with an annual gift of \$5,000 over five years or through a gift in a will.

## Donate securities

Donating publicly traded securities and mutual funds allows you to amplify the impact of your gift. You receive a double tax benefit – you eliminate any capital gains tax you may have to pay if you sold your appreciated securities, and you receive a charitable tax receipt for your donation. A gift of securities benefits you more than giving cash and allows you to make a larger gift.

## Gifts of retirement funds

By making the Yorkton Brick Mill Heritage Society Inc. the beneficiary of your registered funds, you'll provide opportunities to preserve this unique piece of history. This is a gift that doesn't affect your current financial situation. You can name the Society beneficiary of your Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs), Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs), and Registered Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSA).