

DONATION FAQs

For Financial donations and Donations of Artefacts to THE SASKATCHEWAN RAILROAD HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

AND

THE SASKATCHEWAN RAILWAY MUSEUM

Q: What is the difference between the Saskatchewan Railroad Historical Association (SRHA) and the Saskatchewan Railway Museum (SRM)?

A: The SRHA is a charitable non-profit corporation incorporated for the purpose of operating the SRM. The objective of the SRM is to preserve Saskatchewan's railway heritage.

Q: Does the SRHA accept cash donations?

A: The SRHA gladly accepts cash donations of any amount. Tax receipts may be issued for donations over \$10. Cheques should be made payable to the SRHA.

Q: Can I direct my donation to a specific program or project?

A: Yes you can. Your donation can be directed to Operations, Restorations, or to a specific project. Please indicate in writing where you want your donation directed. If you wish to donate to a specific project please check with us to determine if a fund exists for the project.

Q: Do you accept donations of artefacts?

A: Yes we do if the artefact is deemed suitable. Please note that the staff cannot determine the suitability or accept the donation of artefacts. Contact Cal Sexsmith Collections Chair at 306-281-7812 or calvinsexsmith@sasktel.net to determine if we can accept an artefact.

Q: How do I donate an artefact?

A: Please contact Cal Sexsmith Collections Chair at 306-281-7812 or calvinsexsmith@sasktel.net. He will make arrangements with you to determine if the artefact is suitable for our collection and as to where and when the donation can be made. You will have to complete and sign a transfer of ownership form at the time the donation is made.

Q: What will the SRHA do with my artefact?

A: In most cases the artefact will be put into storage until it is accessioned. During the accessioning process paper and electronic records are made for the artefact. Once the artefact is accessioned it will most likely remain in storage until such time as it is needed

for an interpretive display. In some cases artefacts may be sold, traded or otherwise disposed of by the SRHA.

Q: How long will it take to accession and display the artefact?

A: It is our goal to accession all artefacts within one year of receiving them. There is no guarantee of when and if any particular artefact is put on display. Some artefacts are put on display the day they are received; others have been in storage for many years and may never be displayed.

Q: Why would the SRHA dispose of an artefact?

A: An artefact may not fit with the SRHA's collections plan. We may have several identical or similar artefacts. The artefact may be in poor condition. We may not have the resources to properly care for the artefact. We may not have space for the artefact. The artefact may be more suitable for another museum.

Q: What does the SRHA do with funds raised through the sale or trade of artefacts?

A: In the case of a sale, the funds raised are directed towards the care and restoration of the remaining artefacts. In the case of a trade we are generally trading artefacts with other museums.

Q: Can I get my artefact back from the SRHA?

A: No, the transfer of ownership form gives the SRHA ownership of the artefact and the right to display, restore, sell, trade or otherwise dispose of the artefact.

Q: Does the SRHA accept loans of artefacts?

A: Only in exceptional circumstances. Please contact Cal Sexsmith Collections Chair at 306-281-7812 or calvinsexsmith@sasktel.net should you wish to loan us an artefact.

Q: Can I get a tax receipt for my donation of an artefact?

A: Tax receipts may be issued for the donation of artefacts under the following conditions:
The donor must request a tax receipt at the time of donation.
The Board of the SRHA will determine if a tax receipt will be issued and the value of the receipt.
An independent appraisal is required for any donation valued over \$500.

Q: Does the SRHA accept donations of materials and supplies necessary to the operation of the museum?

A: The SRHA may accept the donation of materials and supplies. Please contact the SRHA Board of directors should you wish to donate materials and supplies. The Board will determine if the materials and supplies are needed and if the SRHA will accept the donation.

Q: Can I get a tax receipt for donating materials and supplies?

A: Tax receipts may be issued for the donation of materials and supplies under the following conditions:

The donor must request a tax receipt at the time of donation.

The Board of the SRHA will determine if a tax receipt will be issued and the value of the receipt.

An independent appraisal is required for any donation valued over \$500.

Q: Does the SRHA accept donation of items for re-sale in the gift shop?

A: Yes, please contact the gift shop manager to determine if the donation is suitable.

Q: Can I get a tax receipt for donating items for sale?

A: Tax receipts may be issued for the donation of sale items under the following conditions:

The donor must request a tax receipt at the time of donation.

The Board of the SRHA will determine if a tax receipt will be issued and the value of the receipt.

An independent appraisal is required for any donation valued over \$500.

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