



# Village of Waldron is 'small town' friendly

Incorporated as a village in 1909 the population of the Village of Waldron peaked in the 1920s and has long since fallen off. Beginning in 1908 with one small wooden shack which served as the post office, by 1912 the community boasted two banks, a hardware store, general stores, a butcher shop, a harness maker, a blacksmith shop, two lumber yards, a livery barn, a restaurant, a boarding house, a three-story hotel, a town hall, a school, a church and a large hockey rink. A telephone exchange was organized in 1915 with 90 members.

The community struggled through many challenges in the early years. The rink was built around 1910 but blew down in 1912, was rebuilt and then lost again to the cyclone of 1916. For a time, the community settled on an open air rink rather than risk another disaster.

Through the 1940s and 1950s the community continued to hold its own, but the following years saw a slow decline as the rural population shifted away from the farms and villages. The intervening years were not kind to the village and by 1980 when the province celebrated its 75th anniversary there were

50 residents remaining in the village, a hotel, garage, post office and two Pool elevators. The continuing decline decimated the village until today there are about two dozen residents, and

three remaining civic buildings -- the town office, which houses the town office and post office, the Waldron Community Hall, which holds the clubrooms of the More and Merrier Seniors Club and the Waldron Curling Rink, operated by the Waldron Parks and Recreation Board which hosts an annual Curling Bonspiel every winter when the weather cooperates on a natural ice surface.

The residents of Waldron continue to gather at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day to honor the war dead. The cenotaph was built in

1930 by returning "Great War" veterans. The names of those who died in the Second World War were added later. The cenotaph was declared a Municipal Heritage Site in 2006.

Residents also host their annual fall supper Nov. 11 serving up to 300 people who travel from far and wide to partake of the community sponsored event.




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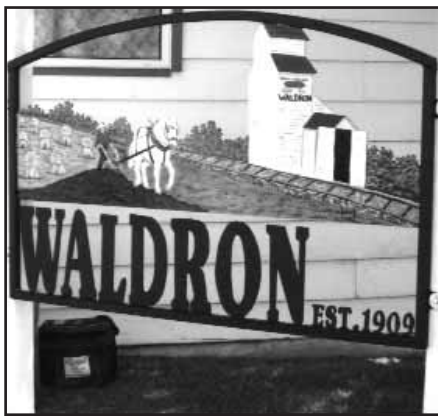
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