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Display Building No.II Celebrated with Grand Opening

September 12.18 Brandon, MB – After many long years of renovation, Display Building No. II has reopened to the public and is now home to the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba and a collection of other local businesses.

With a crowd of close to 200 people, the Provincial Ex directors provided tours to the guests and gave insight into the process of the renovation project.

“This project has succeeded because of one reason, passion.” Said Stan Cochrane, Chair of the Restoring the Glory Campaign. “Everyone that has been involved has done so because they are passionate about seeing this building restored to its former glory.”

Local philanthropists, Gord & Diane Peters have been the driving force behind the funding campaign. “If you can just stop and imagine 100 years ago, the group of people that were so excited and passionate about constructing this building.” Said Diane Peters. “If they ever thought that 100 years later that same pride and passion for this building would exist and that their ancestors would be standing in this same building today dedicating it for future generations as they did 100 years ago.”

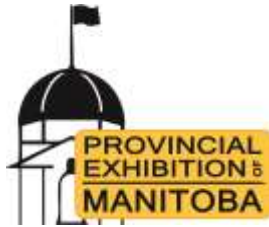
“This puts the Provincial Exhibition on excellent footing going ahead for the next 100 years.” Said Gord Peters. “Having this space for the volunteers to work out of and produce the fairs is a great tribute to history of the Provincial Exhibition and this community.”

In-keep with its original purpose as a community facility for Agriculture education, Display Building No. II and volunteers from the Provincial Ex will welcome the public on Sunday, September 16 for Manitoba open Farm Day from 10 AM – 3 PM. A variety of activities are planned including butter making, ag learning opportunities, historical displays and a chance to meet with representatives from 4-H Manitoba.

History of the Dominion Exhibition, Display Building II (Dome Building)

The well-known “Dome Building” was constructed to host the Dominion Fair in Brandon in 1913 and has become a city landmark. Over the years, the building has seen many uses; from swine displays to hockey games and petting zoos, the building has been in continual use for nearly a century.

In 2009, the Heritage Canada Foundation listed the domed building as one the most endangered structures in the country, described the building as a “rare surviving example of the late 19th and early 20th century type of exhibition halls” built for agricultural fairs. Display Building No. II is the only surviving building in Canada constructed for this series of Fairs.



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About the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba

The Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba is an organization with the purpose of highlighting agriculture and linking urban and rural through education and awareness while providing entertainment, community pride and economic enhancement of the region. The Provincial Exhibition produces three annual events; the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, the Manitoba Summer Fair and Manitoba Ag Ex.

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