



## *The Town of Mayerthorpe*

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### **BRIEF HISTORICAL TOUR of the Town of Mayerthorpe**

#### **Beginning at the Fallen Four Memorial Park**

On March 3, 2005, 4 local RCMP were killed in an ambush a few miles northeast of Mayerthorpe. This facility was officially opened on July 4, 2008 to honor their memory and the memories of all peace officers killed in the line of duty. The building houses a memorial museum, the Visitor Information Centre, and a gift shop.

Continue west and north.

Pleasant View Lodge was built in 1960 and, at that time, was a state-of-the-art seniors facility accommodating 40 people. Some of the rooms are only 110 sq.ft, very small by today's standards. The new facility was replaced in 2010 and is located at 4407-42A Ave. In 2012 the old lodge became the new home of the Baptist Church.

Extendicare Nursing Centre was built in the 1960's and accommodates 50 people. The beautifully developed park area is enjoyed by the residents.

The Diamond Centre was built in the 1970's and can accommodate 500 people.

The pool was built in 1967 as a Centennial project and was replaced in 2013. The original arena burned down in 2008 and was replaced with a new Exhibition Centre in 2011.

Turn right. The house on the right at 5302-50th Avenue was the RCMP detachment from 1967 to the early 1980's.

Turn right onto 53rd Street and proceed 1 block south. On the left at 4721-53 Street is the oldest house in town, built in the early 1920's. One block further south on the left at 4613-53rd Street is the smallest house in town at present.

Next door to it at 4609-53rd Street is the first house that got insulation. This house was replaced with a new modular home in 2012.

Across the street at 4606-53rd Street are some of the oldest evergreen trees growing in town.

Turn left and head east on 46th Avenue toward Crockett (50th) Street. A couple of blocks ahead on the left at 5015-46th Avenue is one of the old pioneer houses.

Turn left onto Crockett and then turn left again onto 48th Avenue. One block ahead, the house on the right at 5102-48th Avenue was the RCMP detachment from 1952 to 1967.

Proceed to 52nd Street (Denny Hay Drive). The white house across the street on the corner (4730-52nd Street) was the former UFA Hall. Many of the houses along the service road were moved in from elsewhere—Rochfort Bridge, Greencourt, farms.

Turn right. On the left at 4806-52nd Avenue was the former Anglican Church. It was deconsecrated in the 1990's and purchased for a private residence. It burnt down in 2012.

Dundee School Park at the corner across from the Curling Rink: Dundee School was built a couple of kilometres east of the town site in 1912. It was moved to this site in 1926 and served as the elementary school until 1958. The building is now situated on a farm north of town.

Continue north on 52nd Street. The house on the right at 5005-52nd Street was the former Wheat Pool House.

Cross the RR tracks and head 1 more block north. On the left at 5262-52nd Street, the Kinsmen Meeting Room was the former medical clinic. The Mayerthorpe Hospital was located just to the south of it where the mobile home is now.

Turn right onto 53rd Avenue. The house on the left at 5112-53 Avenue has some of the town's oldest trees on their property.

Continue to 48th Street and turn right. Proceed to the 'T' intersection.

The Grain Elevator is a designated "Historical Site". A society is raising funds to replace the windows, refinish the exterior, and eventually to open it up for tours.

Turn right and proceed one block. The house at 4817-52nd Avenue (behind the tall hedge and, therefore, invisible) was built in the early 1920's. The trees and hedges were planted at that time also. At Crockett (50th) Street, turn left.

On the right (west) side of 50th:

The Hub Hotel was built in 1919 and was known as the "Bish Hotel". The original building still houses the bar and the rooms above it.

Petals Plus, one block ahead, used to be a pool hall on the main floor with a dance hall upstairs. It had to be very well-built to NOT collapse!

PizzaNapoli was built in the 1920's as the "John George Telephone Exchange"

Uptown Auto was built in 1949 as "Pioneer Motors".

Continue south. Then turn around at the Field Store intersection and head north along Crockett (50th) Street

On the right (east side) the "Friendship Garden" was begun by David Foisier who asked people to donate perennials to plant there as a community project.

Crockett House at 4705-50th Street was built in 1935-36.

Two blocks further north, Mayerthorpe Hardware & Liquidators was built in 1940-41 as "Battagin's Store", a clothing and dry goods retailer.

Exit Realty was built in 1919-20 as the "Empire Café".

Turn right onto 50th Avenue and then right again onto 49th Street. The old "Baby Delivery" house is on the left at 4918-49th Street and the oldest willow tree is at 4914-49th Street.

Turn left onto 49th Avenue. Continue east to Ellis Granley Park. This park was named after Ellis Granley, a man who dedicated his life to sports and coaching. He was named Mayerthorpe's "Citizen of the Year" in 1973.

Turn right at 44th Street and proceed around the back of the hospital.

On the left, just past the Elementary School, is the grey house. This was the RCMP detachment in Rochfort Bridge from 1932 to 1952. The RCMP were relocated to Mayerthorpe in 1952 and, eventually, the building followed, becoming a private residence.

On the right is the hospital's "Garden of Love", located in front of the Palliative Care Room. It was planted in memory of Maria Rempel by her family. Volunteers now tend it.

Head back to Main Street. Turn right and proceed to 48th Avenue. Turn left and, at 51st Street, turn right.

Affordable Fashions was the Legion Hall until 1992.

Next door to it, the house at 4809-51st Street was built in the early 1920's.

On the left at 4822-51st Street (where the house burned down) there was an old garage at the back of the lot. This was the town's first funeral home.

One block further north, is the site of the former "Beaver Lumber" from 1920 to 1974. This building was built in 1960.

**THE END! WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE TOUR!**