

WATERTON HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

“Blackfoot Heritage Centre”
117 Waterton Avenue

#9 on the History Walking Tour



Sir Alexander Galt Museum Archives

This building was constructed by the park as the town's first fire hall. The first fire hall attendant, Ron Simmons, had a tiny little room off to the side of where the truck parked as a sleeping quarters! When the new fire hall was built in 1978, the charming old fire hall was slated for demolition. But in 1986, park officials rented it for a nominal fee to the Waterton Natural History Association to run a small museum and bookstore. In 2017, it became the Blackfoot Heritage Centre, offering information, crafts and programs.

BUILT: 1952

BUILDER: Unsure

OF NOTE: There were plans to put a post office here, but town officials thought the street was too busy in the summer, and too drifted in with snow in the winter. The firehall was only approved when they were able to purchase a rotary snowplow that was kept in this building.