

WATERTON HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

“Lions Hall / Post Office”
209 Fountain Avenue

#17 on the History Walking Tour

The Lions Club of Waterton were a determined bunch to establish Waterton's first community hall. With monies scratched together by fundraisers, they purchased a surplus building from the Fort Macleod war-time flight training school to move to Waterton. This one fell apart on the trip down. After more fundraising, another building was purchased in 1949 and successfully moved. But it was bigger than the original building, and so the Lions Club simply asked Catholic Church officials if they could have eight feet of their adjacent lot! Park officials in Ottawa were not impressed when they found out afterwards.

BUILT: 1949

BUILDERS: Lions Club members and volunteers

OF NOTE: Many fundraising events were held: carnivals at the dance pavilion, women selling needlework and baked goods, and “Buy a Brick”. For \$1, a person could write his or her name on a Masonite board for permanent display.