

**FRIENDS OF FORT GEORGE AND BUCKINGHAM HOUSE
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July 31, 2019

County of St. Paul No. 19
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Dear Reeve Steve and Council:

Over the past 27 years, Fort George and Buckingham House Provincial Historic Site has become a tremendous tourism asset to the County of St. Paul, bringing visitors from across the world to learn more about our area's earliest history.

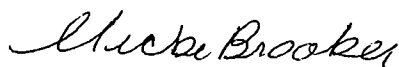
Peter Fidler was one of the first individuals to build a business in this area, the Hudson's Bay's Buckingham House fur trading post, which was soon joined by the rival North West Company's Fort George on the hills above the North Saskatchewan River 11 km east of today's town. The two posts provided the trappers with everything from powder for their muskets and tobacco for their pipes to blankets and iron kettles, in exchange for the riches in furs, which they then shipped east to market.

On Saturday, August 17, Alberta Historic Sites and the Friends of Fort George and Buckingham House will celebrate the 250th birthday of this outstanding individual, who not only played a major role in building Buckingham House fur trade fort and many others across Canada's west, but also surveyed and mapped much of the land that later became the prairie provinces.

The Friends cordially invite you all to visit the Forts between noon and 4 p.m. that day, where we will be serving a complimentary lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. and Saskatoon pie while supplies last. We will also have tours, special displays and interpretive activities throughout the afternoon, and we hope you will be able to come and help celebrate the contribution to our entrepreneurial history made by this outstanding individual.

If the County would like to contribute financially toward providing the complimentary lunch for those who attend this milestone birthday party, we would be more than happy to accept your donation.

Thank you for your consideration, and we hope to see all of you and your families at the Forts on Aug. 17.



Vicki Brooker
President