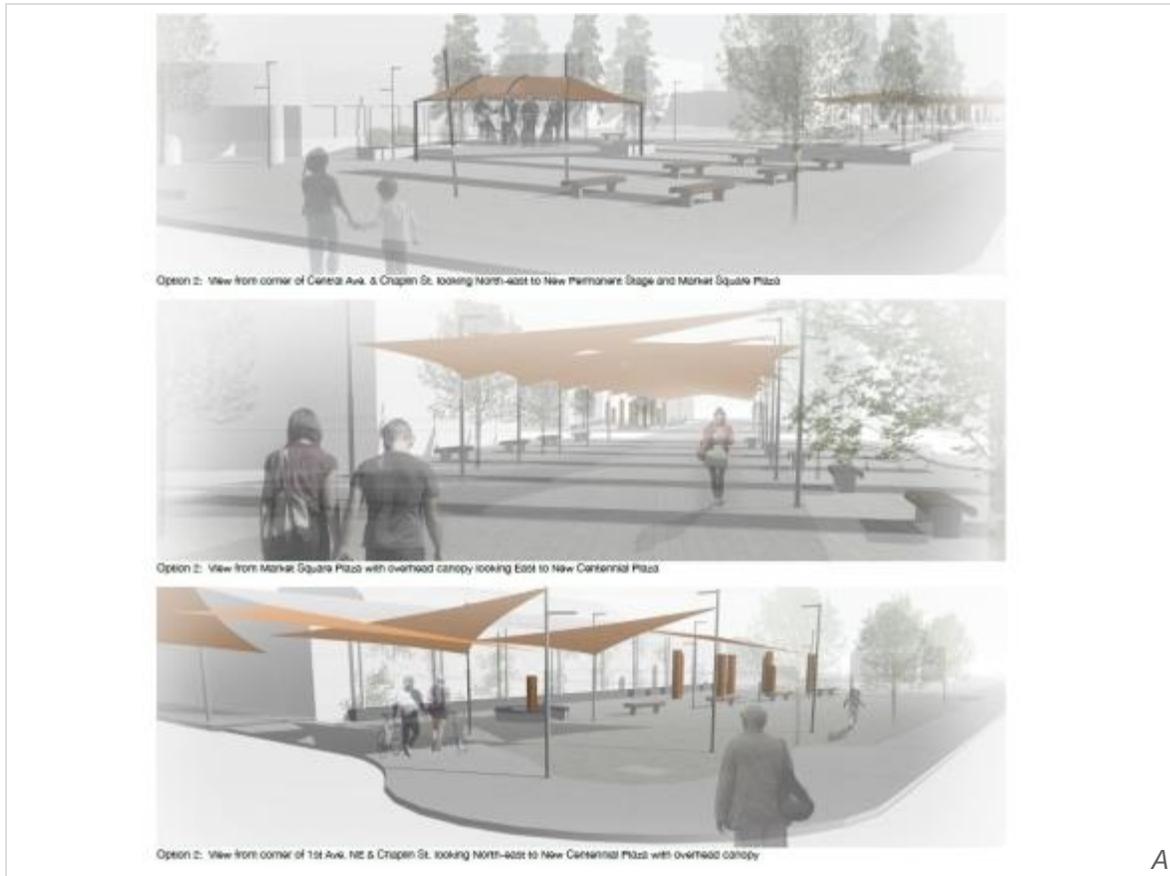


# City Announces Plans for Centennial Market District and Frank Rempel Plaza

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*design option for the Centennial Market District and Frank Rempel Centennial Plaza (Photo: City of Swift Current and P3A Architecture)*

The City of Swift Current has announced plans to build a new legacy project honouring the city's centennial and a long-time local businessman.

The new Centennial Market District will encompass key areas of downtown including Market Square, the 200-block of 1st Ave NE reaching from City Hall to Memorial Park, and the new Frank Rempel Centennial Plaza, named after Frank Rempel, who founded Rem Enterprises in 1966.

"Since we assembled the Centennial Committee, we've always wanted to have a legacy project that would commemorate our centennial for years to come," said City Councillor Pat Friesen, who served as Co-Chair of the Swift Current Centennial Committee. "We went through many alternatives, and in the end, we agreed that one of the best things we could do is enhance the downtown core."

The plaza will be built on the site of the former Swift Current Museum at the corner of 1st Ave NE and Chaplin Street. S3 Enterprises, [which succeeded Rem after a sale and restructuring in 2012](#), has entered into a partnership with the city and made a \$50,000 contribution to sponsor the plaza and name it in Rempel's honour.

"It is wonderful to be able to recognize a long-standing businessperson like that, and to have his name associated with the Centennial Plaza, which is all about the history of our city," Friesen added. "We're very thankful to S3 Enterprises for making that happen."

The plans for the plaza include 10 columns that will each feature a significant moment in the city's history, and other features planned for the plaza and market district include new seating areas, a donor area, and potential canopies for Market Square and the 200-block of 1st Ave NE.

The features would be added to the plaza and market district over time as the city allocates capital and receives donations, sponsorships and grants.

"We have some capital that was allocated last year from the Centennial Legacy Project that was left over, and the remaining funds will come from the sponsorship," said Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Tim Marcus. "At this time, we are looking at potentially getting some grant money through the Main Street program, and if we get that, we will do some more work on the area."

Initial construction of the Centennial Market District and Frank Rempel Centennial Plaza, including work on the sidewalks and demolition of the former museum, is expected to begin this spring.

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