

Science Centre earns recognition

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One of Regina's best-known landmarks was recognized for its unique engineering Friday.

The 101-year-old powerhouse on Wascana Lake was named a Historic Civil Engineering Site by the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering (CSCE).

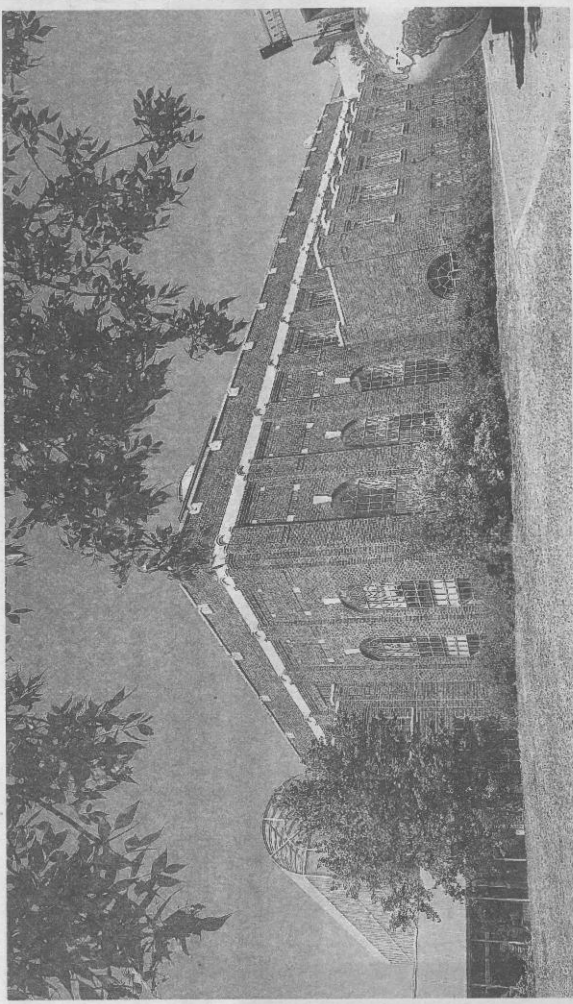
The building, which began its life as the main power supply for Regina, now houses the Saskatchewan Science Centre and SaskPower's research facility.

Built in 1914 by the Regina Light and Power Company, it was the first coal-fired plant in the area.

The city sold the building

to what is now SaskPower in 1965 and it was phased out and closed for good in 1978. Eleven years later, the brick building was gutted and repurposed to become the science centre.

"CSCE is particularly impressed by the way SaskPower and its partners have transformed a historic piece of infrastructure into a vibrant cultural and scientific centre, which in other circumstances might have been demolished" said Reg Andres, president of the CSCE. "This kind of transformative innovation is an example of what we call sustainable infrastructure — infrastructure which adapts to the changing needs of society."



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The 101-year-old powerhouse on Wascana Lake, now home to SaskPower's research facility and the Saskatchewan Science Centre, has been recognized by the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering as a Historic Civil Engineering Site.

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