

Museum Restores Call Box for the Winnipeg Police Credit Union's New Location

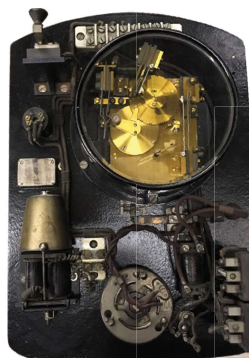
To offer enhanced services to members, 2018 saw the Winnipeg Police Credit Union open a second location on the second floor skywalk of the new HQ Building Tower at 266 Graham Avenue.

To help decorate the new offices, the Museum restored a Police Call box for the front lobby. Restoration specialist Derk Derin and his wife Dawn, went to work on call box #423 which was originally situated at the intersection of Bannatyne and Sherbrook. The box was disassembled, sandblasted, painted and meticulously put back together for display.

The original call boxes consisted of 4 sections starting with a base, then a middle post, the call box itself, and a signal light which was either attached to the box or an ornate arm that could be fastened to a pole or building.

Call boxes, also known as "Police Signal Boxes" were manufactured by the Seimens Corporation and installed in Winnipeg during 1913 as Police Chief John C. McRae wished to have a better system of communication for his officers. Winnipeg became the first city in North America to install the revolutionary system, and the 3rd in the world, placing the Winnipeg Police Force at the very front of communication technology at the time.

The Museum would like to acknowledge and thank the Winnipeg Police Credit Union for their strong and continual support which has been ongoing for many years!



Call box interior

Dawn painting the inside of the lower call box base.

