

Leslie (Butch) Amundson

Butch Amundson is an archaeologist and traditional knowledge facilitator with Stantec Consulting Ltd. in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He grew up on a farm near Naicam, Saskatchewan and attended the University of Saskatchewan where he received degrees in Archaeology and Geology.

Butch has always been drawn to water. As a teenage he was a lifeguard and swimming instructor and an avid canoeist. At university he certified as a SCUBA diver. In recent years, he has taken up triathlon and occasionally provides historical interpretation to canoe excursions with a local tour company. As a geology student, Butch did research on the sedimentology of the South Saskatchewan River at Cranberry Flats.

He has been fortunate enough to combine his interests, education and expertise with his career and avocational pursuits. Butch and his team have uncovered the wreck of S.S. City of Medicine Hat in the South Saskatchewan River in Saskatoon and have searched for rifles confiscated from the 1885 resistance fighters which were dumped in the North Saskatchewan River. Butch brings his love of rivers, his interest in history and his archaeological expertise to the board of directors of the Prairie Steamship Heritage Association.