

WYATT DOWLING / WAWANESA INSURANCE WALLS OF FAME

Alex Taylor 1899 – 1961 - *Inducted in 2022*

Alex Taylor came to Transcona from Ireland in 1923 with his wife Mary and their son, Alex Jr. He began his early working years in the local C.N.R Boiler Shop before he moved on to the Public Works Department for the Town of Transcona.

In 1930 he transferred to the police force, and became Chief of Police in 1944, retiring in 1953. From 1954 until 1961, he was Justice of the Peace in Transcona.

His role in the community included Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Weed Inspector, Health Officer, Building Inspector, License Inspector and Welfare Officer. This led to Alex being fondly referred to as just "The Chief".



Photo submitted by the family.

Over the years, Alex became known for being available to the community at all times of the day and night. Alex was often the first point of contact for anyone that was new to the Transcona area when they were looking for housing or other needs. He was also known for using his own personal finances to help someone down on their luck.

Alex worked with neighbourhood groups to reduce juvenile delinquency and was instrumental in the creation of the East End Community Club. This initiative helped lower the cases of mischief in the area. Alex Taylor's legacy includes his devotion to the community, and his kindly ways towards those in trouble.