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**Calgary**

*“Calgarians live very firmly in the present and look confidently to the future, but also appreciate their history and traditions. Alberta’s centennial is an opportunity to remember our past and to renew our commitment to a better future for our city, our province and our country.”*

Wayne Cao, MLA  
Calgary Fort

## **Building a centennial legacy**

### **MLA Wayne Cao announces centennial legacies grants for Calgary**

Alberta’s centennial celebrations are officially under way, and Calgary is one of the first communities to get provincial government support to commemorate the province’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, September 1, 2005.

The Calgary Performing Arts Centre (CPAC) and the Lougheed House historic site will each receive an Alberta 2005 Centennial Legacies Grant. The CPAC will use its grant, worth \$2.5 million, for capital upgrades that are required immediately. The grant for Lougheed House, worth \$2.8 million, will be directed toward restoration of the building, which is a designated provincial and national historic site. Wayne Cao, MLA for Calgary Fort, announced the awards at a news conference today.

The province established the Alberta 2005 Centennial Legacies Grant Program to support communities and volunteer organizations in developing projects that commemorate Alberta’s 100<sup>th</sup> year in Confederation and create lasting value for future generations.

“These projects are excellent for Calgary,” said Cao. “The Lougheed House historic honours and preserves an important part of our history. The Calgary Performing Arts Centre enhances our quality of life now and, with the help of this grant, it will continue to do so in the years to come.”

Cao’s announcement coincided with the official announcement of Alberta’s 2005 Centennial Program by Community Development Minister Stan Woloshyn. In addition to the Alberta 2005 Centennial Legacies Grant Program and the first 17 projects, Woloshyn unveiled the Alberta 2005 Centennial logo and a centennial web site. “The logo and web site ([www.gov.ab.ca/alberta2005](http://www.gov.ab.ca/alberta2005)) will help Albertans promote and share information and ideas about centennial activities,” said Woloshyn.

“Alberta’s centennial in 2005 is a unique opportunity for Albertans to remember and acknowledge our achievements, build a legacy for our future and take the time to enjoy this wonderful province we live in,” Woloshyn added.

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A digital file of the Alberta 2005 Centennial logo in colour is available by contacting Alberta Community Development Communications at (780) 427-6530.

Backgrounders attached:

- 2000-2001 Community-based Centennial Legacies Projects
- Centennial Legacies Grant Program — Summary

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