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**Fort Macleod**

*"We have a lot to celebrate in Alberta, and a lot to be thankful for as we approach our province's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I'm pleased to see Fort Macleod get a centennial legacies grant to help commemorate its role in building our province, and I encourage other communities in Livingstone-Macleod to follow their example."*

David Coutts, MLA  
Livingstone-Macleod Constituency

## **Building a centennial legacy**

### **MLA Dave Coutts announces centennial legacies grant for Fort Macleod**

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

The Fort Macleod Historic Area, the Empress Theatre and Fort Museum will get an Alberta 2005 Centennial Legacies Grant of \$2.3 million to help upgrade Alberta's most significant collection of buildings from the Late Victorian and Edwardian eras (1890-1920). Dave Coutts, MLA for Livingstone-Macleod, announced the award 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.

"The Fort Macleod Historic Area is a architectural treasure and is a priceless resource that is rapidly becoming the focus for a thriving tourism industry in southwestern Alberta," said Coutts. "The establishment of the Northwest Mounted Police post in Fort Macleod has contributed to our rich history and is closely tied with the founding of our province."

Coutts'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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