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## Medicine Hat

*“Albertans are looking forward to Alberta’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Many of them are starting to talk about it, and make plans. Lorne Taylor and I strongly urge the people of Medicine Hat and area to get behind the centennial by organizing worthwhile projects and celebrations.”*

Rob Renner, MLA for Medicine Hat

### **Building a centennial legacy**

## **MLAs Renner and Taylor announce centennial legacies grant for Medicine Hat**

Alberta’s centennial celebrations are officially under way, and Medicine Hat 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.

Medicine Hat will get two Alberta 2005 Centennial Legacies Grants. The city will use one grant, worth \$3.5 million to help build a new Arts and Heritage Cultural Centre. The Friends of Medalta Society will use another grant, worth \$2 million, to restore, preserve and interpret features of the Medalta Potteries-Hycroft China Factory historic site.

Rob Renner, MLA for Medicine Hat, 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.

“Medicine Hat has long been the hub of a lively cultural community in southeastern Alberta,” said Lorne Taylor, MLA Cypress-Medicine Hat Constituency. “The new Cultural Heritage Centre will support the continued development of our quality of life.”

“The Friends of Medalta have done a marvellous job developing the Medalta Potteries-Hycroft China Factory historic site as an education and tourism resource,” added Renner. “This grant recognizes and supports their dedication and effort.”

The joint 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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