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Grande Prairie

“The people and communities of the Peace Region have made valuable contributions to the history and economy of Alberta. The centennial gives all an opportunity to commemorate our achievements and appreciate our opportunities. Wayne Jacques and I hope to see many more successful proposals go forward from this area.”

Walter Paszkowski, MLA
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Building a centennial legacy

MLAs Paszkowski and Jacques announce centennial legacies grant for Grande Prairie

Alberta’s centennial celebrations are officially under way, and Grande Prairie will be one of the first communities to get provincial government support to commemorate the province’s 100th birthday, September 1, 2005.

The Grande Prairie Museum will get a grant of \$1.2 million to upgrade and expand space for archives, collections and programs, and build a permanent display area. Paszkowski, MLA for Grande Prairie-Smoky and Minister of Municipal Affairs, and Wayne Jacques, MLA for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, announced the award today.

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

“I am pleased that the Peace Region will receive one of the 17 centennial legacies projects announced today,” said Jacques. “This grant will enhance the legacy of the Grande Prairie Museum for generations to come while assisting in the development of the entire Peace Region.”

“The Grande Prairie Museum is a great facility that serves the City of Grande Prairie and the Peace Region,” added Paszkowski. “I congratulate the museum’s directors for their initiative and effectiveness in pursuing the opportunity for centennial funding.”

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) 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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