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Stirling

“Legacy projects like this one are a great way to mark our centennial. They help us remember and preserve our past, and they challenge those who come after us to match or exceed the achievements of the Albertans who built our communities and our province.”

Ron Hierath, MLA
Cardston-Taber-Warner Constituency

Building a centennial legacy

MLA Ron Hierath announces centennial legacies grant for Stirling

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

The Great Canadian Plains Railway Project will get an Alberta 2005 Centennial Legacies Grant of \$500,000 to help restore, furnish and interpret the historic Coutts Railway Station in its new location just north of Stirling. Ron Hierath, MLA for Cardston-Taber-Warner, 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 100th year in Confederation and create lasting value for future generations.

“The railway north from the border at Coutts and Sweetgrass played an important role in the settlement of Southern Alberta,” said Hierath. “It’s an interesting story and this grant will give the Great Canadian Plains Railway Project a boost in their efforts to tell that story.”

Hierath’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) 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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