



## Media Release

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### **City of Grande Prairie fulfills next step of commitment to Currie Museum**

A longtime supporter of the museum project, the City of Grande Prairie has presented the Pipestone Creek Dinosaur Initiative with a cheque for \$1,066,666. The funds will go into the capital program of the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum, which broke ground on June 21. The 41,000 sq. ft. facility is slated for completion in October 2014.

The cheque was the combined 2012 and 2013 portions of the City's overall pledge of \$3.5 million. The remaining portions are \$733,334 in 2014 and \$1.2 million in 2015/2016.

"With a median age of 30, Grande Prairie is a young city with a bright future," says Brian Brake, executive director of the Pipestone Creek Dinosaur Initiative. "We're thrilled that the City of Grande Prairie is so willing to invest in this museum project. When completed in 2014 it's going to have a significant and positive impact on the entire region. "

"The Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum will be an important regional asset, so it's natural that the City of Grande Prairie would contribute to ensuring its successful launch," says Grande Prairie Mayor Bill Given. "The City's longstanding commitment is recognition of the significance of this project, for the future of the region and our City."

"The County is proud to see the City follow through with its commitment to be our regional partner in this monumental project," says Leanne Beaupre, County of Grande Prairie Reeve. "We look forward to continuing this long, productive working relationship with the City to promote tourism in the region."

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#### ***About the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum and the Pipestone Creek Dinosaur Initiative***

*The Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum, presently under construction, will be a 41,000 sq. foot, world-class facility highlighting the rich fossil resources of Northern Alberta. Named for Dr. Philip Currie, Canada's preeminent palaeontologist, the museum, in Wembley AB, will serve as a hub of education and science in the area. The Pipestone Creek Dinosaur Initiative is the omnibus term for the project team tasked with the realization of the museum.*

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