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**Wanted Immediately**  
**Palaeontologist/Curator for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum,**  
**Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada**

**Job Description:**

The County of Grande Prairie No. 1 is seeking a palaeontologist to oversee the exhibit design and installation for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum that is under construction in Wembley, west-central Alberta. After opening, the successful applicant will become the Museum Curator.

The successful applicant will be required to work both independently and with a small team. To realize the exhibits, the palaeontologist will coordinate and work with the Palaeontology Research Assistant, Education Manager, and a professional exhibit design firm (Reich + Petch Design International) to bring the current Exhibit Concept Design through development, fabrication and installation. Therefore, the palaeontologist should have a sound knowledge of vertebrate palaeontology in the Peace Region of west-central Alberta and within the greater context of the Late Cretaceous of North America. In addition, the palaeontologist will need to create exhibits on natural resources (oil and gas) that are relevant to the region. Therefore, a basic knowledge of resources-based geology and industry is desirable.

After the opening of the Philip J Currie Dinosaur Museum, the Curator will be required to maintain exhibits, direct and organize original research on the palaeontological resources centered on the Peace Region, encourage research collaborations with external institutions, harbour student learning and research, develop and maintain other professional activities (e.g. presentations at conferences), and oversee the Head Palaeontology Technician, laboratory and collections spaces.

The successful candidate should hold a Ph.D. or be close to completing their Ph.D. Those who have not yet fulfilled their Ph.D. requirements will be required to do so at the soonest possible time during their tenure.

**Palaeontologist's Duties:**

- Lead the creative team to develop the palaeontology and natural resources exhibits for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum;
- Liaise with exhibit designers, fabricators, and other institutions (e.g. Tyrrell Museum, University of Alberta) regarding the purchase/loan of specimens;
- Provide scientific advice for staff/summer students developing presentations, public showings etc.;
- Act as a spokesperson for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum;
- Contribute to outreach, including regular articles in the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum newsletter, blog, and website;
- Supervise the current Palaeontology Research Assistant and the Head Palaeontology Technician after the opening of the Museum; and
- Develop research with special focus on Peace Region palaeontology.



PHILIP J. CURRIE  
DINOSAUR MUSEUM



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Interested parties please send cover letter, resume and contact information for three references, by post or electronically, to Charlotte Bierman, Human Resources Coordinator for the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 by May 29, 2013 at:

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

*The Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum, scheduled to open its doors in 2014, 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, located in Wembley AB will serve as a hub of education and science in the area.*