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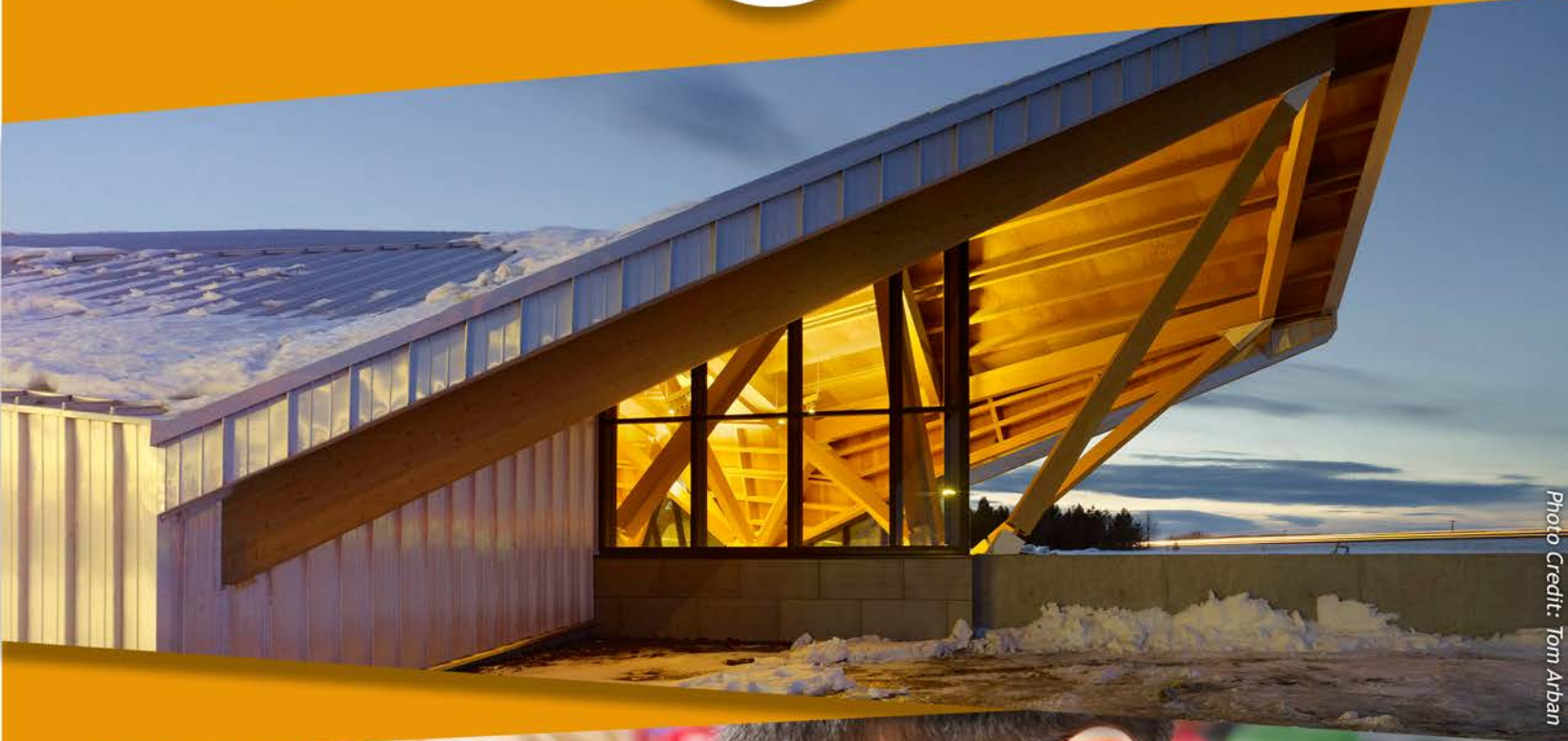


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PHILIP J. CURRIE  
DINOSAUR MUSEUM



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April saw snow melting away from the angled faceted roof of the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum building and the melding of initiatives on multiple fronts.

The museum education and marketing staff visited peers at the Royal Tyrell Museum, Royal Alberta Museum, the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies and the Telus World of Science. Staff also attended their first Annual Conference of the Canadian Museums Association that brought them closer to professional trends and best practices in the museum realm. The Building and Grounds Manager underwent separate training sessions on building systems and standards.

Even as summer programs get crystallized, the museum is in the process of uploading registration and education/ outreach related information on to the website. Summer interns have been accepted to work at the museum from across Canada including the University of Toronto, University of Manitoba, University of Alberta and elsewhere. Pilot e-shopping modules are now functional for on-line purchases of limited merchandize, soon to be expanded as the retail outlet gets stocked.

Seven Generations provided valuable input for exhibit content and have extended material support that will add to the permanent collections at the museum. Exhibit production, multi-media interactives, documentary film, commemorative book, casts and graphics continue to progress per schedule with reviews and workshops both in Wembley and Toronto. The museum has now firmed up the September 26, 2015 date for the Amber Ball in conjunction with the grand opening of this world-class institution.

Stay tuned! Stay Connected.

George Jacob



## \$50,000 Sponsorship From PCL

PCL Construction generously donated a cheque for \$50,000 as their contribution towards sponsoring the boardroom at the museum. PCL has been working diligently with the County of Grande Prairie No1 to ensure the timely construction of this world class facility under budget. They were awarded the 2014 Alberta Construction Magazine prize for the top building under 50 million dollars in the province category. Project director Russell Bridgeman presented the cheque in presence of board chair and chair of the building committee Ross Sutherland, county councillor Peter Harris, and museum president and CEO George Jacob. Project Manager Karla Horcica led the construction team, delivering the fastest museum project built in Canada.



(left to Right) Karla Horcica, Ross Sutherland, Russell Bridgeman, Peter Harris, George Jacob

## Documentary Film Gets Underway

Local Film writer and director, Goride Haakstad, is working on a short documentary capturing the making of the museum. His directorial debut, Abel's Field, starring Kevin Sorbo and Samuel Davis, was released by Sony Pictures Home Entertainment. Gordie gained his directing background as a filmmaker specialized in cinematography and editing. He began his education at the University of Southern California's School of Cinema and Television where he graduated Magna Cum Laude from the prestigious Production Program. He interned under cinematographer Don Burgess (Forrest Gump, Spiderman, Cast Away) on the set of Terminator 3: Rise Of The Machines. He has remained involved with the New York Film Academy.



Goride Haakstad on location at a film site



## Burgundy Asset Management Awards \$10,000

Toronto based Burgundy Asset Management provided a \$10,000 grant towards education and outreach programming for the museum. Facilitated by board member Tim Powell, vice-president Mark Gallian responded to the Museums request early last month to release funds. The Museum intends to develop travelling exhibit kits to enhance its outreach initiatives in months ahead.



Jean-Marie Mason, Exhibit Manager, Rocky Museum speaks with Laura Reilly, Education Coordinator, Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum

## Palaeontologist Presents at APS 2015

Palaeo Research Lab and Collections Manager, Robin Sissons, presented at the 2015 Alberta Palaeontological Society annual conference. Established in 1986, the APS promotes the study of palaeontology through discovery, collections, public education and preservation initiatives. The presentation included slides of the museum in advanced stages of completion and provided insights into the upcoming program, outreach and interactive exhibit experiences being planned at the museum.



Palaeontologist Robin Sissons at a local dig site in 2014



CMA Reception at the Whyte Museum, Banff, AB

## Museum Staff Attends CMA

The Museum staff attended their first Canadian Museums Association (CMA) Annual Conference in Banff last month. The conference provided insightful exposure to museum practices, education, innovative outreach and research trends among peer institutions and enabled gainful interactions along with partnership opportunities. Staff attended various training workshops and plannery sessions. The museum expo provided useful contacts with vendors, consultants and museum suppliers. The conference also enabled other institutions to learn more about the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum and its impending fall 2015 opening as Canada's newest museum.



Whyte Museum Director, Vincent Varga, speaks at the CMA Reception in Banff

## GP3D Donates Image Capture In 3D

Gallery mapping with 3D cameras is underway at the museum to enable 3d embedded images onto the information kiosk. Once completed it will provide a fly through perspective through a web browser of special configuration of the museum.



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# Summer Programs



## Curious Critters (ages 3-6) and parents (any age!)

Wednesdays & Thursdays: 1pm-2pm

Cost: \$5.00 per child

Come learn about dinosaurs, work in an indoor dig, listen to a story, and make a Cretaceous craft to take home.

Location: Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum



## Bone Clones (ages 7-12)

Wednesdays & Thursdays: 1pm-2pm

Cost: \$5.00 per child - 1 hour program

What are Fossils? Casts? Molds? And why are they all important? Visit the Museum and make your own fossil replica to take home as a souvenir.

Location: Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum



## Friday Afternoon ART (ages 7-12)

Fridays: 1-2pm

Cost: \$5.00 per child

Dinosaurs meet Art on Friday afternoons in the Museum: trading art cards, murals big and small, sculptures paper and clay. Visit the Museum to make art and talk dinosaurs.

Location: Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum



## Pipestone Creek Bonebed Tour (all ages)

Fridays: 5pm / Saturdays & Sundays: 10:30am and 3:30pm

2 hours, 2.5 km walk (round trip)

Cost: \$5.00 per person (minimum 4 participants for tour to proceed)

Location: Pipestone Creek Park

The tour consists of a walk from the main picnic area to the Pipestone Creek Bonebed. Tour participants examine real fossils and learn about the different types of dinosaurs found in Northern Alberta. The tour includes clues that culminate at an exciting examination of the Pipestone Creek Bonebed.

*\*Hiking shoes, water, sunscreen, bug spray and hat recommended. Children (under the age of twelve) must be accompanied by an adult. Safety waivers must be signed by all participants.*



## Dinosaur Tales (all ages)

Saturdays and Sundays: 2pm-2:30pm

FREE Program

Enjoy a variety of events including interactive activities such as a sing-along, story time, or draw-and-tell, Cretaceous crafts, or a play bursting with mischievous dinosaurs.

Location: Pipestone Creek Park



## Frills and Thrills:

Saturdays and Sundays: Different times between the tours and the tales.

FREE program - 15 min program

Join the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum summer staff for informal sessions on fossil identification, dinosaur puzzles, mysteries and trivia.

Location: Pipestone Creek Park

# New Staff



Joanne Cousins  
Executive Assistant



Rowena McGowan  
Museum Studies Program Intern  
University of Toronto

# Save the Date!



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