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DINOSAUR MUSEUM

## Former Chief Registrar of the Smithsonian to lead Board Training at the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum.

### News Release

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Mary Case, the former Chief Registrar of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC is in Grande Prairie to lead a Board Retreat at the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum on May 7, in preparation for a fall 2015 launch. A founding director of Qm<sup>2</sup>- Quality Management to a Higher Power, Mary consults with boards and senior staff on leadership issues to improve decision making and strategic initiatives and execution. Her focused work in museums includes staff and board coaching, meeting design and facilitation, strategy development and execution, and executive roundtable leadership. "I am excited about this newest museum in Canada and it is important for the governing body to fully comprehend the significance of their role as stewards of this world-class institution in the making. You have chosen well in bringing on an extremely capable museum professional as the founding President in George Jacob" says Mary. "The opening of a new museum, worldwide, is an extraordinary event for any community. This is particularly true when the subject comes from the very earth upon which the community rests. From distance, the evolving partnership – always requiring skilled practitioners in every discipline – seems fruitful even in the face of the most ambitious work schedule I've seen. I'm excited to participate in the meetings this week, to put faces to phone voices, and to be further north on this continent than previously" she adds. As the Chief Registrar of the Smithsonian's staggering collections comprising of over 138 million artifacts, 9 million digital records and over 2 million archival volumes, she oversaw a staff of 350. Mary holds a BA Magna cum laude in American Studies from Temple University in Philadelphia and a MA in Museum Studies from SUNY, Cooperstown, New York.

*See attached photo*

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