



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear friends,

2015 marked a historic year for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur

Canada's newest museum opened its doors to the public on schedule making it the fastest in Canadian history. An incredible 45,000+ visitors flocked to its galleries in 60 days! The museum made national and international news with media coverage in CBC, the Globe and Mail, Canadian Geographic, Architectural Digest, Mercedes Benz magazine and numerous others winning four awards before it even opened.

We now look forward to an exciting new year of partnerships, prospects and incredible potential of leveraging this world class destination through continued engagement and discourse with our visitors and stakeholders.

Stay tuned. Stay connected. On behalf of all my staff and members of the Board, let me with you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

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George Jacob







### A Night at the Museum: Dinosaurs Come Alive!

November also saw the very first 'Night at the Museum' come to life in the galleries. It was a wonderful mix of costumes, palaeontology, excitement, music and entertainment! It is essentially an interactive story about creatures (dinosaurs, marine reptiles, flying reptiles, and marine invertebrates) living during periods such as the Devonian and the Late Cretaceous. The story describes how Pipestone Creek came to be one of the densest dinosaur bonebeds in the world. December 19th is our second event, come and join the education team and musician/entertainer Cam White for a night of wonder, excitement, and fun at the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum. This is a perfect event for school classes to participate in. Come and rock out in the Cretaceous with Peter Rock Lakustai, Dr. Handsome and his knowledgeable assistants Emma and Jewels.



# Professor Madeline Hardin conducts Board Fundraising Training

Recognizing the need to establishing an Endowment for long-term sustainability, the museum engaged, veteran fundraiser and trainer Dr. Madeline Hardin from Fraser Valley University, to conduct a 3 hour session with the River of Death & Discovery Dinosaur Museum Society. The discourse touched upon the means, methods and metrics of unrolling a time bound fundraising initiative. The economic downturn and the competing campaigns in the Grande Prairie region, will be challenges that the museum must take into account to address the needs of restricted and unrestricted grants, donations and sponsorship support for operations, education, exhibits and outreach initiatives.



### Jacob inducted to College of Fellows Royal Canadian Geographic Society

In the footsteps of Dr. Philip J. Currie, FRCGS, George Jacob earned the distinction of being a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographic Society at a ceremony held at the Canadian Museum of History in Ottawa. The Royal Canadian Geographical Society is dedicated to promoting and enhancing public awareness for Canadian geography, and to strengthening the bond between Canadians and their diverse and vast geographical heritage. As one of Canada's oldest and largest educational, non-profit organizations, the RCGS, and its iconic publication, Canadian Geographic, has been our country's most recognized voice for connecting Canadians with the land, culture and environment in which they live.



## Board Member Penny Rose welcomes Educators

School principals, directors and educators were invited to visit the museum galleries, classrooms, 3D printing, palaeo lab and the National Geographic Theatre on Nov 13. They learnt about distance education, speaker series, and the high school palaeontology foundation program which commences in February 2016. Ridgevalley School principal Penny Rose emphasized the importance museum educational programs in relation to school curriculum in the Peace Region.



### Museum rated #2 among top 14 in world by Air Canada



#### JOIN IN AND GET INVOLVED!!!

DECEMBER 19th | Night at the Museum!

JANUARY 16th | Art at the Museum - Dynamic Dinosaurs!

JANUARY 22nd | Lecture Series - Dr. Don Henderson from the Royal Tyrell Museum will speak on Armoured Dinosaurs!

### KALEIDOSAUR GIFT SHOP

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#### **BOOK A CHRISTMAS EVENT!**







The museum will be hosting Christmas events! To find out more information, to reserve a table at the Dine-O-Saur Restaurant, or to register for any event, please contact Alexis Koppa at akoppa@dinomuseum.ca or 587-771-0662 ext. 403



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