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Dinosaur museum welcomes new executive director

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WEMBLEY, ALBERTA – After an exhaustive nationwide search for new leadership, the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum has appointed Susan Hunter as executive director.

“We’re thrilled to have the right person in place. In terms of high-octane leadership, creative insight, and innovation, Susan is just what this organization needs,” says Tim Powell, Chair of the Museum Society who oversees direction and who co-chaired the hiring committee for the leadership search. “I’m confident Susan has what it takes to bring the museum to the next level.”

With a solid background in post-secondary, art gallery, and corporate management, Susan Hunter has a proven track record in direction and strategic management, and will bring fresh insight to the newly minted dinosaur museum.

“This institution is an exciting new landmark for the Peace Region,” Hunter says. “It has garnered a great deal of success since opening its doors in 2015, and I look forward to engaging local stakeholders to expand on these accomplishments. The dinosaur museum is destined to be a major attraction.”

Named after the renowned Canadian palaeontologist, the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum has captured worldwide attention, receiving nine prestigious awards in as many months, and doubling its anticipated visitor volume in its first year. Designed by Teeple Architects, the museum has a distinctive silhouette, and celebrates one of the world’s richest dinosaur fossil beds in nearby Pipestone Creek.

A seasoned writer and speaker, Hunter has several degrees, including a Masters in critical pedagogy from the University of Toronto, and has also studied and worked in Japan, France, and the United States.

Showcasing the extraordinary fossil heritage of the Peace River Region, the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum is an international institute for research and experiential learning. The museum features an impressive permanent collection, and regularly plays host to unique pieces from partner institutions, including the University of Alberta. In its northern prairie location, the state-of-the-art facility delivers a one-of-a-kind visitor experience as newly unearthed fossils are prepped for display in an open lab.



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