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The Military Museums receives \$2.6 million from the province

Calgary, AB - Deputy Premier Ron Stevens, MLA for Calgary-Glenmore presented The Military Museums with a cheque for \$2.6M from the Alberta government's Major Community Facilities Program (MCFP).

This grant will bring the province's total contribution to \$7.7M, representing approximately one third of the cost for the Museums' expansion and renovation program. This program has had several phases totaling \$23.1M, including a 55,000 sq ft expansion, which is nearing completion. The final phase, the renovation of the existing facility, will accommodate a state-of-the-art classroom, an art and temporary exhibit gallery and an expansion to the current Alberta Gallery. This phase of the project will commence in February 2008 and is expected to be complete by February 2009.

"Albertans have told us that heritage is important to them," said Hector Goudreau, Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture. "The Military Museums helps to preserve and showcase our rich history, and we're pleased to be able to support this expansion through the Major Community Facilities Program."

"The Military Museums and its supporting society are deeply grateful to the Alberta Government and in particular MCFP for this tremendous support," said Bob Millar, Chair of the Capital Campaign. "All Albertans need to understand the role Canada's military has played in permitting us to have the standard of living we enjoy and this museum will assist in this education."

Rolling openings of the expanded museum areas including the relocated Naval Museum of Alberta, the new Air Force Museum of Alberta, the University of Calgary military library and archives and the interactive Discovery Centre will occur from 2008 to 2009.

MCFP is a two-year, \$280-million lottery funded program that helps municipalities, not-for-profit organizations, Aboriginal communities and Métis settlements plan, upgrade or build public-use facilities that enhance community life.

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