

## GROWING OUR LEGACY CAMPAIGN

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## GALT WELL ON ITS WAY TO REACHING GOAL

The Galt Museum is pleased to announce that has raised \$1,100,500.00 towards its \$2.8 Growing Our Legacy Campaign to date, in support of the \$8.9 million expansion project for which construction began last fall.

“As the expansion project moves forward, awareness, excitement and support is building,” says Ron Ulrich, CEO/Executive Director of the Galt. “The Growing Our Legacy campaign is on target, thanks to the incredible support of our funders and donors who have come on board to date, and to the efforts of the Campaign Cabinet.”

All three levels of government have supported the project, providing core funding to help make it a reality. The idea for the expansion was realized five years ago, when a group of local residents and the museum director at the time, Wilma Wood, were presented with the challenge of making the Galt a relevant community resource. Visitor attendance and community involvement had stagnated. The permanent exhibit was looking old. Donations and grants were minimal. The human history collection and the archives were only accessible during business hours – when most people needing access were either working or at school.

A whole new museum – from the foundation up – was envisioned, with a new way of interacting with today’s museum audiences and involving our local community. It was to be a place where people could learn more about themselves and the world around them by connecting in a variety of ways with people – past and present – and their personal stories.

“We are pleased that our consultants, Kasian Kennedy Architects and Robertson-Weir Exhibits Ltd, were able to dream as big as we did ... and to maintain the project on budget and on time, says Ron Ulrich, CEO/Executive Director of the Galt.

The Galt’s expansion project is the most significant cultural expansion in 20 years, and when completed, will provide residents and visitors of southern Alberta with state-of-the art museum facilities to position the Galt as a major regional destination.

The new Galt is set to open to the public on May 6, 2006, as part of City of Lethbridge Centennial Celebrations. For more information on the expansion project and the Growing Our Legacy Campaign please call 403.320-3999 or check the museum website at [www.galtmuseum.com](http://www.galtmuseum.com).

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