



## EXPANSION PROJECT: BUILDING & EXHIBIT

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## CREATING NEW MUSEUM INVOLVES MANY TALENTS

Final touches are being made to the building, and construction of the permanent exhibit is in its final stages as the Galt Museum & Archives prepares to open to the public on May 6, 2006.

Calgary based **Kasian Architecture Interior Design and Planning** was Prime Consultant for the addition and renovations, with locally born and raised Kevin Nyhoff the principal design architect. To ensure the new building did not overshadow the existing historic site, the addition was placed behind the 1910 Galt Hospital building. Designed to sensitively contrast with the existing environment, the building's modern form allows it to sit lightly on the landscape and its horizontal character reflects the low lines of the prairie horizon. Meanwhile, the metal siding and structural cross bracing make reference to the railway bridge, and the concrete, glass, and monochromatic metal details frame the changing colours of the sky and the coulee.

"Our design is intended to celebrate the dramatic landscape and honour the original museum", said Bill Chomik of Kasian Architecture Interior Design and Planning Ltd. "We hope this will be a 'living room' for the city – a large public space that will serve as a gathering space and a place of celebration for the residents of Lethbridge and Southern Alberta."

Many of the exhibit components have been prepared by local companies and individuals, including Alex Pavlenko [Chinook Winds mural] and James Markus [windmill]; Casey's Woodworking [display cases; also has supplied all the woodwork in the museum], Bel-Air Welding [High Level Bridge], Ward Bros. Construction [Lethbridge Herald and Chinese restaurant buildings], Lethbridge Tent & Awning [NWMP exhibit] and the Blood Tribe Council and Pat Tailfeathers [dance arbour willow and poles]. Calgary-based company Heavy Industries [[www.heavyworld.com](http://www.heavyworld.com)] has constructed the oversized 3D beer bottle and cowboy boot, while the remaining exhibit module components have been supplied by Exposition TCD [[www.expositiontcd.com](http://www.expositiontcd.com)].

For more details on the new Galt Museum & Archives, please visit [www.galtmuseum.com](http://www.galtmuseum.com).

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## EXPANSION PROJECT

Renovation of 27,243 square foot facility  
Addition of 13,627 square feet

Includes:

- **Discovery Hall** 5000 square feet of total exhibit space, including a 2500 square foot permanent exhibit
- A 2,000 square foot expansion to collections and archives storage space including compact rolled storage
- A new **Archives Reference Room**
- A new 1000 square foot **Class room**
- A new 900 square foot **Board room**
- A new 1280 square foot **Museum Store**
- An expanded 2660 square foot **Viewing Gallery/event space**



*concept drawing by Kevin Nyhoff*