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ARCHIVES AND PERMANENT MUSEUM GALLERY WILL OPEN AFTER THE ESPLANADE GALA

Medicine Hat – Due to unforeseen delays, the Esplanade Archives and Permanent Museum Gallery will not be open for public viewing during the Esplanade Gala Oct. 22-31, 2005.

“The original fabricators of the Museum Gallery exhibit actually went out of business in the middle of the project,” explains Bob Orth, Esplanade Project Manager with the City of Medicine Hat.

Donny White, Museum and Archives Curator says, “We are thrilled with Beauchesne & Co. out of Regina, SK who were able to pick up the ball and take on this project. Exhibit fabrication takes years, and to have this unfortunate circumstance in the middle of the project has impacted our schedule.”

During the “Discover the Esplanade” 10-day opening, the Museum will be running a temporary exhibit: ***Fifties Forever*** (curated and circulated by the Glenbow Museum) in the Heritage Gallery. Visitors will be able to see the location and “look” of the Permanent Museum and Archives, but will not be permitted inside due to security and safety considerations.

Carol Beatty, Manager of Cultural Development, adds, “We deeply regret this delay as we have always aimed to be on time. However, we thought that residents of Medicine Hat and area would prefer a short delay and the added benefit of another occasion to celebrate.”

The Esplanade Archives and Permanent Museum Gallery will open to the public on Dec. 3, 2005 with a community reception at 2:30 p.m.

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