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## *The Road to the Esplanade...* **ESPLANADE ONE BRICK CLOSER TO OPENING**

**Medicine Hat** – Mayor Garth Vallely, Alderman Bill Cocks, Chair of the Esplanade Steering Committee, and Clayton Sissons of I-XL Ltd. laid the last brick inside the Esplanade Arts and Heritage Centre during a brief ceremony on Tuesday, July 5, 2005.

Local company I-XL Ltd. was a significant contributor to the Esplanade project, donating the brick used in the building (almost \$0.5 million), as well as purchasing and donating the Ewart/Duggan house as part of the Esplanade heritage property.

“Community support like this [the brick donation] is the fuel that powered this project [the Esplanade],” said Mayor Vallely.

This particular brick was hollowed out to include a small capsule inside. The capsule contained a scroll identifying the significance of the last brick, a few Esplanade construction photos, and City of Medicine Hat and Alberta Centennial pins.

“We can only hope that no one finds these artifacts for a very long time!” chuckles Bob Orth, Esplanade Project Supervisor with the City of Medicine Hat.

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