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Justice will be served in new Calgary Courts Centre

One million square foot consolidated courthouse slated for completion by summer 2007

Calgary... Calgarians and residents of Southern Alberta will soon have a new, state-of-the-art courthouse in downtown Calgary that will end overcrowding and eliminate the confusion of navigating five separate and aging court facilities.

The Government of Alberta announced it is proceeding with the construction of the \$300-million Calgary Courts Centre, which will consolidate the Provincial Court and the Court of Queen's Bench in a one million square foot facility between 6th and 7th Avenue and 5th and 6th Street S.W.

"I am pleased that the consolidation of Calgary's court facilities is finally around the corner," said Infrastructure Minister Ty Lund. "This unique project is an investment in our justice system, which represents an investment in the continued safety and security of our communities."

An agreement has been reached with a private group of companies including GWL Realty Advisors Inc. (development manager), CANA Management Ltd. (builder), Kasian Architecture Interior Design and Planning (architect) and SNC-Lavalin ProFac Inc. (building operator) to design, build and operate the courts facility after a thorough selection process, which began in April 2002. The Government of Alberta will fund the project while the private sector will design, build and operate it as a public-private partnership. Completion of the consolidated courthouse is expected by summer 2007.

"The need for a Calgary courthouse is critical and has been in the development stage for over 20 years," said Justice Minister Dave Hancock. "The consolidation of two levels of court into one location along with other court services and programs will make it easier for Calgarians and the people of southern Alberta to access the courts and improve the overall efficiency of the justice system."

The project features two atrium linked towers, with a 24-floor north tower and a 20-floor south tower, encompassing 73 courtrooms, as well as an underground parkade for 220 vehicles. Approximately 500 people will be moving into the new courthouse, including 75 justices and judges, over 100 security personnel, and about 360 court, library and external agencies' staff people.

For more information on the Calgary Courts Centre project, please visit www.infras.gov.ab.ca.

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Backgrounder

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CALGARY COURTS CENTRE PROJECT

- For more than 20 years, the need for a new courthouse in Calgary to improve court access has been considered.
- Calgary's Court of Queen's Bench and the Provincial Court are presently located in five separate facilities. Apart from the confusion caused by navigating five separate facilities, all courts are near or over capacity and there is continued pressure to expand due to population and business growth.

Courthouse features

- One million square foot consolidated courthouse
- Government of Alberta will fund the project at a cost of \$300-million while the private sector will design, build and operate the facility.
- The west block development project between 6th and 7th Avenue and 5th and 6th Street S.W. will consist of two atrium linked towers with a 24-floor north tower and a 20-floor south tower, encompassing 73 courtrooms as well as an underground parkade for 220 vehicles. Approximately 500 people will be moving into the new courthouse, including 75 justices and judges, over 100 security personnel, and about 360 court, library and external agencies' staff people.
- Future site development (east block) includes the demolition of Court of Queen's Bench facility, a 450-stall underground parkade and an urban park.

The Partners

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| · Government of Alberta | · SNC-Lavalin ProFac Inc. |
| · GWL Realty Advisors Inc. | · RGO Office Furnishings |
| · CANA Management Ltd. | · Stantec Consulting |
| · Kasian Architecture Interior Design and Planning | · Hemisphere Engineering |
| · Spillis Candela - DMJM | · Stebnicki Robertson and Associates |
| · NORR Limited | · AMEC |
- Construction is expected to be completed by summer 2007.
 - Construction on this project will see close to 1,000 people employed on the site for the next three years.

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