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## **Busy construction season wraps up for 2005, bringing Albertans new schools, healthcare centres and post-secondary buildings**

Edmonton... Across the province, Albertans are reaping the benefits of a busy 2005 construction season. In total, 29 new and improved schools, healthcare facilities and post-secondary projects were completed and 137 other major projects on public facilities are underway.

During 2005, 18 major school projects were completed and opened - including 14 new schools - at a cost of \$120 million. Work was also completed on seven healthcare facilities, worth \$52 million, and two post-secondary institution projects, to which government committed \$10 million. In addition, the newly renovated Northern and Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditoria opened in August at a cost of \$73 million.

"It's been a banner year for infrastructure construction and Albertans can be proud of their new schools, health, and post-secondary facilities," said Premier Ralph Klein. "The work continues next year as even more facilities will open across Alberta to meet the needs of a growing and successful province."

Major facilities that opened this year include the new Centennial High School in Calgary, the renovated Health Science Building at the University of Calgary, and the new Dianne and Irving Kipnes Centre for Veterans in Edmonton.

In addition to the major capital projects completed this year, 46 more are under construction and another 91 are being designed and tendered.

The 46 projects under construction include:

- 22 new schools and major school renovation projects, at a cost of \$173 million;
- 11 major post-secondary projects, with a government investment of \$361 million; and
- 13 healthcare projects, worth \$1.1 billion.

The 91 projects being designed and tendered include:

- 47 new schools and major school renovation projects, at a cost of \$389 million;
- 36 major post-secondary projects, with a government investment of \$287 million; and
- 8 healthcare projects, worth \$1.4 billion.

Other major government-owned construction projects include the Edmonton Level III Biocontainment Lab, the Leduc Agrivalue Business Incubator Centre, and the Calgary Courts facility.

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### **Editors Note:**

List of projects attached. Three year construction programs are available at [www.infra.gov.ab.ca](http://www.infra.gov.ab.ca), click on "Public Buildings and Lands."

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# Backgrounder

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**School, post-secondary, health, and government-owned facilities opened in 2005**

Schools - 18 facilities

Location	Project Description	Total Provincial Support
Blackfalds	Iron Ridge Junior Campus Wolf Creek School Division New Core School to Replace Blackfalds School	\$4.5 million
Calgary	Our Lady of Fatima Elementary School Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District	\$4.9 million
Calgary	Centennial High School Calgary School District New Senior High School	\$25.1 million
Calmar	Calmar Elementary School Black Gold Regional Division New K-6 School	\$5.8 million
Cochrane	St. Timothy Junior Senior High School Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District New Junior/Senior Core High School	\$9.4 million

Edson	Ecole Pine Grove Middle School Grande Yellowhead Regional Division Modernization	\$1.2 million
Edson	Parkland Composite High School Grande Yellowhead Regional Division Modernization	\$2.9 million
Falun	Falun School New School Wetaskiwin Regional Division New School to Replace Falun School	\$3.3 million
Grassy Lake	Chamberlain School Addition and Modernization Horizon School Division New School to Replace Chamberlain School	\$4.5 million
Hinton	Ecole Mountain View School Grande Yellowhead Regional Division Addition and modernization	\$2.1 million
Lacombe	Terrace Ridge School Wolf Creek School Division New K - 8 School	\$5.8 million
Medicine Hat	Notre Dame Academy Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division New School	\$5.7 million
Rocky Mountain House	West Central High School Wild Rose School Division New School to Replace Will Sinclair High School (part of Confluence Campus)	\$12.2 million
Rocky Mountain House	St. Dominic High School Red Deer Catholic Regional Division (10/21/05) New School, Grades 9-12 (part of Confluence Campus)	\$6.4 million
Spirit River	Spirit River Regional Academy Peace Wapiti School Division High School Modernization	\$6.1 million

Spruce Grove	Parkland School Division Greystone Centennial Middle School New School	\$9.6 million
Two Hills	Two Hills School St. Paul Education Regional Division Addition and Modernization	\$5.3 million
Vulcan	Prairieview Elementary School Palliser Regional Division Replacement School for Hazel Cameron Elementary School	\$5.6 million
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$120.4 million</b>

#### **Health - 7 facilities\_**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Provincial Funding</b>
Calgary	Southern Alberta Forensic Centre Psychiatric Centre	\$8 million
Calgary	Wing Kei Care Centre Chinese Christian Wing Kei Nursing Home/Calgary Health Region 113-bed facility consisting of 89 long-term care beds and 24 assisted living beds. Total project cost was \$18 million	\$4.5 million
Camrose	Louise Jensen Care Centre East Central Health/Bethany Group	\$13.9 million
Edmonton	Dianne and Irving Kipnes Centre for Veterans Capital Care Group Total project cost was \$22.3 million.	\$7 million
Edmonton	Ambulatory Care Centre, Grey Nuns Capital Health	\$12.3 million

Leduc	Ambulatory Care Centre, Leduc General Hospital Capital Health	\$3.5 million
Rocky Mountain House	Rocky Mountain House Health Centre Renovation David Thompson Health Region	\$2.4 million
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$51.6 million</b>

#### Post-secondary - 2 facilities

Location	Project Description	Provincial Funding
Calgary	Health Science Building Renovation University of Calgary	\$9 million
Rocky Mountain House	Confluence Tri-Campus Campus Red Deer College	\$600,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$9.6 million</b>

#### Government-owned - 2 facilities

Location	Project Description	Provincial Funding
Calgary	Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium Renovation	\$36 million
Edmonton	Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium	\$37.2 million
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$73.2 million</b>

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