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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND HERITAGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LAUNCH  
COMPREHENSIVE WEBSITE ON ALBERTA'S POLITICAL HISTORY  
<http://collections.ic.gc.ca/abpolitics>**

EDMONTON—The Legislative Assembly of Alberta, in partnership with the Heritage Community Foundation, will be launching a new educational website on Alberta's political history at 9:30 a.m. on June 14 in the Legislature Library.

The Honourable Ken Kowalski, Speaker of the Assembly, said he hopes the site will help those interested in Alberta's political history. "The Heritage Community Foundation has produced what we hope will be an interesting and useful site for Albertans and anyone with access to the world wide web interested in our politics and parliamentary traditions."

This website is part of a series of seven website projects developed by the Heritage Community Foundation funded by Industry Canada through the CDC program. The Legislative Assembly was a major partner, providing in-kind support with access to Legislature Library materials, content review and guidance, and permission for use of photos. "Our partnership with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly has helped us to develop a dynamic website that will help to form the next generation of informed citizens," said Morris Flewwelling, C.M., President/Chair of the Heritage Community Foundation.

*Alberta's Political History* website is a vital part of the proposed *Alberta Online Encyclopedia* ([www.albertasource.ca](http://www.albertasource.ca)), the Foundation's project that will be a major intellectual legacy project for Alberta's centenary in 2005. All of the Foundation's websites will be the "raw material" for the Encyclopedia, which the Foundation's IT partner, DevStudios Inc., is helping to design.

The website, anticipated by both educators and the public, covers three major topics: Institutions and Process, People, and Events. The site includes interactive maps that display the province's election results since 1905, a political timeline, and biographies of past and present Premiers and Lieutenant Governors, among many other features.

The Heritage Community Foundation hired interns to work on the project within a 16-week timeframe. The Foundation had many partners including the Legislative Assembly of Alberta and the offices of the Lieutenant Governor, Executive Council, and Chief Electoral Officer. Other project partners include CKUA Radio Network, *Legacy* Magazine, Provincial Archives of Alberta, City of Edmonton Archives, and Glenbow Museum and Archives.

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