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**TYRRELL MUSEUM EXPANDS WITH \$1 MILLION FROM ATCO
Museum's New ATCO Tyrrell Learning Centre to Enhance Education Programming**

CALGARY, Alberta – The ATCO Group of Companies will donate \$1 million for a new learning centre at the internationally renowned Royal Tyrrell Museum in Drumheller, one of the province's premier visitor attractions and educational research facilities. This represents the first major expansion in the museum's 17-year history.

The partnership between ATCO Group and the Province of Alberta will enable the ATCO Tyrrell Learning Centre to expand the museum's education programs and meet the ever-increasing demand for information about Alberta's ancient history and famous dinosaur past.

"The new ATCO Tyrrell Learning Centre will enable the Museum to broaden the reach and scope of its educational programs," explains Minister of Community Development Gene Zwozdesky. "In the future, staff will be able to deliver hands-on and engaging programs to students in one room, offer new interactive opportunities for Museum visitors in another, and, have a Tyrrell scientist delivering an on-line lecture to university students – all simultaneously."

Located adjacent to the existing museum, the ATCO Tyrrell Learning Centre is scheduled to open in the spring of 2003. The 16,500-square-foot centre includes three learning zones, a hands-on workshop, a distant learning studio and an innovative outdoor interpretive area.

"ATCO Group is committed to Alberta, to learning, and to enriching the quality of life in communities all across the province" said Nancy Southern, co-chairman, ATCO Group. "Using advanced technology, the ATCO Tyrrell Learning Centre will deliver great educational experiences to Albertans, on-site and in cities, towns and hamlets across Alberta."

The Government of Alberta has provided \$2.5 million of the project's estimated \$5 million cost through its Centennial Legacy Fund. With its \$1 million contribution, ATCO is the largest-ever contributor to the museum.

Operated by Alberta Community Development, the Royal Tyrrell Museum is internationally recognized for its palaeontological research, displays, and interpretive programs depicting ancient Alberta. The museum attracts approximately 400,000 visitors annually, with demand for additional services and increased educational programming growing each year.

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