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County of Grande Prairie Unveils Monument

At a ceremony that included past and present County of Grande Prairie councillors, County Reeve Everett McDonald unveiled a monument housing a time capsule that was sealed in 2003 and will be opened in 2028. The ceremony was held this afternoon on the grounds of the County Administration Office.

The stone monument, designed in the shape of a grain elevator, also displays the original plaque commemorating the opening of one of the County's first administrative buildings in 1971, built within County boundaries but later annexed into the City of Grande Prairie. A second newer plaque commemorates the 2003 opening of the County's newest administration building near Clairmont.

"This monument is really a symbol that links our County's heritage and the richness of our agricultural past with the opportunities and possibilities for our future," said McDonald.

"Just as important, the structure pays homage to the spirit of the people within the County – past and present. It was through vision and determination that those who are part of our history built a strong foundation for today's and future generations to grow and to succeed."

McDonald said that the location of the monument at the County Administration Building carries great significance. Moving its administrative operations into the County from the City in 2003 proved to be one of the catalysts that spurred economic and industrial growth within County borders.

Today, the County of Grande Prairie is one of Canada's fastest-growing regions.

Fifty-nine years ago, in 1951, the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 became the first county in Alberta.

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