

Media Release

Glenbow President and CEO Stepping Down

(Monday, May 28, 2007) Calgary, AB – Glenbow Museum President and Chief Executive Officer Mike Robinson announced today he will retire from Glenbow at the completion of his second term of office in December 2007.

“It has been an exciting eight years,” says Robinson, “and memorable for many reasons, including the creation of major temporary exhibitions like *The Group of Seven in Western Canada* and *Inusivut: Our Way of Life*, and the opening of new permanent galleries like *Nitsitapiisinni* and *Mavericks: An Incurable History of Alberta*. Glenbow has also achieved annual operating surpluses and its endowment has grown to over \$33-million.”

“Mike has shown it is possible to run a major arts and culture organization in a businesslike manner and at the same time not compromise artistic freedom or the duty to serve a large and growing audience,” says Glenbow Board Chair Ian Bourne. “In addition to his work at Glenbow, Mike has become an important voice for the arts and environment in his Calgary Herald opinion pieces and on CBC’s Wildrose Country. He leaves Glenbow in great shape with new challenges and potential for his successor.”

In 2004, Mike became a Member of the Order of Canada in recognition of his volunteer work in the environmental and cultural sectors and his bridge building efforts between First Nations and industry. “It is now time to reinvent myself again,” says Robinson, “and for Glenbow to continue its growth as one of Canada’s most innovative regional museums.”

The Board has initiated a search process and anticipates announcing Mike’s successor in the fourth quarter of 2007.

Bourne says Glenbow’s Board wishes Mike “all the best in his next career and thanks him for sharing his energy and enthusiasm over the past eight years at Glenbow.”

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