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UKRAINIAN CANADIAN ARCHIVES & MUSEUM OF ALBERTA RECEIVES \$3 MILLION FROM THE CITY OF EDMONTON IN UNANIMOUS VOTE FROM CITY COUNCILLORS

Edmonton, Alberta – On December 13, 2005 City of Edmonton councillors unanimously voted to provide \$3 million over the next three years to support the relocation of the Ukrainian Canadian Archives & Museum of Alberta (UCAMA) to the historic Lodge Hotel located at 9662 Jasper Ave. UCAMA President Kyrystyna Kohut said “This is a wonderful vote of confidence, I am so grateful to city councillors for supporting us. We hope to be the catalyst for the revitalization of Jasper East and add to the wonderful cultural fabric that exists in downtown Edmonton.”

City of Edmonton funding will be added to the \$3 million in grant monies from the Community Facility Enhancement Program of Alberta Gaming that was announced in October 2004. All of the government grants secured by UCAMA will be earmarked for the organization’s Capital Campaign for a public heritage museum, archive and community programming facility in downtown Edmonton. Currently UCAMA is seeking a federal grant to match funds secured through Alberta Gaming.

UCAMA was founded in 1972 by a group of eleven prominent professional business members of the Ukrainian community in Edmonton, Alberta, and is dedicated to the preservation of Ukrainian Canadian history and culture. Currently located at 9543 – 110 Avenue (built in 1912), UCAMA has called this location home since 1974.

In March of 2003, UCAMA acquired the Lodge Hotel and Brighton Block properties on Jasper Avenue in Edmonton (9662 Jasper Avenue), both designated Municipal Historic Resources. Plans are currently underway for phase one of this rehabilitation project, with a budget of \$12 million. This project fits well with the revitalization plans of the East Jasper Block in the City of

Edmonton. Renowned Edmonton architectural firm – HIP Architects and David Murray Architect.

Since announcing the Capital Campaign on April 20, 2004, UCAMA has been actively seeking partners in the development of this new heritage museum including support from municipal, provincial, and federal governments; private and public foundations; corporations and individuals from the Ukrainian community and the community at large. UCAMA will raise the remaining funds through public and corporate donations before completing the relocation in late 2008.

Contributions can be made as follows: Mail (9543-110 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5H 1H3); Phone (780.424.7580); Fax (780.420.0562); Email (ucama@shaw.ca)

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