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Municipal Election Information Online

(Red Deer, Alberta) – The City of Red Deer and Red Deer Public Library have partnered to provide voters with more information on the upcoming municipal election. The City and the Library each recently launched new online information on the Red Deer election.

“Feedback from the 2001 election indicated that citizens wanted more information on the election process, as well as who was running for each office,” said Kelly Kloss, Returning Officer, The City of Red Deer. “As the Office responsible for the conduct of the election, we are unable to directly coordinate or participate in events that actively promote candidates, so an alternative location to The City’s Web site was needed to provide such information. The Red Deer Public Library stepped up and offered to provide a central location for the voters to meet candidates.”

The Red Deer Public Library’s new Web site, *Election Forum 2004*, provides Web pages for each candidate to post information, and allows voters to get to know the candidates who are running for Mayor, Councillor or Public/Catholic School Trustee. From the *Election Forum* Web site, located at www.rdpl.org/electionforum, community members have the opportunity to e-mail questions to the candidates. Candidates interested in being included on the Library’s Election Forum site are invited to visit *Information for Candidates*: www.rdpl.org/electionforum/InformationforCandidates.html.

“Red Deer Public Library has always been a neutral source of information for the entire community,” said Dean Frey, Director, Red Deer Public Library. “It’s a natural fit for the Library to take this opportunity to host a forum where voters and election candidates can come together. We see this as an important service to the community that’s been lacking in past elections.”

The City of Red Deer has also expanded its Web site to include a section on the October 18, 2004 municipal election. Located at www.reddeer.ca/election, the section provides detailed election information for voters, as well as for citizens considering running. Highlights of this section include a listing of voting station locations, a checklist to determine who is eligible to vote, information on where candidates can post their signage, as well as a candidate’s handbook and checklist.

Check out both municipal elections Web sites for more information on the Red Deer municipal election:

City of Red Deer Election Information
www.reddeer.ca/election

Red Deer Public Library Election Forum
www.rdpl.org/electionforum

Free Internet access is available at a variety of locations throughout Red Deer, including City Hall, both the Downtown and Dawe Branches of Red Deer Public Library, the Collicutt Centre, the Recreation Centre, the Dawe Centre and Red Deer College.

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