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Lethbridge and Area

- In 2007, the value of construction in Lethbridge increased by \$13 million from the previous year. There were 150 more residential units started at a decreased value of \$4.6 million. Commercial, industrial and institutional construction in Lethbridge was up by 205 projects at an increased value of \$15.7 million.
- December 2007 year to date residential building permits in Lethbridge totalled 945 compared to 795 over the same period in 2006. 2007 year to date construction value for these projects totalled \$98.7 million, a \$4.6 million decrease from 2006. Most local employers in the residential construction industry belong to the Lethbridge Region of the Canadian Home Builders' Association. Additional information on the industry and an employer list are available at www.chbalethbridge.com
- December 2007 year to date commercial, industrial and institutional building permits in Lethbridge totalled 342 compared to 137 over the same period in 2006. 2007 year to date construction value for these projects totalled \$111 million, a \$15.7 million increase over 2006. Most local employers in the commercial, industrial and institutional construction industry belong to the Lethbridge Construction Association. Additional information on the industry, tenders and an employer list are available at www.telusplanet.net/public/lethcon/
- Chinook Health has announced a number of proposed construction plans for 2008 including expansion and renovation of the hospital and construction of a new parkade. The first phase includes an addition of 14,000 square metres on the north end of the hospital, building off the gift shop area and 4,300 square metres of renovations. Detailed design work on the addition is currently underway. Internal renovations to the existing building may start soon. Internal renovations include moving corporate offices to leased space in Lethbridge Centre to make room for the proposed renovations to the cancer clinic. Construction of a three-level, \$19.8 million parkade at the north end of the hospital's parking lot is expected to start this spring and be completed by late summer. The first phase is expected to be completed by 2010. The second phase of the project includes construction and moving corporate offices to a new building to be located on the Auxiliary Hospital site. Plans for construction of the second phase have not yet been announced.

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- Construction on a 100-bed designated assisted living facility in north Lethbridge is expected to start this spring. Choices in Community Living will operate the facility. An additional 100-bed designated assisted living facility is also planned for south Lethbridge to be operated by the St. Michael's group. Ward Bros. Construction Ltd. will be the contractor for this project. Construction is expected to start early this year.
- Chinook Health is actively recruiting for a number of positions, particularly nurses.

Information on Chinook Health, including employment opportunities, can be found at:
www.chr.ab.ca

- The City of Lethbridge has announced plans for a \$33 million renovation to the ENMAX Centre. Ward Bros. Construction Ltd. will provide construction management services for this project. Plans for construction include construction of an additional 11 box suites; a new scoreboard; improved vehicle access, parking, handicapped access, and washrooms; increased concourse and lobby space; enhanced food and beverage services; construction of new lunch and banquet spaces; enhanced dressing room and training facilities; and 600 additional portable audience seats.
- The City of Lethbridge has announced plans to work on the sewage system near 2 Ave. N. this spring. The project is expected to cost \$2 million. The city has also announced plans for \$19.5 million in construction of water, waste water and storm lines for the Bridge Dr. utility corridor, \$9.5 million to build the Benton reservoir in West Lethbridge and \$11 million for sanitary sewer relief. Plans for construction have not yet been announced.
- Fifth Avenue Cabs is currently facing a staff shortage. Interested applicants should apply directly to Fifth Avenue Cabs at 3514 6 Ave. N. with a resume and driver's abstract. Fifth Avenue Cabs is interested in applications for cab drivers and dispatchers.
- A 1,500-seat Catholic Church has been proposed for Lethbridge. Plans for construction and a site location have not yet been announced.
- A 206-acre hamlet has been proposed for the Magrath area along Highway 5. The project is expected to include a strip mall, larger stores and 117 residential lots. A public hearing was held in January. Magrath and adjacent county residents have expressed concern over the proposed project.

Pincher Creek

- Chinook Health is partnering with the Good Samaritan Society's Vista Village to add 20 designated assisted living beds. In partnership with the town and municipality, the society will also add 20 lodge beds.

Crowsnest Pass

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- The Crowsnest Pass Community Services Department has completed a study of playgrounds in the area. The department has recommended that the Bushtown Playground and the West Coleman Lion's Park Playground have their equipment replaced over the next year as well as redeveloping Pete's Park Playground into a barrier-free playground. It is expected that Mountain View Industries will assist in the development of this project. Recommendations also include removal of equipment from the Maplevue, Bellevue Inn, Snake Park and Hillcrest Ball/Church Playgrounds. Plans for construction have not yet been announced.
- Micrex Development Corp. has proposed a magnetite quarry for the Burmis area. Plans for construction have not yet been announced. An application for the proposed quarry has not yet been submitted as consulting and approval stages have not yet been completed.
- A 70-unit condominium subdivision, Sawback Ridge, has been proposed for the Forestry Trunk Road. Plans for construction have not yet been announced.

Taber

- Projects the Town of Taber expects to complete in 2008 include:
 - landscaping of the skateboard park facility, expected to be completed in the spring by the Town of Taber;
 - completion of the fully-signalized intersection at Highway 3 and 57 St., expected to be completed by the end of August by McNally Contractors Ltd.
- The Town of Taber will be moving forward with construction of its new waste water treatment plant. Construction is expected to start in fall. The plant is expected to be fully operational by the end of the year. The contractor for this project is EPCOR Water Services Inc.
- A new sugar juice processing plant has been proposed for Taber by Flexible Solutions International Inc. Construction of the new plant will include redevelopment of a 55,000 square foot former potato processing facility. The facility is expected to start partial production in summer.

Medicine Hat and Area

- The City of Medicine Hat has contracted MJB Enterprises Ltd. at \$7.9 million for the water and sanitary river crossing project. Construction of the land portion is expected to start in May. Plans call for two sanitary sewer mains and one water main to cross the South Saskatchewan River. Construction of the water portion of the project will take place August 2008 through March 2009. River bank restoration and landscaping will take place after the pipeline is installed. The entire project is expected to be completed mid 2009.
- Maintenance work on Finlay Bridge is expected to start in the next month and be completed by March. A contractor has not yet been named for this project.

Brooks

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- The City of Brooks has received funding for an \$8 million, 48-unit affordable housing project. Plans include construction of six eight-plex units. Detailed plans for construction have not yet been announced.
- The second phase of the Brooks Health Centre's \$4 million renovation project is now underway. Plans include doubling the size of the emergency department. Wahl Construction Ltd. is the general contractor for this project.

Southern Alberta

- Canadian Border Services Agency started a recruitment drive to hire 400 new officers. To become a border services officer, applicants must be 18 years of age, a Canadian citizen and proficient in English or French. Applicants must also have successfully completed a two-year post-secondary program. Prior to the application process applicants must earn certificates in first-aid and firearms safety, and receive medical clearance. Applicants complete a 12-week training course. Application information and opportunities are available at www.jobs.gc.ca

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Specific sources include:

- *Lethbridge Herald*
- *Crowsnest Pass Herald*
- *Crowsnest Pass Promoter*
- *Pincher Creek Echo*
- *Medicine Hat News*
- *Brooks Bulletin*
- *Fort Macleod Gazette*
- *Taber Times*
- *The 40-Mile County Commentator*
- *City of Medicine Hat*
- *City of Lethbridge*
- *Claresholm Local Press*