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# Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre

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### **MANITOBA COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL FUNDS NEW EQUIPMENT FOR CFDC**

MORDEN, Manitoba – The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre has received an \$11,400 grant from the Manitoba Community Service Council (MCSC) to upgrade several valuable pieces of equipment.

The MCSC – which receives funding from the Province of Manitoba – recently approved the museum’s request for a technology upgrade project, which includes purchasing things like new computer software, GPS units, and microscopes.

“This is a great step in the right direction for the CFDC,” said curator Anita Janzic. “Many of the upgrades will allow for more accurate and complete data sets to enhance future exhibitions.”

Museum volunteers and summer dig participants will also benefit from the new devices, said assistant curator Joseph Hatcher.

“Members of the community and surrounding area will assist with some of the projects we have lined up with the new equipment,” he said. “We’ll be using all of it to help us analyze some of our newest finds.”

The equipment upgrade project is just one component of the museum’s larger conservation initiative project, which is being funded by the federal government’s Museum Assistance Program.

*The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre houses the largest collection of marine reptile fossils in Canada, including a 43-foot long mosasaur named “Bruce”, the largest mosasaur in the country. Housed in the Morden Community Centre, the CFDC is working towards building a new state-of-the-art facility in the Manitoba Escarpment.*

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