



Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre

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CFDC TEAMS UP WITH WESTERN SCHOOL DIVISION

MORDEN, Manitoba – The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre is partnering with Western School Division to come up with new ways to educate local students about the prehistoric world.

At their October school board meeting, division trustees agreed to provide the CFDC with support in the development of its educational programming to ensure new programs meet the needs of area students.

“The most immediate benefit we'll see from this partnership is a clearer identification of the benefits currently offered to our school systems by the CFDC,” said curator Anita Janzic. “We're excellent at fossil discovery and research. Now we'll get better at communicating our knowledge to teachers and students.”

The division has also agreed to allow the secondment of a teacher to the museum to work on this project, once funding becomes available. The two groups are exploring options to secure this funding.

“Western School Division views the partnership with Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre as a great opportunity to not only cover existing Provincial curriculum, but to also explore these outcomes more deeply in in our own local community,” said Superintendent of Schools Stephen Ross.

“We are very pleased to be working with Western School Division,” said general manager Tyler Schroeder. “As the education experts in this community, they will provide us with excellent guidance and support in the development of our educational programming.”

This partnership is a further example of the CFDC's commitment to its three key focus points: education, research, and tourism, Schroeder said.

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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