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Travel Alberta finds a new home



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AROUND TOWN

Travel Alberta will have a new home this fall in the southeast inner-city neighbourhood of Inglewood.

It has completed its lease negotiations to consolidate its office from 999 8th St. S.W. and the former Travel Alberta International division office behind the Taj Mahal restaurant on 1st Street S.W. By this October/November, it will be housed on the top two floors of the attractive new West Canadian Building at 1601 9th Ave. S.E.

Travel Alberta hired the services of **Larry Delf**, senior vice-president and director of business development at Cushman Wakefield, to secure a suitable location. With the help of **Glenn Simpson** of Avison Young, who represented the owner, Delf's find fits the agency's requirements to a T.

The new space offers 20,000 square feet of column-free space with nice views of downtown and the mountains; it's only a few minutes from downtown and easily accessible to the airport along nearby Deerfoot Trail.

A new CEO is expected to be appointed within the next couple of weeks so he/she will have time to help organize the corner office. The task of designing the space has been awarded to **Jane Lawson** of Walker Lawson Design, who won praise for her work on the Newalta office space



Courtesy, Leah Pearson, West Canadian

Travel Alberta moves into the top two floors of the West Canadian building on 9th Ave. S.E.

in the IBM complex on 11th Avenue S.W. It's interesting to note that at its current location, Travel Alberta was across the street from its supplier West Canadian; soon it will be a closer neighbour, and it has to be a plus to have your landlord in the same building.

A senior consultant group has been launched by highly successful people from across the country. Twenty professionals including **Rod Love**, Calgary's well-known expert in government relations, strategic planning and risk management, have joined with **Pierre Fortier**, **Norman Inkster**, **Helene Ouellet** and **Reid Morden** to form The League.

Love says it provides a comprehensive reach in both public and private sectors: "Our approach with clients will be to identify the issues, plan, execute, achieve and move on."

If he has a need in Atlantic Canada, he can call on partners there, while a Quebec consultant can

make good use of Love's experience here.

Imagine being able to use Inkster, the former commissioner of the RCMP and president of Interpol to advise on a security challenge?

Among the many visitors to Stampede city that I've met were **Robert Rex** and his wife and business partner P.J., who own Deerfield Ranch Winery in Sonoma County, Calif. They were at the U.S. Consul General's Independence Day garden party on parade morning at the Fairmont Palliser breakfast. Then on Saturday I dropped in to their wine-tasting at the Cork Fine Wine in Beacon Hill Shopping Centre.

There, I was pleasantly surprised to learn from Rex that outside of the State of California, Calgary is the best market for Deerfield's certified organic boutique wines.

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