

## **Building Communities Program Backgrounder**

- Saskatchewan's quality of life is supported by the vibrancy and diversity of the province's cultural, social and recreational activities.
- The Building Communities Program is investing \$100 million over three years to help communities increase cultural and recreational capacity.
- Submissions for support are eligible for up to 25 per cent of total allowable costs which will be based on a combination of eligible per capita contributions and total projected costs.
- The Program has two streams: Stream A – submissions where the total project is more than \$10 million; Stream B – submissions where the total project cost is between \$1 million and \$10 million.
- Submissions over \$10 million are eligible for \$50 per capita plus 15 per cent of total project costs.
- Submissions of between \$1 million and \$10 million will be eligible for \$75 per capita.
- Further information is available at [www.cyr.gov.sk.ca](http://www.cyr.gov.sk.ca).

### **Lashburn Sportsplex**

Lashburn's existing arena is beyond repair. The town is southeast of Lloydminster and has significant oil activity. The population has grown by 17 per cent in the past 5 years, which entails a growing demand for recreational facilities. The project is a new 3,447 square metre Sportsplex consisting of an NHL-sized ice surface, seating for 670, with infrastructure for rodeo and concert capabilities. The project began in 1999. In July 2004 the building foundation and shell was completed. Initially the facility will have ice six months a year but the capability to have more is available.

The Lashburn Sportsplex Committee is a major partner in the project. The Building Communities Program investment in the Sportsplex is \$612,825. Total estimated project cost is approximately \$5.2 million.