

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 must be regionally significant and be supported through regional partnerships. They must demonstrate sustainability, accessibility and accountability.
- 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.
- In this first year of the program four significant projects were allocated funding in 2006-07 -- Lloydminster Common Wealth Centre (\$4,930,936), Swift Current Centennial Civic Centre (\$3,081,477.50), Wanuskewin Heritage Park (\$2,500,000), and Yorkton Gallagher Centre (\$4,074,356.65). An additional \$2 million was allocated to the Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation Board.
- Further information is available at www.cyr.gov.sk.ca.

Moose Jaw Multiplex:

The new Multiplex will replace two aging facilities – the Civic Centre and Hillcrest Curling Rink. The City of Moose Jaw is reviewing three potential sites. Further planning will continue in 2007. The Multiplex will consist of an arena with room for 4,500 spectators in hockey mode, 6,000 for centre stage concerts, and 5,100 for end stage. Phase two is an eight sheet curling rink. Phase three will include a flex hall, including two soccer pitches and an indoor walking track.

Construction is anticipated to begin prior to March 31, 2009.

Moose Jaw Kinsmen Arena:

The Kinsmen Arena upgrade includes replacing the existing board and glass, replacing the concrete floor with new sport court flooring, and purchasing new indoor drainage, a heating system and refrigeration unit.

Construction began in spring 2007 and is scheduled to be complete by August 2008.

Caronport Arena:

The current rink in the community of Caronport is housed in an aircraft hangar built during WWII. The project is to construct a new NHL sized ice surface, room for 400-500 spectators, with six dressing rooms and a concession.