

## **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](http://www.cyr.gov.sk.ca).

### **Shaunavon Project 2002 Community Recreation Complex**

The project is a three-phase construction of a new year-round community recreation complex, including skating and curling ice surfaces, as well as office and programming/meeting room space. Phase 1 (Arena & Curling Foundation & Shell) scheduled to be complete Sept. 2007. Phase 2 (Arena & Curling Interior, Mechanical & Electrical) is scheduled to be tendered by September 2007 and completed by July 2008. A further phase to add a gym, library, lounge area and concession has also been proposed.