

## **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.
- Further information is available at [www.cyr.gov.sk.ca](http://www.cyr.gov.sk.ca).

### **Saskatoon Forestry Farm and Zoo**

Although the Saskatoon Forestry Farm and Zoo has existed in its current form since 1972, the roots of the institution go back nearly 100 years. The planned expansion will see the construction of a dedicated year-round education centre to provide support for environmental education programs. The Forestry Farm and Zoo will also build a year-round grizzly bear exhibit, which is expected to add to the attraction of the zoo and lead to increased attendance.

Major partners for the Education Centre and Bear Exhibit include the City of Saskatoon, First Sask Credit Union and the Kinsmen Club of Saskatoon. The province of Saskatchewan is investing \$377,475 through the Building Communities Program. Total cost of the project is an estimated \$1.5 million.