

Ministry of Justice - Updates in La Loche

To date, North Saskatchewan Victims Services Inc. has supported over 250 victims, witnesses, and other traumatized community residents and staff.

In addition, Victims Compensation Program funding has been provided to 110 recipients, with additional applications expected.

The Victims Compensation Program provides payments to victims to reimburse reasonable expenses resulting from criminal acts of personal violence.

In February 2016, the maximum compensation payable for counselling was increased to \$5,000 from \$2,000 to provide victims of violence with additional resources to support recovery from their victimization. This change occurred, in part, in response to the January 2016 shootings in La Loche. The program is available province-wide.

La Loche has one full-time Victims Services Co-ordinator position funded through North Saskatchewan Victim Services Inc., and in March 2016, funding was announced for a second full-time position. Staffing for this position is underway.

New funding is being provided in October 2016 to the La Loche Friendship Centre for a new half-time Community Justice Co-ordinator, in addition to the existing full-time position.