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## **Government of Canada Supports Francophone Community in Saskatoon**

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**SASKATOON** – On behalf of the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, Maurice Vellacott, Member of Parliament (Saskatoon–Wanuskewin), today announced funding for the Fédération des Francophones de Saskatoon.

This investment will allow the federation to create a sponsorship system, in order to help newcomers become part of Saskatchewan’s francophone community; and to use focus groups to identify the Fransaskois community’s interest in socio-cultural and leisure activities, in order to better meet expectations.

“Our Government is proud to support community organizations like the Fédération des Francophones de Saskatoon,” said Minister Moore. “By providing the community with tools to help newcomers better fit in and by ensuring the provision of relevant socio-cultural activities, this project will contribute to the long-term development of the francophone community in Saskatchewan.”

“I am proud to announce this funding today on behalf of the Government of Canada,” said Mr. Vellacott. “Our Government recognizes the importance of our two official languages, and it is delighted to be able to support this project that encourages collaborative effort and the development of the Fransaskois community in Saskatoon.”

“This support will allow us to do important work that the community has asked for,” said Véronique Eberhart, Director of the Fédération des Francophones de Saskatoon. “We will be able to work more closely with our member groups and reach our objectives.”

The Fédération des Francophones de Saskatoon represents francophones in Saskatoon and promotes their interests. The federation’s objectives are to promote the visibility of francophones, provide a meeting place where everyone feels welcome, ensure coordination among local associations, plan socio-cultural activities, develop suitable political and economic structures that serve the needs of the community, and create new institutions and services that foster the growth of the community.

The Government of Canada has provided funding of \$20,000 through the Community Life component of the Development of Official-Language Communities Program. This Department of Canadian Heritage program is aimed at fostering the development of Canada’s French- and English-speaking minority communities and enabling them to fully participate in all aspects of Canadian life.