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MP Vellacott makes funding announcement at Newcomers Information Centre of Saskatoon

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Saskatoon-Wanuskewin MP Maurice Vellacott, on behalf of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism Minister Jason Kenney, attended the opening of the Newcomer Information Centre.

The Newcomer Information Centre (NIC) is a partnership of “Immigrant Service Providing” organizations of Saskatoon, comprised of Saskatoon Open Door Society, Global Gathering Place, International Women of Saskatoon, and the Saskatchewan Intercultural Association.

NIC is a self-service information centre for new immigrants and refugees. Providing access to up-to-date information on resources, the Centre assists newcomers with the settlement process. Newcomers can also utilize the computer resource centre, telephones, and access knowledgeable staff, in a comfortable and welcoming setting.

Since last year, the Government of Canada has substantially increased funding in every province to support programs and services such as this that can make a real difference in the lives of newcomers.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada is a major funder of this project. The other funders are the Province of Saskatchewan and the Saskatoon Health Region. Citizenship and Immigration Canada’s funding support for this project today totals \$252,000 (\$58K for FY 2008/09 and \$194K in FY 2009/10). The Province of Saskatchewan covers \$50K in capital costs funding and the Saskatchewan Health Region has provided in-kind support through an employee to assist in project coordination.

Although the Centre commenced operations in February 2009, the formal opening ceremonies were today.

Maurice Vellacott MP is very pleased that the \$252,000 the Government of Canada pledged for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 will benefit many newcomers and their families.

“Immigrants have helped build our country—a country that is prosperous and rich in diversity”, said Maurice Vellacott, MP for Saskatoon Wanuskewin. “Newcomers will continue to be a source of growth and strength. And we must keep up our end of the bargain by doing what we can to ensure their successful integration into Canadian society.

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