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Government of Canada Invests in Key Saskatoon Recreational Centre

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Saskatoon, SK – Maurice Vellacott, Member of Parliament for Saskatoon-Wanuskewin, on behalf of the Honourable Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification, announced today federal funding to strengthen economic opportunities in Saskatoon. Funding for this investment is being provided under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program, a major job creating investment from Canada's Economic Action Plan.

“Our Government's investment in the Recreational Infrastructure Canada program is creating jobs for Canadians, while encouraging greater participation in physical education and the use of recreational facilities,” said Vellacott, Member of Parliament for Saskatoon-Wanuskewin. “Investing in Credit Union Centre and upgrades to various recreational areas, will help the government stimulate the economy, enhance services and the lives of local families, and contribute to the health and quality of life of all Canadians.”

Federal funds of \$283,333 will be invested to replace score clock and add a Ribbon/Fascia LED and Outdoor Digital Signage Component at Credit Union Centre arena, as well as \$91,466 will be invested to help rebuild the asphalt surface of tennis courts at Rotary Park and Sid Buckwold Park, and replace lawn bowling backboards and plinths at Saskatoon Nutana Lawn Bowling.

“A total provincial investment of \$374,799.00 in recreational facilities is an investment in the health and well-being of Saskatchewan families,” said Saskatoon Northwest MLA Serge LeClerc. Facilities like the tennis courts at Rotary and Sid Buckwold Parks, and the Saskatoon Nutana Lawn Bowling club provide families with the opportunity to find that right balance of work and play.

“This is another example of the three levels of government working together to improve the quality of life in our community,” said Mayor Donald Atchison. “This funding will help renew and build facilities in Saskatoon so our residents can enjoy a variety of recreational opportunities.”

The Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program will invest \$500 million in recreational facilities across Canada over a two-year period. It will provide a temporary economic stimulus that will help reduce the impacts of the global recession while renewing, upgrading and expanding recreational infrastructure in Canadian communities. A total of almost \$163 million in RInC funding will be invested across the four western provinces.

RInC is part of Canada's Economic Action Plan, the Government of Canada's multi-faceted stimulus plan that will ensure a quick recovery from the current economic downturn. Western Economic Diversification Canada is delivering the initiative in the four western provinces.

For information on Canada's Economic Action Plan, please visit www.actionplan.gc.ca.

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