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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 the Meewasin Valley Authority 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 in the amount of \$349,233 will be used to upgrade the rink site, construct a new wheelchair accessible lodge and improve accessibility to the Meewasin Trail.

"This announcement today again shows our commitment to continue building on our economic momentum in Saskatchewan," Minister responsible for the Meewasin Valley Authority Dustin Duncan said. "These projects will demonstrate Saskatchewan is moving forward with greater recreational opportunities for communities across our province."

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](http://www.actionplan.gc.ca).

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