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THE TOWN OF NIVERVILLE CELEBRATES COMPLETION OF VITAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE & RECREATION CENTRE

The Town of Niverville is preparing to open its doors to the new Community Resource & Recreation Centre (CRRC) on July 5, 2021

The project involves building a 9,200-square-metre multi-use facility that will provide recreational and cultural programming and services for the community and surrounding areas. The new multiplex will feature a performing arts centre, not-for-profit community childcare centre, field house, leisure activity spaces, an indoor play area, arena, meeting rooms and community common areas.

Construction of the new \$19.5 million campus was made possible by the Government of Canada, the Government of Manitoba, the Town of Niverville, and private donors. Through the Investing in Canada Plan, the Government of Canada is contributing up to \$7.8 million, the Government of Manitoba is providing up to \$3.5 million and the Town of Niverville is contributing up to \$8.2 million toward this project.

"Community centres encourage creativity, promote healthy living, and provide educational opportunities," said the Honourable Daniel Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs and Member of Parliament for Saint Boniface–Saint Vital, on behalf of the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities. "I'm pleased that Niverville and area residents will soon be able to benefit from their Community Resource & Recreation Centre which will enable them to learn, explore, and grow. Canada's infrastructure plan invests in thousands of projects, creates jobs across the country, and builds cleaner, more inclusive communities."

"Our government is excited to be a part of this venture in celebrating the Town of Niverville," said Minister Ron Schuler. "This community is rapidly growing and bringing new opportunities to its residents and surrounding communities. This critical new infrastructure will be able to help and support many new recreational programs and services for Manitobans."

"This is a generational change for our community and southeastern Manitoba. The Niverville CRRC was truly a team effort and would not have happened without all levels of government, the school division, business leaders, builders, and local residents all working together for a common good," said Myron Dyck, Mayor of the Town of Niverville. "This center has brought people together and now that it is open will continue to bring together all ages and backgrounds within our community and region to connect socially, intellectually, and recreationally for many years to come. This is a large piece in the creation of a recreation and resource community campus as Niverville moves closer to becoming Manitoba's newest city. So I personally would like to invite everyone to come and see this centerpiece of the 2022 Manitoba Winter Games and why Niverville is indeed a place "Where you Belong".

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The Niverville CRRC and its surrounding facilities form a campus based on a progressive model of providing a centralized platform to provide services to the region. This facility, a first of its kind in Manitoba, will offer a multi-use fieldhouse, arena, indoor playground and multipurpose rooms in a modern and efficient gathering space for residents of all ages to enjoy. In addition, the CRRC's 700-person multi-court Centennial Arena and Curling Rink adjoin to the Niverville High School and are co-located with existing community facilities and sports fields. The project also includes much-needed modern daycare space for Niverville's rapidly growing population.

The Town of Niverville has enjoyed the status of being one of Manitoba's fastest growing urban centres and within the top 20 fastest growing towns in Canada (Stats Canada, 2016 Census). Niverville has successfully envisioned and achieved a community resource and recreation centre that will support families and keep residents of all ages engaged and healthy within the region and is committed to creating a peaceful, welcoming environment with all services and amenities to continue to meet the needs of a thriving community.

While the CRRC is operational, Friends of Niverville continue to work toward reaching important fundraising goals by the end 2021. Through hard work and determination, the people in the community of Niverville supported the CRRC initiative through significant contributions from many generous donors and outstanding grassroots level fundraising efforts. Interested donors are invited to contact the Friends of Niverville to be recognized as a generous steward within the Niverville community and across Manitoba. Please visit www.friendsofniverville.com for more information.

Future grand opening celebration events will be planned in accordance with the Government of Manitoba's Public Health Orders. The Town of Niverville invites the public to stay up-to-date on the CRRC's grand opening by visiting <u>https://niverville.ws.townsuite.com/events</u> or call (204) 388-4600.

For more information about the CRRC or the Town of Niverville, please visit <u>www.whereyoubelong.ca</u>. Free tours of the CRRC conducted by appointment only.

For more information on federal infrastructure programs, visit: www.infrastructure.gc.ca

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