



PCU Centre - It Takes Two

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Portage & area received some great news at the beginning of May with the announcement that the federal government will contribute an additional 1.7million to the PCU Centre project from its Building Canada Fund. This additional funding will assist with phase 2 of the project, which is the second arena.

Further to the main arena which boasts an 85'x200' NHL ice pad, 1700 seats & standing room for up to 300 people, phase 2 of the project proposes to add a second arena with the same size ice surface, seating capacity for 300 plus standing room. The potential impact this second arena has on the project is tremendous, not to mention that its timing couldn't be better.

The first positive impact we will see from the addition of the second arena is the cost savings that will be generated from council's decision to go with one 180 ton ice plant instead of 2 separate plants.

The announcement seems to have also spurred donations to the last phase of fundraising for the project which as of May 22nd sat at \$234,300. People are looking at the magnitude of the project, its potential impact on our community and thinking big when making their donation. Fundraisers have always stressed for people to look at their donation and think of it as a 3 year commitment. If you can donate \$500 this year to the project, could you donate the same for the next 2 years?

But there are other important factors that will make the second arena a valuable addition. The additional space provides opportunity to host larger events, trade shows or functions that require the additional square footage and viewing areas. It also makes it easier for our community to host hockey, skating or ringette competitions & tournaments allowing all games & meets to be under one roof.

The additional funding for the PCU Centre project and the hope to complete the second arena adds to the reasons why it is so important for individuals and families of our community to come forward and donate to the project now. This is a community project that needs everyone's support to succeed. The second arena will only be possible with the generous support from the community. Let's work together to build the PCU Centre right the first time.

All donations support the capital development of the project and are fully tax deductible. Donations can be made payable to the City of Portage la Prairie or the RM of Portage la Prairie and can be mailed or dropped off at City Hall, the RM of Portage office or at any financial institution in Portage. If you are thinking of pledging, show your support today!

For more information on PCU Centre or on making a donation please visit www.pcucentre.ca or contact the City of Portage at 239-8324 or the RM Office at 857-3821.

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