

Message from the President

On January 1, 2010 the Portage Regional Recreation Authority Inc. assumed responsibility for management and operation of municipally owned recreation facilities such as Splash Island, Republic of Manitobah Park and the new PCU Centre.

Today as I write this we have by-laws, policies, procedures and agreements in place that will ensure a strong system of corporate and financial management now and into the future. Our staffing structure is nearly complete with over 47 full and part time staff being employed under PRRA operations. Our 2010 budget has been approved by both Councils. Regular programs are operating and plans are in place for new programs to begin. Agreements are being renewed with user groups and bookings for the new PCU Centre are quickly coming in. The capital fundraising campaign continues as we inch ever closer to our goal and at this writing the community has pledged nearly \$3 Million towards the PCU Centre. We are continuing the process of building strategic partnerships within the community to ensure the broad success of the centre and the establishment of the PRRA as a willing partner in making our community the best place it can be.

While much has been accomplished, the coming year promises to continue to be a busy one. The movement of staff into the PCU Centre will mark the beginning of a new era in the delivery of recreation and leisure services in the PRRA region. The Official Grand Opening of the first phase of the PCU Centre on February 27, 2010 will be a highlight. The introduction of the facility to the province with the hosting of the 2010 Winter Games will mark the occasion of the first major event to be held in the PCU Centre. Excitement will build throughout the spring and summer as the Shindleman Aquatic Centre and the Portage Mutual Arena come on line. All of the PCU Centre systems will be tested as we utilize them for the very first time.

But the PCU Centre is just a building and the PRRA is just a corporation without all of you. It is the coming together of people from the two municipalities and beyond that will be the real success story of this undertaking. We look forward to seeing each of you as we realize this dream together.

Sincerely,
Janet Shindle