



City of Portage la Prairie

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Portage la Prairie Recreation Multiplex to be named

The City of Portage la Prairie & the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie along with the Portage Recreation Committee are pleased to announce the name of the new Portage Recreation Multiplex.

The Overall Complex Naming Rights opportunity closed on February 1st and the successful bidder will be announced to the public on February 12, 2008 at 1:15 pm at the William Glesby Centre.

Mayor Ken Brennan & Reeve Toby Trimble will also provide an update on the progress and timelines for the Multiplex project.

This announcement concludes the first of 5 naming right opportunities in the Multiplex. The four remaining naming right opportunities are the Second Arena, the Aquatic Centre, the Grand Hall (main lobby) and the Walking Track.

The new multiplex is proposed to include two regulation size ice surfaces doubling to serve as an entertainment venue, an indoor aquatic leisure pool with spray features, wave pool, slide, hot tub, viewing deck and 25 meter competitive pool, an indoor walking track, multipurpose rooms for meetings and programs, concessions and a full size warming kitchen, a fitness area with stationary equipment, a grand hall/lobby to provide additional program space and an environmentally pleasing landscape to extend the beauty of Island Park.

The facility is intended to be managed by an appointed joint committee comprising of elected officials from City and RM Councils and a team of staff responsible to this recreation authority. It is scheduled to be completed by January 2010.

The City of Portage la Prairie has committed a financial contribution of up to \$16 Million and the RM of Portage la Prairie has committed up to \$8 Million to the capital costs of the facility. An additional \$4 Million is required from the community to assist in building this community dream together.