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PRESS RELEASE

THE CITY AND RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE REALIZE A DREAM

February 27, 2010 will be the realization of a 40 year old dream. The City and Rural Municipalities of Portage la Prairie will officially open the PCU Centre to the public with a celebratory ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:00 a.m.

“The design is done, partnerships have been formed, committees have been struck, construction is almost complete, many many meetings have taken place and now we look forward to enjoying the countless rewards that this facility will provide our communities and beyond” - Mayor Ken Brennan of the City of Portage la Prairie.

“All the hard work, sweat and tears has paid off as you can see the completion of the PCU Centre in the horizon. This is another great day for the Portage la Prairie region.”
- Reeve Toby Trimble of the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie.

The PCU Centre is one of the largest, most modern multi-purpose recreation facilities built in Manitoba in recent history. It is home to two NHL regulation size arenas, an aquatic centre featuring Manitoba's largest wave pool, a 4,000 square foot fitness centre equipped with new cardio and resistance training machines, a 230 person multi-purpose room, a variety of meeting rooms, skate sharpening services, food services and recreation staff offices. The Shindleman Aquatic Centre will be opened later in the spring of 2010 and the Portage Mutual Arena will be opened in September of this year.

We are proud to celebrate the combined efforts of the City of Portage la Prairie, the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie, the Province of Manitoba, the Government of Canada and the citizens and business community of Portage la Prairie and area. This project was truly a team effort .

“Our Government is proud to be a partner in making this community dream a reality. The PCU Centre is a state-of-the-art recreation facility that will provide years of fun and healthy recreational opportunities to families, children and adults in the City and RM of Portage la Prairie and surrounding areas,” said Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Hoepfner, on behalf of the Honourable Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification.

The City and Rural Municipality (RM) of Portage la Prairie benefitted from joint funding from the Government of Canada and the Province of Manitoba toward the construction of a new regional recreation multiplex for the community. Through the Canada-Manitoba Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF), \$10 million is being provided for this project. The funding is based on contributions from the Government of Canada, the Province of Manitoba, and the City and RM of Portage la Prairie. In addition over \$3 million has been raised by the Community.

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