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News Release

Jasper Receives \$3.66M in Federal Funding for Recreation Facilities Renovation and Upgrades

The Municipality of Jasper is pleased to announce that funding for the Recreation Facilities Renovation and Upgrades was approved by Infrastructure Canada in the amount of \$3,664,584. The Municipality applied for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), Rural and Northern Communities stream in 2019 to help finance upgrades to the Jasper Arena, curling rink, Activity Centre, Aquatic Centre and Centennial Park Log Cabin.

“We are thrilled with the outcome and commend municipal staff for their effort and foresight in applying for this funding opportunity,” says Jasper Mayor Richard Ireland. “Several systems in our recreation facilities, including the arena and the pool, were well beyond their life expectancy and had to be upgraded for health and safety reasons, and also to ensure we could continue providing those services to the community. This grant funding goes a long way in supporting much needed capital upgrades to our municipal assets.”

“The maximum funding available for the project under ICIP is 40% of total eligible expenses,” says Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration. “We’ve also been able to secure funding from other sources, including provincial Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) capital funding, and Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) funding through a successful application by the Jasper Curling Club. This means local taxpayers and facility users will end up covering approximately 27% of the total project costs, which is a great outcome for the community.”

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program is a federal government initiative, partly administered through provincial governments, to support infrastructure projects that build prosperous communities and transition to a clean economy. The Municipality of Jasper was an eligible organization under the Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure stream, which supports projects that improve infrastructure in small, rural and remote communities.

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