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### **BTC Contributes To Battlefords Multipurpose Facility Project**

Working toward the goal of building the Battlefords Multipurpose Facility continued today with an overall contribution of \$2.75 million dollars from the Battlefords Tribal Council.

"Today's contribution from the BTC is a very positive initiative. This will undoubtedly help move the facility along, which will house recreational, cultural and social activities year-round, and perhaps expedite the construction phase," said North Battleford City Manager, Jim Toye. "A lot of residents have been waiting a long time for this facility to become a reality and we believe we are getting closer and closer to construction."

The City of North Battleford has committed \$10 million dollars toward the project; The RM of North Battleford has pledged \$175,000; approximately \$1.1 million dollars comes from federal gas tax revenue sharing; the provincial government has pledged \$7 million and together, the federal and provincial governments have promised another \$7 million dollars for the performing arts centre component.

The City of North Battleford would like to see site work begin in the coming months, "We are waiting for a detailed design and once that is in, it will go to tender," Toye said. "We are confident there will be considerable interest from reputable construction firms from across Canada. Hopefully we will get good price quotes and City Council will then have to decide how to proceed."

The Battlefords Multipurpose Facility project involves a four component facility which will include a performing arts centre, aquatic centre, curling rink and indoor soccer field.

In addition to funding commitments from all three levels of government, there have also been various individual donations and community fundraisers. The City of North Battleford encourages the Battlefords and surrounding communities to continue to help the local fundraising subcommittee achieve its fundraising goal of \$10 million dollars.

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