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**Government of Canada and Province of Alberta announced over \$2 million
for Stony Plain Exhibition Park revitalization**

TOWN OF STONY PLAIN, Alberta – The federal and provincial governments will invest over \$2 million to expand and redevelop the Stony Plain Exhibition Park. The Honourable Rona Ambrose, President of the Queen’s Privy Council for Canada, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of Western Economic Diversification, and Fred Lindsay, MLA for Stony Plain, announced the funding through the Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF).

“The expansion of the Stony Plain Exhibition Park will create more recreational and cultural activities for people of all ages to enjoy,” said Minister Ambrose. “The Government of Canada is proud to partner with the Province of Alberta. We are delivering on our promise to help our communities become even more vibrant and productive places to live, work and raise families.”

The two-phase expansion project is expected to result in an annual increase of 12,000 users and will enable the Park to provide year-round activities for local residents and visitors. The expanded Park will include features such as walking trails, a multi-use play field area, an outdoor performance stage, and picnic areas.

“Revitalizing Exhibition Park will allow us to interpret, educate and engage both residents of Stony Plain and tourists on the vibrant cultural and heritage resources of our community,” said Lindsay. “It reflects our Premier’s plan to secure Alberta’s future by building communities, greening our growth and creating opportunity.”

Under the initial CAMRIF Agreement signed in June 2006, the federal and provincial governments each committed \$88 million to the fund, with participating local governments expected to make up the remaining costs. This year, the Government of Canada and the Province of Alberta have each provided an additional \$19 million to the Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund as part of their commitment to help smaller communities meet their pressing infrastructure needs. The total amount available from the CAMRIF, with federal

and provincial investment and matching local government contribution in projects, is \$321 million.

A minimum of 55 per cent of funding under CAMRIF targets green infrastructure projects that contribute to community economic development and environmental quality of life. These include water, wastewater, solid waste, environmental energy improvements and public transit. The fund also invests in recreational infrastructure, tourism, cultural projects, local roads and broadband connectivity. Projects are selected on a competitive basis from applications received from Alberta communities.

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Backgrounder

Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF)

The following project is receiving funding under the Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF).

Town of Stony Plain

Stony Plain Exhibition Park

Combined federal/provincial investment: \$2,151,546 (pending environmental assessment)

The Stony Plain Exhibition Park Revitalization Project addresses the growing needs of local citizens and groups for access to quality year round park amenities, community event hosting, outdoor equestrian and agricultural venues.

Phase I of the expansion project will include the following:

- Improved entry and signage
- Parking lot development (event grounds and museum)
- Park walking trails
- Multi-use grassed spectator / play field area
- Outdoor performance stage
- Picnic area and playscape
- Site landscaping (i.e., trees, shrubs, turf and signage)
- Winterization of Toby Kazeil Pavillion

Fact Sheet

Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF)

Partnership Program

- The Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF) is designed to address local infrastructure needs in rural and urban Alberta. It ensures all Albertans, whether they live in large, small or remote communities, share in the benefits of infrastructure investments.
- Through the fund, the Governments of Canada and Alberta invest in local infrastructure projects. These projects are vital to sustaining strong economic growth and quality of life in Canadian communities.
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- The total amount available from the CAMRIF, with federal and provincial investment and matching local government contribution in projects, is \$321 million.
- CAMRIF is implemented by Western Economic Diversification Canada and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, and is administered by a joint secretariat.

Program Priorities

- A minimum of 55 per cent of funding under CAMRIF targets green infrastructure projects that contribute to community economic development and environmental quality of life. These include water, wastewater, solid waste, environmental energy improvements and public transit. The fund also invests in recreational infrastructure, tourism and cultural projects, local roads and broadband connectivity.
- At least 80 per cent of CAMRIF funding is dedicated to rural municipalities with a population of less than 250,000. The remaining 20 per cent is available to urban municipalities with a population greater than 250,000.
- A total of \$724,584 is also available to municipalities for Municipal Capacity Building (MCB) projects. Projects may include, but is not limited

to, the acquisition of infrastructure planning software, training to use that software, planning studies to determine the inventory and condition of infrastructure assets in the municipality or the development of a demand asset management system.

Local input and collaboration

- CAMRIF is managed by a six member Management Committee consisting of two federal representatives, two provincial representatives, and two members representing Alberta's municipal associations—the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties. The Management Committee develops the Management Committee guidelines and oversees the project review and selection process. Projects are selected on a competitive basis from applications received from Alberta communities. The deadline to submit applications for the second intake was May 31, 2007.

Environmental Assessment

- CAMRIF projects are required to successfully complete applicable environmental assessment processes, and funding is conditional on compliance with all applicable federal and provincial requirements.

For more information

- Contact the Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund Joint Secretariat by phone (toll free) at 1-800-396-0214, by e-mail at camrif@gov.ab.ca or visit the website <http://www.camrif.ca/>.
- Information about Government of Canada and Alberta's infrastructure programs is available at <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/> and <http://www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca/>.