

Recreation Works



2014-15
Annual Report



Saskatchewan
Parks and Recreation
Association

About Us

SPRA is the recognized leader for the wellbeing of people and communities through recreation

Mission

We provide leadership, facilitation, programs and services to enhance the impact of recreation for the quality of life in Saskatchewan.

Roles

Training, Education, Public Relations, Funding, Information Management, Research and Networking.

Values

Volunteerism, Professionalism, Collaboration, Accountability, Inclusivity and Community Engagement.

Our Members

Our members include diverse organizations in the parks and recreation sector – communities and municipalities, facility operators, sport and recreation clubs and associations, commercial members, youth organizations, parks practitioners, Tribal Councils, Métis Regions and Districts.



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President's Report CEO's Report

As I look back at my six years on the SPRA Board of Directors, and on my last two years as President, I am very proud of the work we have accomplished as a Board and the growth that our organization has sustained. I see the role of this Board as stewards of the organization. **There are two key responsibilities that a steward must attend to...produce the required output and leave the organization better than you found it. I am confident we were able to deliver on both counts.**

During my time as President, we were able to once again confirm and sign the Lottery Agreement that is so important to Sport, Culture and Recreation in our province. This funding and support from our government partners allows recreation in our communities to flourish. Our accessible, diverse and plentiful recreation opportunities are key to contributing to healthy communities across our province. Of course you cannot have these recreation opportunities without the people behind the programming. Our network of recreation professionals and volunteers have brought the recreation sector to prominence as an important part of leisure and community life.

I have to say that being on this Board has indeed been a worthy endeavor. From the feelings of accomplishment to the camaraderie among the Board and with the SPRA staff, this is truly a great experience.

I am looking forward to seeing you at this year's Conference...please stop by and ask me about the programs, the stats - or just chat!

Mike Powell
SPRA President

SPRA and our Board also play a significant role at the national level, helping to ensure SPRA is in tune nationally. Our involvement with the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association, the Canadian Recreation Facilities Council, and with other special initiatives like the Framework for Recreation in Canada 2015 – Pathways to Wellbeing, has helped guide the sector at not only the national level, but also at the provincial and local levels.

By having strategies and plans in place that are aligned at the national, provincial and local levels, we can help ensure that recreation is valued as an integral service across the province and ensure that Saskatchewan people are aware of the benefits recreation provides.

The SPRA Annual Report details how recreation works for the individual, the community and for the province. With this being the first year of SPRA's 2014–19 Strategic Plan, the Report highlights our four strategic outcomes and shows how we are meeting the specific outcomes. We are confident that our new five year plan will provide the necessary direction to help guide and strengthen communities and the sector. Even if statistics are not your thing, this format provides for a simple and easy to understand summation of the hard work that was accomplished to support our Strategic Plan.

Recreation Works is the theme of our Annual Report but it is also the theme of what we do as a sector and what we, as an Association, do on an ongoing basis. We work hard and we work long hours to ensure that those we serve can expect strong leadership, safe recreation environments and quality programs and services. **Here at SPRA, we work to make sure Recreation Works for the benefit of Saskatchewan communities, families and individuals....and we wouldn't want it any other way.**

Norm Campbell
SPRA Chief Executive Officer

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SPRA is a strong and effective organization driven by the needs of its members, providers and the public

The SPRA brand is respected and valued

The SPRA Brand

Our brand is applied throughout the entire organization - through verbal or face-to-face contact, by print and electronic means and through our products and services. **Our Brand Traits** are: professional, knowledgeable, innovative, approachable/collaborative and vibrant/energetic/playful.

Board and staff have the necessary competencies to effectively and efficiently lead the organization

Staff Professional Development

All SPRA Staff are encouraged to participate in annual professional development opportunities. Financial support is provided to staff for workshops, courses or certifications that will enhance the individuals lifelong learning and allow SPRA to better serve their members.

There are sufficient resources and effective processes to sustain the operations of the organization

Human Resource Manual

In 2015, SPRA conducted a complete review of existing policies and procedures. The newly named Human Resource Management (HRM) Manual defines policies that are intended to provide a setting which encourages team work and efficiency, thus enabling each member of SPRA staff to help the SPRA strategic objectives. This Manual was developed to set the standards of good HRM and provide employees and supervisors with the policies, procedures and benefits that guide employment conditions within the organization.

Members, stakeholders and the public are satisfied with the value they receive from SPRA

Engaging the Network

Members and experts from across the field serve on a number of SPRA Committees. We rely on their recommendations and advice to guide our programs, services and funding initiatives. Committees include: Facility Advisory, Fitness Advisory, Parks and Open Space, Awards, Aboriginal Advisory, Recreation Section Review and the Member's Initiative Grant Adjudication Committee.

There is continuous evaluation and improvement

Inter-Municipal Collaboration

SPRA in partnership with the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) developed, *Inter-Municipal Collaboration in Recreation – A Guide for Municipalities in a Growing Province*. This Guide provides communities with the rational in identifying the need for collaboration, along with frameworks for presenting ideas and coordinating action. The Guide was launched during the 2015 SUMA Convention. A concurrent session on the project was also offered at the Convention.

“Through a regionalized approach to recreation, your residents can achieve enhanced services and facilities, and expanded program choice.”

-Inter-Municipal Collaboration in Recreation: A Guide for Municipalities in a Growing Province

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“By far one of my favorite training seminars, very engaging, extremely insightful. I would definitely recommend HIGH FIVE® to anyone who is working with children and youth.”

- HIGH FIVE® Participant



The recreation sector is served by informed and highly competent volunteers and professionals

Recreation providers access training and education programs and services

HIGH FIVE®

Through HIGH FIVE® training, community leaders, coaches and supervisors gain education on how to offer safe, diverse and developmentally appropriate programming for children ages 6 to 12.

The in-class HIGH FIVE® Principles of Healthy Child Development (PHCD) workshop is designed to enhance a front-line leader's ability to provide quality experiences for children in their programs. The QUEST 2 in-class workshop provides supervisors with a comprehensive set of skills to objectively assess programs using the QUEST 2 tool. In addition, managers can utilize the QUEST 1 online training to review the effectiveness of current policies and procedures.

In March 2015, SPRA hosted a HIGH FIVE® Trainer workshop in Regina where 12 additional individuals became HIGH FIVE Trainers for the PHCD and QUEST 2 workshops. There are now 38 HIGH FIVE® Trainers throughout Saskatchewan.

Play Leadership

For young Play Leaders in Saskatchewan, the SPRA Play Leadership training prepares them to provide phenomenal play programs for youth in their community. Through the two day Play Leadership workshop, leaders are exposed to strategies to keep participants safe and to plan a play program that encourages participants to engage in creative, active and free play.

In 2014-2015, seven Play Leadership workshops were held across the province training 100 leaders. Host organizations included: Lakeland District for Sport, Culture and Recreation; Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District; City of Swift Current; Rivers West District for Sport, Culture & Recreation and Yellow Quill First Nation.

In 2015, SPRA initiated the process of revising the Play Leadership curriculum. Launching in the fall of 2015, the Play Leadership training will be accessible as a supplemental training to those participating in the HIGH FIVE® Principles of Healthy Child Development workshop.

PHCD
429
participants
36 courses

QUEST 2
53 participants
6 courses

Participants in 2014-15

"The Play Leadership program was very interesting and I learned a lot about different types of ways to work with children. Everything was very well put together."

- Play Leadership Participant

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“The Risk Management Course was a real eye opener for showing liability and pertinent examples of what could happen in our or any municipality. The examples covered were very credible.”

- Spring Symposium Participant

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Urban Parks Worker Course

22 individuals attended the Urban Parks Worker Course to learn about park management, horticultural assets, outdoor recreation facilities, support services, park maintenance planning and park systems. The Urban Parks Worker Course is also a component course of the Western Facility Operator Master Certification Program. To date, 52 individuals have received certification in this course.

SPRA Conference

The 2014 SPRA Conference was developed specifically for recreation practitioners, parks and facility operators and volunteers who are interested in networking and learning the latest information and trends in the parks and recreation field. The Conference, which attracted 174 delegates to the City of Humboldt, included inspiring presenters, informative sessions, a Trade Show and entertaining social events.

SaskFit

The 2014 SaskFit Conference brought together a unique team of presenters for an outstanding weekend of workshops, lectures and special events to inspire, educate and motivate Fitness Leaders! The event, held November 7-9, 2014 in Saskatoon, attracted close to 200 Fitness Leaders from across Saskatchewan. SaskFit also provided Fitness Leaders with the continuing education credits required to maintain certification.

Facility Courses

SPRA held facility courses across the province to provide participants with the knowledge and resources necessary to improve the operation of their facilities and to ensure their recreation programs and services are offered in safe and efficient environments. The Arena Operators Level 1 and Level 2 Course were updated and revised to better suit the needs of participants. Another new initiative is the development of log books for communities to keep records to manage risk management issues like ice thickness, refrigeration operations and ice resurfacers operations. The log books will be available for purchase in late 2015.

Spring Education and Training Symposium

The 2015 Spring Education and Training Symposium provided 119 participants with the knowledge, skills and resources necessary to develop quality parks and open spaces and operate safe, efficient recreation facilities. Many of the courses provided at the Symposium were component courses of the Western Facility Operator Master Certification Program. The Symposium continued to provide training and education that allowed workers, operators, volunteers and directors to become certified and licensed to perform their jobs in accordance with provincial standards.

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“Thank you for your
visit. I found your information
straightforward and useful and
we will definitely call on you
for assistance and advice”

— Anita Rocamora, Meacham
Recreation Board Chairperson



The recreation sector is served by informed and highly competent volunteers and professionals

Post-secondary education programs are accessible and meet the needs of the recreation sector

Saskatchewan Polytechnic

SPRA continues to sit on the Polytechnic Advisory Committee and works with other representatives of the sector to ensure that the curriculum provides a solid base of knowledge on which graduates can begin their careers in the field of recreation. Our work in tracking professional recreation position vacancies was instrumental to curriculum development.

Providers access knowledge and resources to provide quality, safe recreation programs and environments

Board Development

SPRA has developed a **Provincial Recreation Board Development Manual** for communities looking to establish a Recreation Board, or revamp an existing Board. This resource includes the benefits and challenges of different models, information about bylaws, municipal and provincial legislation and much more.

SPRA also developed the **First Nations Recreation Board Development Manual** which teaches the basics behind committee development and provides insight into how values and traditions can be sustained through culturally based recreation programs.

Hiring a Recreation Professional Resource

SPRA in partnership with the Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals developed the resource, **Hiring a Recreation Professional – A Toolkit for Saskatchewan Communities**, to assist Saskatchewan communities in hiring a Recreation Professional.

SPRA Scholarship Program

The SPRA Scholarship Program supported individuals pursuing careers in recreation who were enrolled in recreation and leisure programs across Saskatchewan. Three Scholarships were awarded:

- Saskatchewan Polytechnic – Karly Russin
- University of Regina – Steven Porter
- University of Saskatchewan – Evan Mah

SPRA Resource Centre

Helping 585 people find resources, research and information on topics from arena operations to walkable communities.

Sharing more than **65** alternative grant and funding opportunities and helping your community make their programs and initiatives a reality.

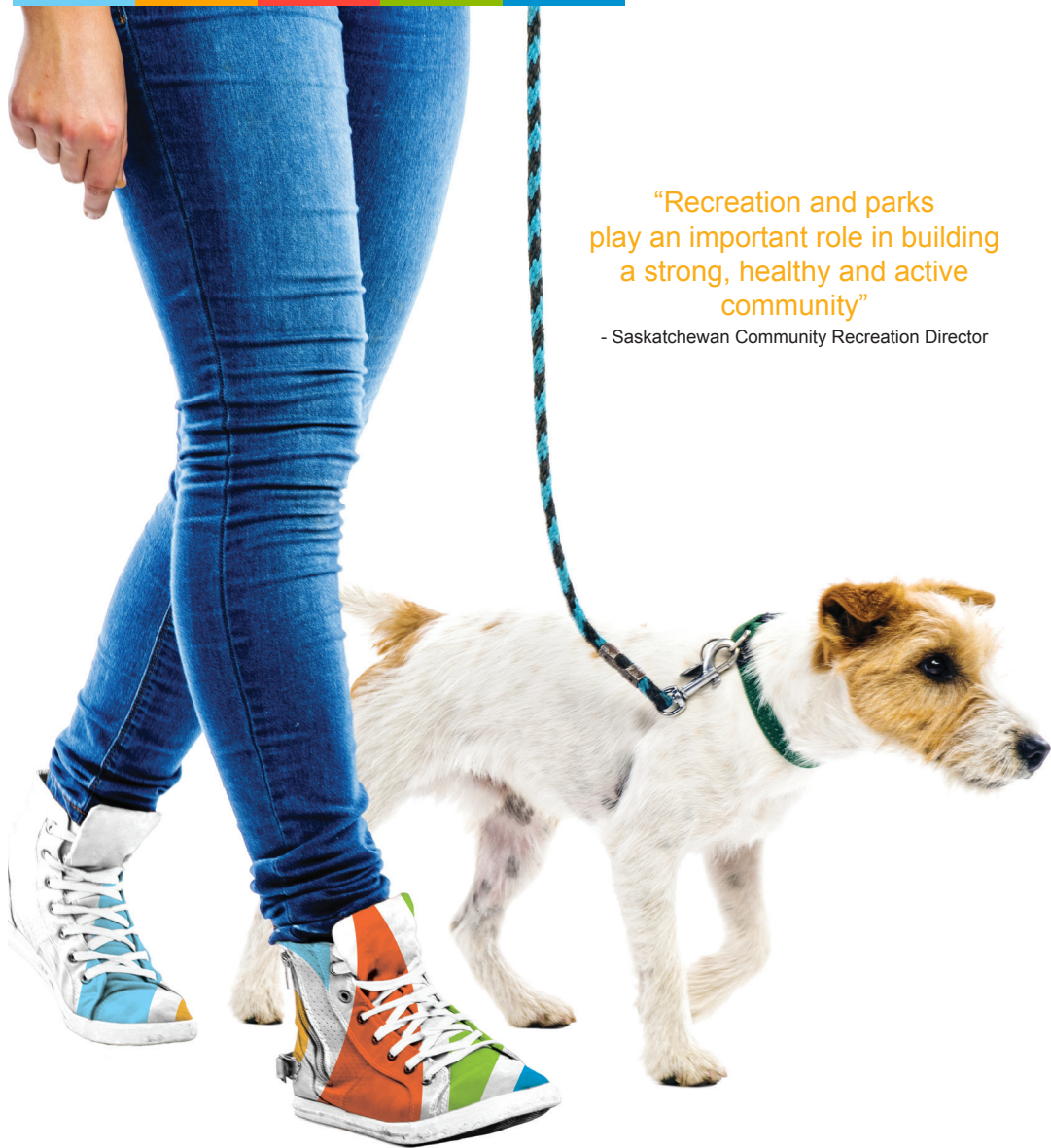
Over 420 people in schools, communities and workplaces across Saskatchewan had the opportunity to get outdoors and get active through the use of our GPS and Pedometer Lending Kits.

Over 5,000 resources are available free of charge to support ongoing learning and informed decision-making in the parks and recreation sector.

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“Recreation and parks
play an important role in building
a strong, healthy and active
community”

- Saskatchewan Community Recreation Director



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Physical Activity

SPRA offered physical activity programs such as the Fitness Leadership Certification, Forever...in *motion*, Take the Lead!®, HIGH FIVE®, and Women in Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation. Physical activity resources are available to assist members and stakeholders in promoting the benefits of physical activity and support their role in the physical activity movement.

RespectED

The RespectED for Sport, Culture and Recreation provides support, guidance and resources on abuse, harassment, hazing and bullying. The Support Line provides 24 hour confidential support for adults with questions, concerns, reports or inquiries about bullying, hazing, harassment and abuse.

Providers access a peer network for information sharing, collaboration and support

Social Media



2,062 Followers

a 48% increase from last year



1,686 Likes

a 36% increase from last year



Over 62,000 visits to the website

7,528 visited our website during JRPM

Video Development

This spring we produced four new YouTube Videos on the topics of Youth Leadership, Inclusiveness, Parks and Green Spaces, and the Benefits of Recreation to Communities. Visit our YouTube channel and share these videos to spread the word about the positive impact Recreation makes on Saskatchewan communities.

Recreation Works!

This June we launched a new advertising campaign with the message that "Recreation Works." In addition to being the theme of our 2014-15 Annual Report, this logo appears on our social networks and you'll be seeing a lot more of it next year as we share our message about Recreation across the province.

Commercial Members

SPRA is proud to support its commercial members in promoting parks and recreation related products and services to the field. At the 2014 SPRA Conference Trade Show, we had 38 vendors in attendance.

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“This [Service Excellence Program] will allow us to go through risk management, safety and security, marketing, sustainability, all those parts that we don’t always look at, and show us where we might need to improve to make it better for the community.”

– Service Excellence Program Participant



The delivery network is effective and meets the needs of Saskatchewan people

The delivery network works collaboratively toward common agendas

Funding for Recreation Associations

SPRA distributed **\$2,181,807** to **32** Provincial Recreation Associations (PRAs), as the steward for the Recreation Section of the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation. With this annual funding, our PRAs were able to deliver quality recreation experiences to the residents of Saskatchewan.

“Thank you for demonstrating your confidence in the work of SACL.”

- Connie Andersen, Saskatchewan Association for Community Living

Service Excellence Program

This past year, five more communities participated in the Service Excellence Program. These communities engaged in a self-directed evaluation of their parks and recreation delivery processes, which helped them analyze and refine their programs and services, building excellence in the areas of programs, parks, facilities, community building, leadership and management.

Municipal Ice Rink Program

SaskPower and SPRA continue to work together to provide communities with solutions to reduce energy costs. An energy efficiency module was included in the 2014-15 Arena Operator Level 1 Course. SPRA and SaskPower also have worked on an incentive program to assist communities in upgrading their energy efficiencies capabilities by implementing a rebate program.


Community Grant Program

The Saskatchewan Lotteries continued to assist in the development of sport, culture and recreation programs by providing over 5 million across 800 communities through the Community Grant Program. This funding supports over 3,700 initiatives annually.

Through the Community Fund:

- Seven Sport, Culture and Recreation Districts received **\$2,168,900**.
- The Northern Community & School Recreation Coordinator Program continued to improve the quality of life for northern Saskatchewan residents by providing community-based sport, culture and recreation programs after school, in the evenings and on weekends. 26 full-time and one part-time CSRCs were working in 27 schools to help deliver 1,015 programs.
- The Dream Brokers Program helped connect less fortunate children with sport, culture and recreation opportunities using local elementary schools as the hub for contact and facilitation. 13 Dream Brokers worked in 22 inner city schools to provide 2,300 children and youth with more than 4,300 community sport, culture and recreation opportunities.

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"This grant benefitted the facility greatly as the costs to run such facilities are always increasing. This grant has again helped to keep our facility open this year for the community to use for skating, games and figure skating."

- Choiceland Skating Rink - Community Rink
Affordability Grant Recipient

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Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport

SPRA has a strong and close working relationship with the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport. In 2014-15, SPRA continued to work with the Ministry in the development of programs and services that support parks and recreation and improve the quality of life in our province.

In 2014-15, we again partnered with the Ministry in offering the Community Rink Affordability Grant. This grant provided much needed funds to communities to assist them with their rink operations. The success of the program has been overwhelming and we are again working with the Ministry to provide the program for another three years.

SPRA and the Ministry collaborated on the development of the ***Framework for Recreation in Canada 2015 – Pathways to Wellbeing***.

Information was collected across the province that provided a solid foundation on which to build a national and provincial framework for recreation. By partnering on the development of joint input sessions and discussing provincial approaches, we ensured that Saskatchewan had a strong presence at the table and that our position was heard.

SPRA also partnered with the Ministry on continuing efforts to support providers of After-School Time Period (ASTP) services. Advancements have been made by increasing access to training opportunities and awareness of the ASTP.

SPRA thanks the Government of Saskatchewan for their continued support of the Recreation, Sport and Culture sectors through the signing of the Saskatchewan Lottery License Agreement. The “Saskatchewan model” is continually used by SPRA as a best practice that demonstrates how government and the not-for-profit sector can work together for the betterment of the people that we serve.

SaskCulture and Sask Sport

Our relationship with our two Global partners, Sask Sport and SaskCulture, remains strong. Through Tri-Global initiatives, including RespectED, Dream Brokers, the Community Grant Program, the Northern Community Schools Initiative and support of the Sport, Culture and Recreation Districts, we have collectively been able to strengthen and provide much needed support for local programs and services.

Community Initiatives Fund (CIF)

Funding from CIF for the in *motion*, Forever... in *motion* and Take the Lead!® initiatives were instrumental in ensuring that the benefits of being active are recognized and the value of trained and high quality leadership opportunities remained available. Support for the work of CIF was also shown through SPRA's continued participation on a number of grant adjudication committees.

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Canadian Parks and Recreation Association

As a member of the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association Board of Directors, SPRA collaborates with our 12 provincial and territorial partners on the development of national initiatives. SPRA was a strong supporter in the development of the National Recreation Framework and was a member of both the national working group and the writing team. The Framework provides a road map that the sector can use to help guide its direction for the next 15 years and SPRA is proud to be a contributing partner to the process.

SPRA also sat on the CPRA Professional Development Certification Program Committee. This national professional development initiative was created to foster continual growth. The initiative strives to strengthen the credibility and quality of parks and recreation volunteers and professionals, and the programs and services they provide.

The delivery network is supported with effective communication and promotion

Member-Driven Communications

Member spotlights and community successes have been featured in SPRA communications, through the SPRA Blog, Media Monitor and DIRECTION magazine.

Parks & Recreation Connection

SPRA's electronic newsletter became a weekly update featuring programs, services, events and funding for the recreation sector.

Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals (S.A.R.P.)

SPRA and S.A.R.P. investigated and developed a plan that would lead to the amalgamation of the two organizations. The feedback from SPRA members showed many benefits existed around amalgamation including increased communication, less service overlap and more efficient use of resources. Subject to membership approval, an amalgamation agreement was signed by both organizations that formalized the manner in which the amalgamation would take place.

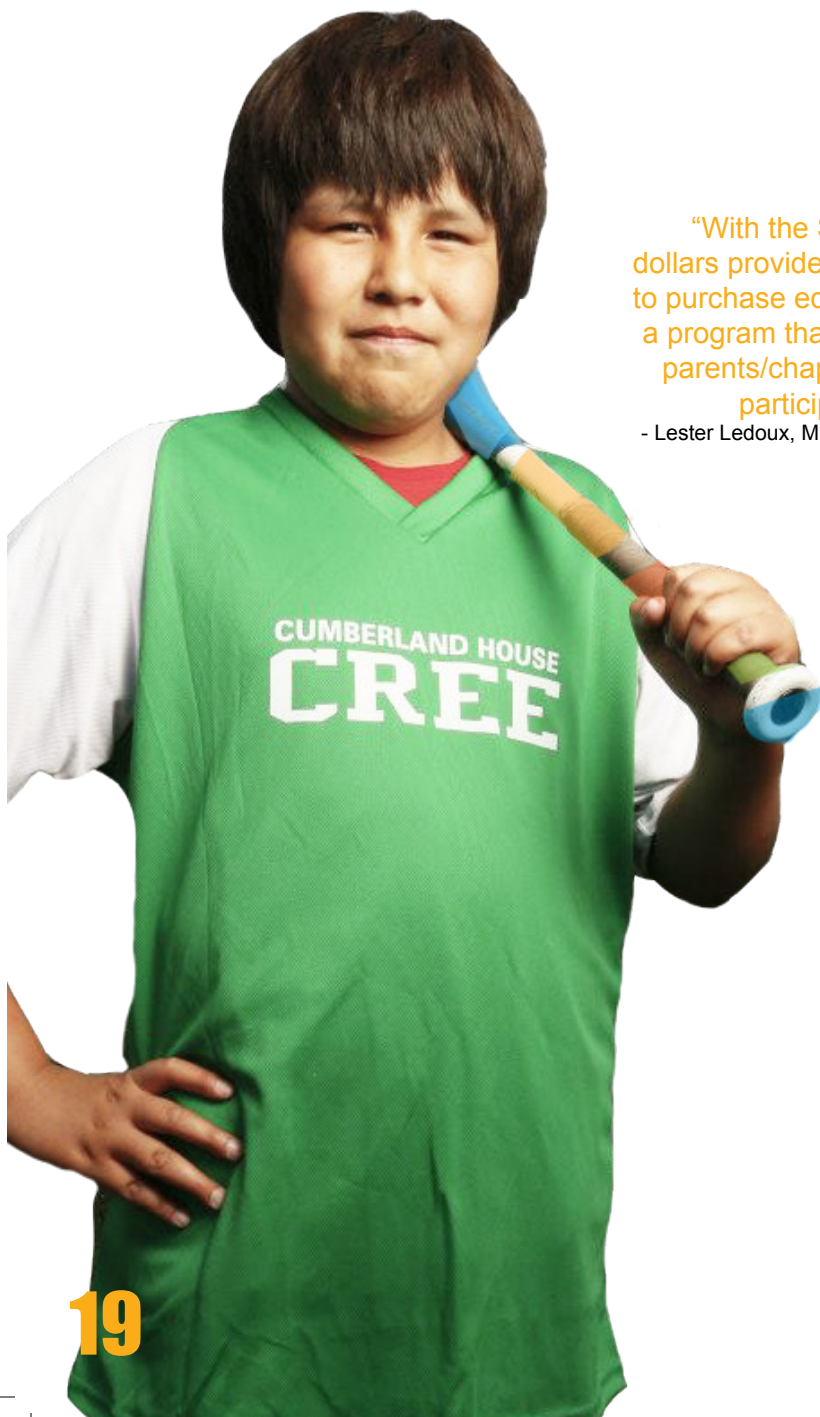
"I think that an amalgamation will result in more resources being available to positively affect the Profession."

- Member Feedback from S.A.R.P. and SPRA
Amalgamation Survey

DIRECTION

DIRECTION magazine offered issue-based stories and feature articles of interest to the parks and recreation sector as submitted by members and experts in the field. DIRECTION is now available through an online reader that makes reading even easier - whether you're using your desktop PC, tablet or mobile phone to read the latest issue. All of our back issues are also available through this service.

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“With the SPRA grant dollars provided, we were able to purchase equipment to start a program that the youth and parents/chaperones could participate in.”

- Lester Ledoux, Mistawasis First Nation

The delivery network is effective and meets the needs of Saskatchewan people

The delivery network has sufficient human and financial resources to maintain needed capacity

Leadership Development Grant

Through this grant, SPRA helped develop community capacity by facilitating leadership opportunities, to ensure recreation leaders are available to deliver quality recreational programs in the community. \$35,471 was distributed across 25 projects.

Métis Recreation Development Grant

Six projects were approved as part of the Métis Recreation Development Grant to develop recreation programming for Métis communities. \$12,000 was distributed across 6 projects.

First Nation Member's Recreation Grant

The First Nation Member's Recreation Grant assisted First Nation Active Members in developing recreational opportunities within their communities. \$9,500 was distributed across five projects.

Celebration Initiative Grant

The *June is Recreation and Parks Month* Celebration Initiative Grant was offered for the fourth consecutive year. The grant assisted 40 communities with hosting recreational events and celebrations during the month of June. Communities received up to \$500 each in funding for a total disbursement of \$20,000.

\$1,587,000 for Indoor Ice Facilities

The Community Rink Affordability Grant was made available to communities and organizations for its third year. The grant served as a mechanism in the continued support of the Provincial Government to aid the operation and maintenance of indoor ice facilities. This grant was administered by the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association, with support given to assist applicants in accessing the program. 400 communities received the grant:

- 519 facilities total
- 390 skating rinks
- 245 curling rinks
- 16 First Nation communities or bands
- 9 new communities applied this year

Forever...in motion Grant

The **Forever...in motion** Grant program provided funding for the development and implementation of **Forever...in motion** programming in Saskatchewan communities. Communities receiving the grant were Esterhazy, Gravelbourg, Kipling, St. Louis, Indian Head, Windthorst and Glenavon. \$12,281 was distributed across 7 communities.

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Sector research is conducted and distributed

Compensation Survey

SPRA, SaskCulture Inc. (SC) and the Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals (S.A.R.P.) engaged Knibbs/associates HR Consulting to undertake a salary and compensation study. The study reviewed and benchmarked the current compensation ranges for selected staff levels within culture and recreation sectors. The survey compared wages and benefits to similar like organizations across the country and recommended common human resource policies that organizations may want to consider for its employees.

Quality of Life Research

In 2014-15, SPRA took on a province-wide public interest survey gauging perceptions on the value of the recreation sector and its connection to community vibrancy and attractiveness, as well as the overall quality of life in Saskatchewan. The survey findings, to be released in the fall 2015, will provide valuable evidence to support our Public Relations Strategy, influence decision-making at the municipal and provincial level, and be a tool that ultimately supports the work of the sector.

Recreation infrastructure and environments meet the needs of the population

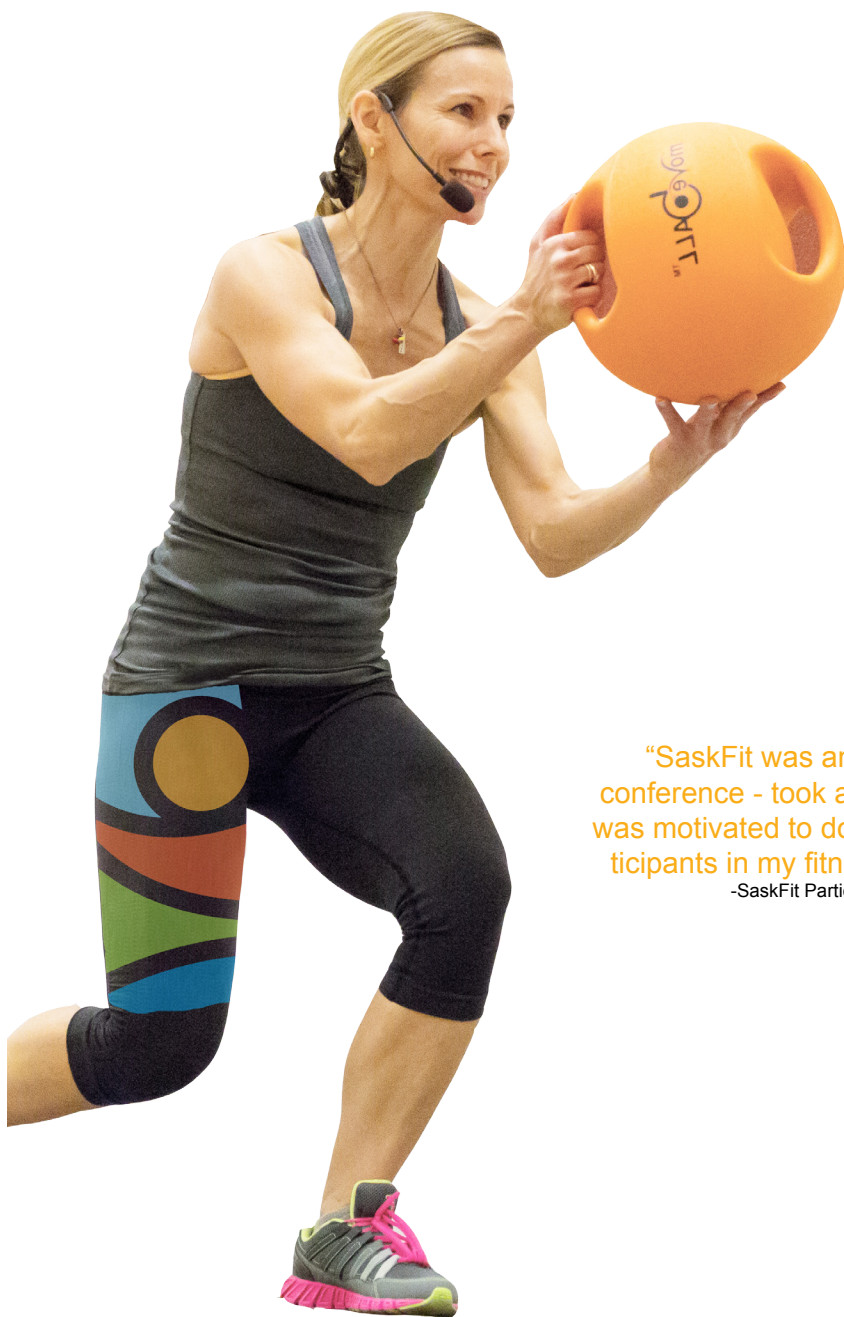
Canadian Recreation Facilities Council (CRFC)

SPRA brings a Saskatchewan perspective to discussions as a member of the Canadian Recreation Facilities Council - a national advocate for strong and sustainable recreation infrastructure in communities across Canada. Saskatchewan representatives attended the Annual Forum which was held in Yellowknife, NWT in June of 2015.

SPRA Facilities Database

SPRA continues to collect information on recreation facilities across the province through its Recreation Facilities Database. The information will be used to guide the future of recreation infrastructure in the province.

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"SaskFit was an excellent conference - took a lot away and was motivated to do more for participants in my fitness classes."

-SaskFit Participant

Recreation is necessary to the wellbeing of communities, environments and individuals

Recreation is an equal partner in human service dialogues and strategies and provides linkages across sectors

Take the Lead!®

We now have 14 Take the Lead!® Trainers located in 8 communities that can serve the schools and organizations in their area. These 14 Trainers have trained an additional 77 Adult Leadership Coaches this year. To date we have 223 Adult Leadership Coaches with the skills necessary to deliver the youth leader training!

Through the Provincial Initiative Grant, 23 schools/communities received funding, and we were able to train approximately 300 Youth Leaders.

Recreation is valued and is regarded as an integral service by the residents of Saskatchewan

Public Relations Strategy

SPRA engaged Praxis Consulting to assist in the development of a Public Relations Strategy.

The Strategy is driven by four key aims:

- Establish and strengthen the recreation sector as a valued contributor and bridge builder in social and economic development.
- Secure a position of influence to public agendas and allocation of public resources.
- Build and reinforce pride for practitioners and volunteers in the sector.
- Increase recognition and strengthen public support for recreation services and infrastructure.

The Strategy will be implemented over a five year period (January 2015 – January 2020).

Partnership Development

The Field Services Division has established partnerships with several different stakeholders including the Saskatchewan Economic Development Association, Tourism Saskatchewan, Urban Municipal Administrators Association of Saskatchewan, Municipal Government Committees and Regional Intersectoral Committees. These partnerships have strengthened the connection SPRA has with other stakeholders, and provided more platforms where the benefits of parks and recreation can be discussed.

Fitness Certification

There are currently 425 SPRA Trained Fitness Leaders helping our communities to adopt a lifelong commitment to physical activity. We are nationally and internationally affiliated through the National Fitness Leadership Alliance (NFLA) which ensures leading practice, career portability and professional recognition for fitness certification.

Course held and the number of Fitness Leaders trained include:

- 63 leaders trained in **Fitness Theory**
- 77 leaders trained in **Group Exercise**
- 15 leaders trained in **Aquatic Exercise**
- 6 leaders trained in **Exercise for Older Adults**
- 6 leaders trained in **Cycle**

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“This event provides the community with an opportunity to get outdoors and try recreation, arts and culture activities at a local park and celebrate the arrival of summer. It also helps get the word out of what programs are happening throughout summer”

– Regina Beach, JRPM Ambassador



Recreation is necessary to the wellbeing of communities, environments and individuals

Recreation is integral within governments' solutions to a growing province

After-School Time Period

SPRA continues to advance Saskatchewan's After-School Time Period (ASTP). This year, 128 ASTP Leaders were trained in HIGH FIVE® Principles of Healthy Child Development, 45 Trainers participated in the Take the Lead!® Adult Leadership Coach workshops, and 38 Leaders attended Fundamental Movement Skills training.

A guidebook entitled ***Creating Quality Programs: A Manual to Support the After-School Time Period*** was published and made public to all organizations and schools in Saskatchewan. Throughout, 2014-15, HIGH

FIVE® QUEST 2 assessments were gathered from 69 ASTP sites. ASTP providers now better understand their program's strengths and have been provided with strategies to enhance the quality of the programming they offer.

Relationships were maintained with the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport and proved to be beneficial in increasing opportunities to support the ASTP.

Saskatchewan people are aware of the benefits of recreation

Communities in Bloom

43 communities registered in the 2015 Saskatchewan *Communities in Bloom* program and 5 participated in the National *Communities in Bloom* competition. The program continued to assist communities in achieving civic pride, environmental responsibility and overall community development. Popularity of the new Novice and Evaluated Friends categories continued to grow as communities enjoyed a non-competitive evaluation process.

"What [Communities in Bloom] brings to Gull Lake is a unity and a sense of belonging."

- Ed Lowenberger, Gull Lake

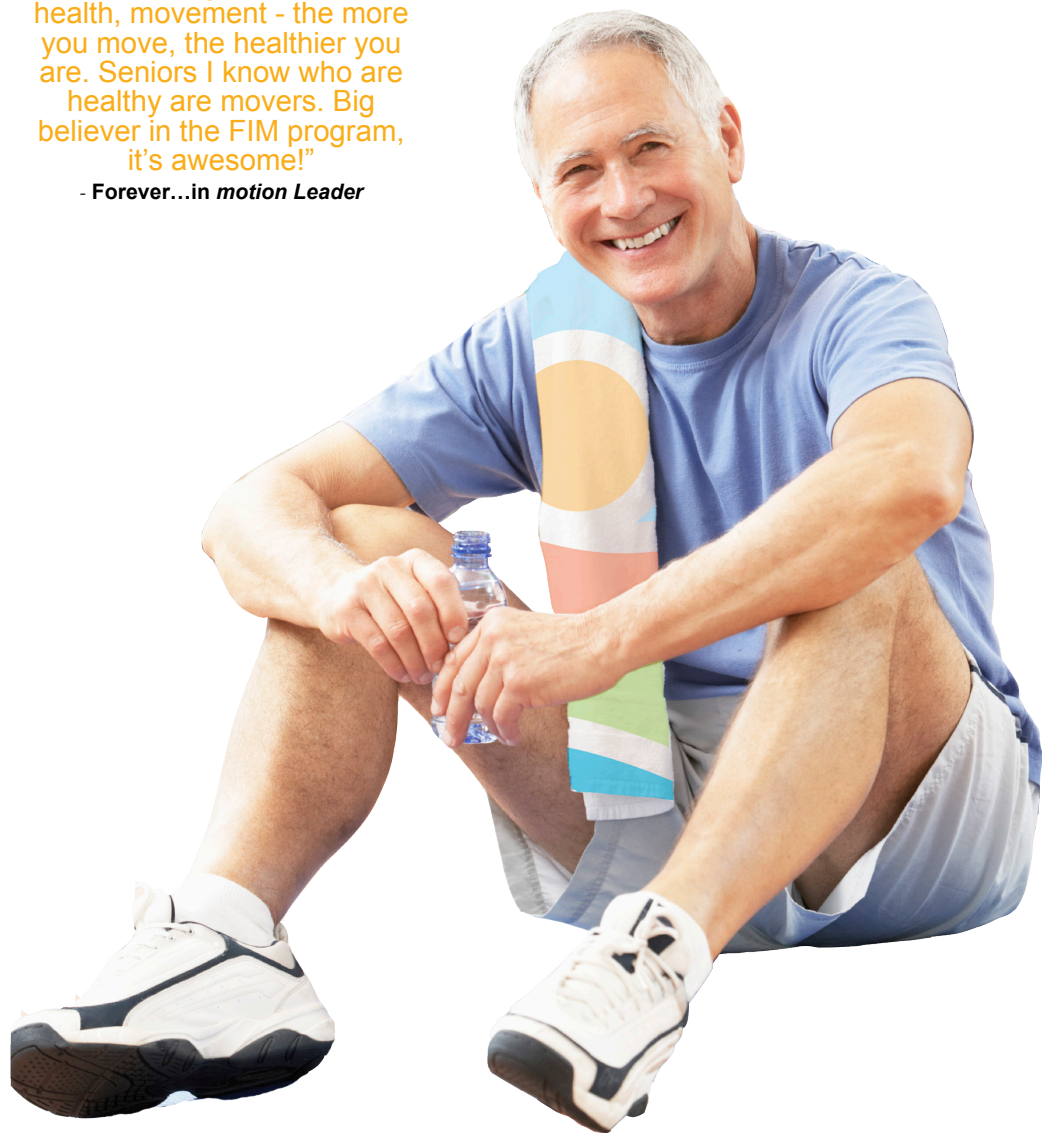
June is Recreation & Parks Month (JRPM)

The Government of Saskatchewan continued to support JRPM by proclaiming *June is Recreation & Parks Month*. In 2015, we had 56 Ambassadors for JRPM. The JRPM launch event, which attracted 150 people, was held June 6, 2015 at the Whitecap Dakota First Nation and included a trail opening, community BBQ and entertainment. The launch event is just one example of how communities celebrate the return of summer programming, recognize volunteers and get residents involved in our parks.

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"I'm a big believer in health, movement - the more you move, the healthier you are. Seniors I know who are healthy are movers. Big believer in the FIM program, it's awesome!"

- Forever...in *motion* Leader



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Saskatchewan people are more active

Forever...in motion

With over 60% of Saskatchewan seniors classified as inactive, SPRA is committed to the delivery of physical activity programs that enhance the quality of life for older adults in the province. SPRA is working in partnership with various organizations to provide and promote safe physical activity opportunities for older adults through the **Forever...in motion** program. Resources and materials were developed including **Forever...in motion** leadership training and training resources for older adults.

There are currently 185 trained **Forever...in motion** Leaders leading their peers - 77 rural and 108 in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region.

Recreation is accessible to all regardless of physical ability, socio-economic status, cultural background or age

Everybody Gets to Play™

The Everybody Gets to Play™ program reduces barriers to recreation participation. This past year a focus was placed on increased awareness and understanding about core Aboriginal values, as well as traditional customs. Two workshops were held to support our members.

Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability (ALACD)

SPRA continues to represent Saskatchewan on the Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability (ALACD), a National organization committed to motivating and assisting Canadians with a disability to become more physically active. ALACD programs continue to be promoted within the Province.

ParticipACTION Teen Challenge

ParticipACTION Teen Challenge is increasing opportunities for teens to be physically active! The national ParticipACTION Teen Challenge, sponsored by Coca-Cola Canada and delivered provincially by SPRA, enables teens to get active and to have fun in ways that mean something to them. Continuation of this initiative was reconfirmed with the resigning of a partnership agreement with ParticipACTION for 2015-2016.

In 2014-2015, 38 Teen Physical Activity Grants were distributed in Saskatchewan, totalling \$16,100.

Holistic Empowerment Leadership Program (HELP)

HELP strives to build leadership capacity and assist First Nation and Métis communities in developing the understanding, knowledge and skills required to provide holistic recreation, culture and sport programs. A HELP workshop was hosted by Touchwood Agency Tribal Council June 27-30, 2015 at Echo Valley Provincial Park and Standing Buffalo School. 37 individuals and 4 local community members participated in the workshop.

Summarized Financial Statements June 30, 2015

To the Board of Directors of Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Inc.

The accompanying summarized statement of financial position and statement of operations are derived from the audited financial statements of Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Inc. as at June 30, 2015 and for the year then ended. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated September 23, 2015. Those financial statements, and the summary financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on those financial statements.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Inc.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standards (CAS) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements."

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Inc. for the year ended June 30, 2015 are a fair summary of those financial statements, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Chartered Professional Accountants

REGINA, Saskatchewan

September 23, 2015

Summarized Statement of Financial Position

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 227,676	\$ 138,203
Investments	1,113,800	967,697
Accounts receivable	169,727	237,311
GST receivable	6,842	9,041
Prepaid expenses	122,918	111,116
Capital assets	62,356	87,403
Restricted fund investments	<u>549,859</u>	<u>807,808</u>
	<u>\$ 2,253,178</u>	<u>\$ 2,358,579</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts and adjudication payable	\$ 338,989	\$ 177,164
Post retirement benefits payable	58,446	43,200
Grants payable to funders	25,209	44,534
Deferred contributions and unearned membership revenues	<u>173,070</u>	<u>295,278</u>
	<u>595,714</u>	<u>560,176</u>

Net Assets

Unrestricted	1,107,605	990,595
Restricted	<u>549,859</u>	<u>807,808</u>
	<u>1,657,464</u>	<u>1,798,403</u>
	<u>\$ 2,253,178</u>	<u>\$ 2,358,579</u>

Summarized Statement of Operations

	2015	2014
REVENUES		
Operations	\$ 3,424,853	\$ 3,413,562
Program initiatives	2,243,590	2,308,275
in motion	<u>711,863</u>	<u>792,955</u>
	<u>6,380,306</u>	<u>6,514,792</u>
EXPENSES		
Operations	3,307,843	3,209,626
Program initiatives	2,236,253	2,251,318
in motion	<u>977,149</u>	<u>773,014</u>
	<u>6,521,245</u>	<u>6,233,958</u>
NET REVENUES (EXPENSES)	\$ <u>(140,939)</u>	\$ <u>280,834</u>

Detailed financial statements are available to members on request.

SPRA's Board of Directors



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Guylaine Green - Director for Towns; Mike Powell, President; and Clive Craig - Director for Villages. Absent: TJ Biemans - Director for the North.

Through an agreement with the Government of Saskatchewan, proceeds from Saskatchewan Lotteries are dedicated to sport, culture and recreation organizations to benefit communities.

