

# Recreation and Parks: ***Surging Ahead***

2009 - 2010 Annual Report



Saskatchewan  
Parks and Recreation  
Association



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# About SPRA

## Recreation:

A socially accepted leisure time experience that gives immediate and inherent satisfaction to anyone who voluntarily participates.

## Our Vision

We are the leader for a parks and recreation network that builds healthy active communities in Saskatchewan.

## Our Mission

We provide leadership and support to enhance the quality of the parks and recreation network.

## Our Role

- Training
- Education
- Advocacy
- Funding
- Information Management
- Research
- Networking

## Our Ends

SPRA's six Ends define what results we hold ourselves accountable for achieving, and for what audience. Trends, challenges, emerging opportunities and the core elements contributing to the success of the organization, along with member needs, have all shaped creation of the Ends.

- The parks and recreation network is coordinated
- There is a strong recreation component throughout the Province
- The parks and recreation network is supported
- The network advocates for parks and recreation in Saskatchewan
- Parks and open spaces are supported
- Recreation facilities are supported

## 2009 - 2010 SPRA Board of Directors

SPRA's volunteer Board of Directors govern and set the policies by which SPRA is guided.

President - Darrell Lessmeister  
Director for Cities - Jasmine Jackman  
Director for Towns - Mike Schwean  
Director for Villages - Rob Boulding  
Director for the North - Sandy Rediron  
Director at Large - Mimi Lodoen  
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Director at Large - Corrine Galarneau  
Director at Large - Clint McConnell



# President and CEO Report



Darrell Lessmeister  
SPRA President



Norm Campbell  
SPRA Chief Executive Officer

Looking back at the past year's undertakings shows us that our accomplishments are many and our successes plentiful. It also shows that we need to address new challenges, to ensure that we are moving forward on a firm foundation.

Introduction of the new SPRA brand and associated updates to the logo and visual identity is a success story worthy of mention. The overall new look and feel to SPRA's visual presence has provided the organization with an updated and more professional and vibrant appearance. This has translated into noticeable improvements in our newsmagazine, *DIRECTION*, and our promotional mechanisms, including our brochures, posters and the SPRA website. We have received positive reviews regarding our new look from a variety of sources, including the business, government and voluntary sectors. The time and effort invested in developing our new brand has already paid huge dividends and is a positive move forward for the organization.

Internally, significant progress was made in the development of comprehensive logic models, work plans and long term strategies that provide a much stronger link between the association's long term outcomes, performance evaluations and the daily operations of the organization. The result is stronger connections within and between different program service areas, which enhances our organizational focus and service to our members.

Significant progress was also made in the physical activity movement, with the continued support of Saskatchewan *in motion* from the Community Initiatives Fund and the development of new and innovative strategies to help create an *in motion* commotion! Development of two new fitness training modules for yoga and cycling, and introduction of the Level 20 and 30 High School Youth Fitness Leadership Pilot Project, helped build additional capacity in the Fitness Leader sector.

We continued to develop our positive relationships with the Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport (TPCS), as we worked together in the development of a Provincial Recreation Strategy that will provide a sector development road map for the future. In addition, SPRA also had the opportunity to work with TPCS and Saskatchewan communities along the Olympic torch route, to help bring the Olympic spirit to Saskatchewan.

We provided significant training and financial resources to support the advocacy efforts of the Sport, Culture and Recreation Districts. Training for both volunteer and paid personnel in all seven Districts was provided, and funds to support the development and implementation of advocacy strategies in each District was also made available. This investment in advocacy will provide long term benefits to SPRA and the recreation sector and will support the work of our members and communities into the future.

As further outlined in this report, SPRA has had a very successful year and will continue to grow and thrive. We are well-positioned to meet the challenges of the future and are looking forward to continuing to serve the needs of our members.

Events of the past year have shown that more aggressive leadership and an increased focus on advocacy are necessary. Addressing these areas will be one of SPRA's prime directives for the future.

Other sectors are beginning to recognize the benefits of providing recreation programs to advance their own initiatives and are expanding their operations into areas that have traditionally been associated with the recreation field. This is evident in all Saskatchewan communities, but particularly in smaller communities where needs overlap and the roles are becoming increasingly blurred. Partnering and increased collaboration in these instances is necessary and beneficial to all involved. However, as a sector we need to ensure that we continue to keep a strong identity and singularity of purpose so that our field does not suffer from collective mission drift and diluted representation.

The sector is also being stretched to the limit and requested to address more diverse issues and concerns. Recreation personnel are being asked to expand their sphere of influence in a variety of fields, including economic development, emergency preparedness and bylaw enforcement. This results in less time being available to focus on parks and recreation related issues. This situation is further exacerbated by the disturbing recommendations coming out of the post secondary education institutions, indicating that the programs that are relied on for providing trained recreation personnel are being downsized. The resulting increase in workloads, and reduction in trained personnel, is of utmost concern.

In the coming year, SPRA will take action to address these challenges by increasing the human and financial resources directed towards advocacy, leadership development and member support. We will build on our past successes, further engage our members, meet the needs of our communities and strengthen the role recreation plays in improving the quality of life in our Province. We are a strong, innovative and committed organization dedicated to building healthy active communities and we will continue to advance the parks and recreation legacy in the Province.

# Encouraging Saskatchewan Residents To Get Active!

## Sogo Active

The *Active Healthy Kids* Canada's 2010 Report Card indicates that only 12% of children and youth in Canada are meeting the minimum recommendation of 90 minutes of physical activity every day. SPRA is addressing the problem by empowering youth, ages 13-19, to challenge themselves to solve the physical inactivity crisis in Canada through Sogo Active, a national physical activity program. Sogo Active is presented by Coca-Cola Canada, in collaboration with ParticipACTION, and gives young Canadians the support and resources they need to get active in their own communities. Funding through this initiative has been provided to 15 youth focused organizations in

Saskatchewan, to support their youth led physical activity opportunities. The second phase of Sogo Active will provide youth with the opportunity to challenge others across the country to become more physically active everyday and have the chance to win 1 of 12 \$5,000 scholarships!

## Fitness Leadership Certification Program

With a large portion of the Saskatchewan population plagued by obesity and inactivity, SPRA Fitness Leaders play an important role in getting residents off the couch and committed to active lifestyles. Fitness Leaders do so



by raising awareness, generating interest and creating an environment to support a physically active community! Through the SPRA Fitness Leadership Program, course conductors train leaders in courses such as Fitness Theory, Group Exercise, Aquatic Exercise and Exercise for Older Adults, as per National Fitness Leadership Alliance (NFLA) performance standards. SPRA is exploring the implementation of modules pertaining to Yoga and Spin/Cycling components, in an effort to expand and provide new and more specialized classes and areas of interest. SPRA Fitness Leaders are advocates for physically active lifestyles and guide others to new levels of health and physical activity. There are currently over 300 SPRA Fitness Leaders providing quality Fitness Leadership in communities across the Province and encouraging participants to foster a lifelong commitment to fitness and physical activity.

SPRA ensures Fitness Leaders have access to high quality continuing education opportunities by offering courses throughout the year and hosting its Annual SaskFit Conference. SaskFit provides an opportunity for Fitness Leaders to stay on-top-of the latest information and trends in the fitness industry and the opportunity to complete the continuing education credits required for recertification. The 2009 Conference was held in Regina and once again, was an outstanding success with 156 Fitness enthusiasts participating.

## Saskatchewan *in motion*

SPRA continued to support the Saskatchewan *in motion* initiative, which is a province-wide movement aimed at increasing physical activity for health, social, environmental and economic benefits. *in motion*'s vision is that the people of Saskatchewan will be the healthiest, most physically active in Canada. In pursuit of this vision, *in motion* strives to build multi-sectoral partnership teams to lead strategies at the provincial, regional and local level, delivers a public awareness campaign to educate and build awareness of the benefits of physical activity, and encourages Saskatchewan people to take action that results in health benefits, mobilizes communities and monitors and celebrates success!

## Physical Activity Network of Saskatchewan

SPRA has continued its work with the Physical Activity Network of Saskatchewan (PANS), a network of physical activity organizations who provide recommendations, information and support to the Association on the Province's physical activity movement. A key role of PANS is to assist SPRA with the CIF Physical Activity Grant Program (PAGP), a pilot program that supports strategic projects and initiatives that will advance the physical activity movement in Saskatchewan and increase the level of physical activity of Saskatchewan people. The PANS Grant Review Committee serves to review and recommend the allocation of funds for all Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) Physical Activity Grant Program proposals.

## Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability (ALACD)

SPRA represents Saskatchewan on the Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability, a National organization that was created in 1989 to motivate and assist Canadians with a disability to become more physically active. There are three specific initiatives within the ALACD umbrella, including All Abilities Welcome (AAW), Moving to Inclusion (MTI) and the Youth Ambassador Program (YAP). SPRA is continuing to move these initiatives forward within the Province, so that members have the increased capacity to offer inclusive physical activity programs!



# Safe, Quality Recreation Opportunities For Children And Youth

## Play Leadership

The SPRA Play Leadership training program has been instrumental in training Play Leaders to coordinate safe and quality play opportunities for children across Saskatchewan. In 2009-10, 11 workshops were held and over 130 Play Leaders were trained! These Play Leaders return to their communities with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide safe environments for recreation programming.

## HIGH FIVE®

SPRA is pleased to be offering HIGH FIVE®, a quality assurance standard for recreation leaders working with youth ages 6 to 12, in Saskatchewan. Through HIGH FIVE®, recreation program staff and supervisors across the Province have acquired the knowledge and skills to implement safe, developmentally appropriate, and diverse and unique recreation programs for youth. The Principles of Healthy Childhood Development (PHCD) course presented youth leaders with the skills to plan and provide quality recreation programs, while ensuring that the HIGH FIVE® Principles are met. QUEST training provided program supervisors with an evaluation tool to assess the quality of their programs and leaders. In 2009 - 2010, over 150 individuals received HIGH FIVE® certification at a variety of courses across the Province. SPRA, in partnership with Parkland Valley Sport, Culture and Recreation District, and with financial support from the Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport (TPCS), will be rolling out a Province wide HIGH FIVE® strategy.

## RespectED for Sport, Culture and Recreation

RespectED is an initiative designed to ensure that children and youth have a safe environment in which to participate free from abuse, harassment and bullying. A toll free support line is available for direct assistance when dealing with abuse, harassment, bullying or hazing complaints, and for inquiries regarding Risk Management information, resources or education. SPRA, its Global Partners and the Canadian Red Cross have signed an agreement to continue RespectED until 2011.



## Playground Safety

SPRA continued to promote training and resources to members on Playground Safety. SPRA held a theory course in Saskatoon, through the Canadian Playground Safety Institute, in November. This playground safety education program helped individuals thoroughly understand the Canadian playspace safety standard from CAN/CSA Z614 "Children's Playspaces and Equipment" and how to conduct a hands-on inspection/ audit of a playspace.

A theory and practical course was also offered in Regina with 21 participants attending and becoming certified playground inspectors.

# Developing The Leaders Of Tomorrow



## Take the Lead!

Take the Lead!, which originated through a partnership between the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region and the Southeast Connection Sport, Culture & Recreation District, focuses upon increasing leadership skill development and increasing physical activity in youth. Take the Lead! has successfully trained and mentored young people, ages 11-14, to lead active play opportunities for their peers within schools and communities. The program promotes youth to plan, deliver and participate in regular play programs during recess and in school programs. Adults that work with these youth have an opportunity to become Leadership Coaches who support and assist the young leaders as they strive to provide healthy, developmentally appropriate and safe active play opportunities for other children. In November 2009, 22 teachers, recreation programmers and supervisors participated in the "Take the Lead!" Train the Trainer course. In 2010, SPRA received support from the Saskatchewan Legacy Fund to support the Take the Lead! roll out in Saskatchewan. Take the Lead! project assistance grants will be available in the fall of 2010 for communities and schools interested in providing this training.

## Youth Fitness Leadership

Offered with support from the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF), Youth Fitness Leadership is being delivered within the high school setting to provide an opportunity for students, many of whom may be inactive girls, to try something a little less traditional and possibly something more appealing to their interest in physical activity. Locally developed courses for Youth Fitness Leadership, in accordance with the Saskatchewan Education Policy and Procedures for Locally Developed Courses of Study, have been developed. This includes the Active Living and Fitness Leadership 20 (based on the SPRA Fitness Theory Module) and the Active Living and Fitness Leadership 30 (based on the SPRA Group Exercise Module). Youth Fitness Leadership encourages youth to become Fitness Leaders and to become a solution in the physical inactivity crisis affecting Saskatchewan.

# Engaging And Supporting Aboriginal Communities

## Fieldwork

SPRA conducted a number of visitations throughout the year to Aboriginal communities, to enhance awareness of SPRA programs and services and to encourage the implementation of recreation and parks programming. Currently, SPRA has 48 Active Aboriginal Member communities. SPRA continues to encourage Aboriginal communities to retain membership with the Association, to network with other recreation organizations and professionals, and to apply for grants (including the First Nation Member's Recreation Grant and the Métis Recreation Development Grant).

## The Aboriginal Summer Program for Youth in Recreation (ASPYP)

Aboriginal youth are gaining the knowledge and skills necessary to provide quality recreation programming in Aboriginal communities through the SPRA ASPYP Program. At ASPYP leadership camps, students receive quality instruction from certified trainers on a number of topics, including Drowning Prevention, Emergency First Aid, CPR B, HIGH FIVE®, Boat Operators and Aboriginal Coaching Modules. The knowledge that is gained is taken back into the communities where the youth live and have the opportunity to deliver quality recreation activities. ASPYP also encourages and inspires Aboriginal youth to pursue recreation studies as part of their future endeavors. In the summer of 2009 - 2010 camps were hosted by Pelican Lake First Nation, Poundmaker Cree Nation and Carry the Kettle First Nation.

## Grant Writing and Information Sharing Workshops

SPRA Grant Writing Workshops provide Aboriginal communities with a hands-on approach to grants and proposal writing. Participants learn how to effectively structure cover pages and develop needs surveys, project descriptions, outcomes, barriers, timelines, evaluations, budgets and follow-up reports. With this training, many First Nation and Métis communities have been successful in receiving grants from SPRA, as well as other funding agencies, to deliver recreation programming. The Workshop also provides Aboriginal communities with an overview of SPRA, its program and services and the benefits of parks and recreation. In 2009 - 2010, over 100 participants partook

in the Grant Writing and Information Sharing Workshops that were hosted by Pasqua First Nation, Saulteaux First Nation, Battleford Tribal Council, Stoney Rapids and Wollaston Lake.

## First Nations Member's Recreation Grant

The SPRA First Nation Member's Recreation Grant assists First Nation members in developing recreation opportunities in First Nation communities within Saskatchewan. In 2009-10, 25 projects totaling \$46,685 were approved. The grant has not only increased recreation programming in First Nation communities, but has fostered an understanding of the value of recreation and parks and how it positively impacts quality of life.

## Urban Aboriginal Community Grant Program

This Community Initiative Fund program assists in the development of sport, culture and recreation programs, and provides leadership opportunities for Aboriginal people through non-profit community organizations in designated urban centres. A total of \$620,000 was distributed across 14 organizations. Additionally, three leadership applications were received and \$105,000 was distributed towards these applications. The grant has provided communities with a large Aboriginal base the capacity to offer quality programming for Aboriginal people.

## Métis Recreation Development Grant

Through this program, SPRA is ensuring that funding is available to continue the development of recreation within Métis communities in Saskatchewan. In 2009-10, 7 projects were approved, totaling \$14,000.

# ***Providing Cost Effective Training Opportunities Corresponding To Member Needs And Industry Trends***

## **Spring Education and Training Symposium**

The SPRA Spring Education and Training Symposium provides participants with the knowledge, skills and resources necessary to provide quality parks and open spaces and safe, efficient recreation facilities. Through the establishment of partnerships, the 2010 event continued to provide cutting edge information on the management of parks, facilities and public spaces. The Symposium offered a broad spectrum of topics, ranging from the sustainable management of green spaces to the enhancement of outdoor built environments, to encourage usage and physical activity.

## **SPRA Conference and Annual General Meeting**

The SPRA Conference and Annual General Meeting attracts recreation directors, parks and facility operators and volunteers from across the Province who wish to learn the latest information and trends in the parks and recreation field. The Conference provides recreation practitioners and volunteers with the tools, skills and knowledge to strengthen and sustain the sector's momentum.

## **Saskatchewan Green Trades Conference**

In collaboration with other provincial agencies, SPRA supported the 1st Annual Saskatchewan Green Trades Conference. A full day workshop was conducted to engage all community sectors in the establishment of green spaces. The workshop emphasized collaboration and sustainability and focused on providing participants with the resources to take action at the local level. The event provided the opportunity for municipal officials, those responsible for the management of parks, and volunteers to gather to discuss the economic, social and environmental value placed on municipal green spaces.

## **Facility Courses**

SPRA held a number of facility courses across the Province that provided 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. Courses included Arena Operator Level 1, Arena Operator Level 2 and Pool Operator Level 1.

## **Municipal Ice Rink Program**

This five year program, delivered by SaskPower in partnership with the Saskatchewan Research Council, will provide municipalities with a comprehensive energy assessment and retrofit service, as well as assistance in accessing existing provincial and federal funding and grant programs. SPRA is one of the organizations sitting on the Steering Committee that will select participating facilities for the first year of the program. SPRA is committed to supporting Saskatchewan recreation facilities and operators, and ensuring access to the resources and skills required to provide safe and efficient facilities and services.



# ***Gaining Exposure And Raising Awareness For Parks And Recreation***

## **Advocacy Strategy Development**

SPRA is dedicated to advancing parks and recreation in the Province through the development and implementation of targeted advocacy initiatives. Recognizing the importance of partnerships in the success of advocacy, SPRA invited members of the SPRA Advocacy Committee, the SPRA Board of Directors and a representative from each of the five SPRA Staff Committees (Aboriginal Advisory Committee, Fitness Advisory Committee, Parks and Land Use Committee, Recreation Research Committee and the Facility Advisory Committee) to participate in the advocacy process by participating in a one day Advocacy Strategy Development Workshop. Participants identified key advocacy priorities within the parks and recreation sector and assisted in development of a comprehensive three year advocacy strategy based on said priorities.

## **Advocacy Workshops**

SPRA held a two hour interactive Advocacy Workshop at the 2009 Conference that provided participants with a definition of advocacy, examples of best practices, a understanding of the continuum of advocacy and their uses, and key concepts related to advocacy. The Conference session provided members with the knowledge and skills necessary to advocate on behalf of the parks and recreation sector.



## District Support Program

To assist the Sport, Culture and Recreation Districts to raise awareness of the benefits of recreation through advocacy, and to increase awareness within their member communities of the District's role in community development, capacity building and quality of life, SPRA developed the District Support Program. The District Support Program invited Districts to attend specific advocacy training modules and to develop a District Advocacy Plan, with assistance from a Consultant. Those who participated were eligible for up to \$15,000 in financial assistance. The end result of the work undertaken through the District Support Grant will be an Advocacy Handbook and the collection of Advocacy Tools that will be available to the Districts, assisting them in their advocacy efforts.

## Advocacy Webpage

SPRA's Advocacy webpage houses a number of resources to assist members in advocating for the field. Included on the webpage are a number of Benefits Fact Sheets that provide evidence to advocate for recreation, parks and physical activity. Additionally, SPRA's Information and Research Services monitors and posts research findings and trends on the SPRA website, to maintain currency of knowledge in the field. The goal is to support and provide a central collection of current recreation research, with a focus on Saskatchewan data.

## Committees for Advocacy

The SPRA Recreation Research Committee recommends priorities for research and guides research projects that strengthens SPRA's advocacy role, develops increased awareness of the benefits of recreation, and supports recreation practitioners and the issues that affect them.

SPRA's Advocacy Committee also assists the Association in the identification of issues and trends, both urban and rural, affecting the recreation and parks field. The Committee provides recommendations to the Association and assists in development of strategies to support SPRA, its partners and members in taking action to deal with issues facing the recreation and parks sector.

## Communities in Bloom (CiB)

SPRA continued to promote environmental awareness, heritage conservation, community involvement, sustainable horticultural practices and public space development through administration of the *Communities in Bloom* program. Through the program, municipal, commercial and private sectors are encouraged to contribute to improving quality of life through the development of public spaces.

## June is Recreation & Parks Month (JRPM)

SPRA once again utilized the month of June to celebrate and promote the benefits provided by recreation and park leisure services. Through its *June is Recreation & Parks Month* initiative, SPRA provided members with the tools and resources to deliver local advocacy campaigns. The primary success indicator of the program continues to be the number of supporting municipal and provincial governments, organizations and leisure agencies - which continues to grow each year!

## Parks and Land Use Committee (PLUC)

The PLUC, a committee comprised of provincial park authorities, municipalities and "members at large" affiliated with the creation and management of parks and public spaces, continued to serve as an advisor to SPRA on advocacy measures that supported the recognition of recreational benefits associated with the stewardship of parklands.

## Collaboration with Supporting Agencies

SPRA collaborates with provincial agencies who through their actions, encourage the stewardship and provision of municipal and natural parklands. SPRA sits on the Saskatchewan Regional Parks Association's Steering Committee to support a review of the Regional Park Act, the Heart and Stroke Foundation (HSF) of Saskatchewan Healthy Public Policy Advisory Committee (HPPAC), the Association of Saskatchewan Urban Parks and Conservation Agencies Board of Directors, and the Saskatchewan Trails Association.

## Provincial Recreation Strategy

SPRA in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport, is working on development of a comprehensive Provincial Recreation Strategy. The goal of the Strategy is to provide a clear vision for parks and recreation in the Province, to develop a framework to guide the development of parks and recreation programs and services in the Province, to define the roles and responsibilities for the delivery of parks and recreation programs and services of the various partners and stakeholders, to identify partnerships and mechanisms for cooperation, and to develop long term strategies to further the development of the parks and recreation sector, its programs and services.

# ***Providing Capacity For Recreation And Parks Programming***

## Annual Funding - Recreation Section Review Committee

Funding from the Recreation Section of the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation increases access to and provides quality recreational experiences to all residents of Saskatchewan. The Recreation Section Review Committee provides an adjudication function in the review of the provincial and district annual grants. In addition, the committee provides recommendations concerning the annual grant review process and other Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture, and Recreation program issues, and provides information as required. SPRA is pleased to announce that the Saskatchewan All Terrain Vehicle Association has been added to the Minister's Eligibility List, following their meeting all criteria. A total of \$1,743,741, is distributed through the recreation section (across 31 organizations).

## Member's Initiative Grant - Volunteer Development Grant

The 2009 -2010 Member's Initiative Grant focused on Volunteer Leadership Development. The grant assisted Active members in developing recreation within their communities by increasing the skill level of the community's volunteers. In 2009 -2010, 16 projects were approved, totaling \$39,997.

## Olympic Torch Run Funding Program

The Olympic Torch Relay was an opportunity for communities in Saskatchewan to show the rest of Canada, and the world, the definition of community pride. SPRA, in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport, provided financial assistance to the 31 communities among the Olympic Torch Relay Route to host a Olympic celebration that showcased citizen's pride in their community and Canada's athletes. A total of \$20,600 was distributed across 28 events.

## Community Funding Program

The Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program continued to assist in development of sport, culture and recreation programs by providing funds to non-profit community organizations operated by volunteers. A total of \$3,480,276 was distributed across 61 communities. Six communities received \$195,000 for the Urban Aboriginal Community Grant Program, seven Sport, Culture and Recreation Districts received \$1,480,500 and \$866,000 in funding was approved for the Northern Community and School Recreation Coordinator Program.

## SPRA Scholarship Program

The SPRA Scholarship Program supports individuals pursuing careers in recreation by awarding scholarships to students enrolled in Recreation and Leisure Programs across Saskatchewan. Scholarships were awarded to the College of Kinesiology – University of Saskatchewan, Faculty of Kinesiology – University of Regina, and the Recreation and Tourism Management Program – Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST). Recipients were selected on the basis of academic achievement and demonstrated involvement as a volunteer in recreation, parks or leisure services.





***Sharing The Latest  
Information And Research  
In The Field***

## Media Monitor

Searching over 80 community, provincial and government sources, the Media Monitor functions both as an information source and an awareness tool for the sector. By acknowledging developments in the field, SPRA continues to strengthen its role in advocacy for parks and recreation in Saskatchewan and to encourage opportunities for our communities to connect, collaborate and stay informed. The Media Monitor continues to capture the buzz around the Province by showcasing the latest news, successes and issues on the SPRA website.

## Recreation Portal

To support the needs of the recreation, fitness, sport and volunteer sector, the Recreation Portal offers improved online access to information and research. The Community Recreation Toolkit and Knowledge Network have been integrated into the Portal and technology upgrades have streamlined access to resources, to create a one-stop source to meet our diverse information needs.

## Trends and Research

SPRA recognizes the field of recreation is constantly evolving and as leaders in the field, providing access to relevant trends and research remains a priority. Current information on research impacting the area of recreation is summarized and made available on the SPRA website, thus improving capacity to support advocacy and best practices.

## Rec-opoly

Communicating the value of recreation through research methodology was the goal of the Rec-opoly training workshops. With representation from the Provincial Recreation Associations, Sport, Culture and Recreation Districts and volunteer associations, participants came away with an improved ability to understand and interpret research. The analytical skills developed helped participants better understand their communities and how research can be used to support the design, evaluation and advocacy of programs, projects and events.

## Research Education and Advocacy Project (REAP)

Through REAP, funding was made available to SPRA members to support research projects in their communities. Applicants completed the Rec-opoly training workshop as part of the eligibility criteria and were offered varying levels of financial assistance, depending on the scope of their research project. Currently under adjudication, the applications included research that could be applied both at the local and provincial levels. Large or small in scope, SPRA is committed to supporting the development of Saskatchewan-based research, as it builds evidence for the significant work that recreation practitioners provide in our communities.



# Summarized Financial Statements



## AUDITORS' REPORT

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 complete financial statements of Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Inc. as at June 30, 2010 and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report dated August 4, 2010. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of management. Our responsibility, in accordance with the applicable Assurance guideline of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in the Guideline referred to above.

These summarized financials statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on the Association's financial position, results of operations and cash flows, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.

REGINA, Saskatchewan  
August 4, 2010

Mintz & Wallace  
Chartered Accountants LLP

# SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Summarized Financial Statements June 30, 2010

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 96,247	\$ 224,391
Short-term investments	1,239,306	1,694,498
Accounts receivable	187,156	186,944
Prepaid and other	14,417	24,529
Capital assets	133,888	157,498
Long-term investments	506,874	-
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	\$ 2,177,888	\$ 2,287,860
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<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Liabilities		
Accounts and grants payable	\$ 329,488	\$ 572,111
Post retirement benefits payable	27,060	-
Payable to Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund	171,365	194,209
Deferred contributions and unearned membership revenues	722,270	676,288
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	1,250,183	1,442,608
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Net Assets		
Unrestricted	286,943	248,983
Invested in capital assets	133,888	157,498
Internally restricted	506,874	438,771
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	927,705	845,252
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	\$ 2,177,888	\$ 2,287,860
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# SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Operations	\$ 1,628,154	\$ 1,571,784
Program initiatives	818,493	1,082,687
<i>in motion</i>	1,820,886	1,483,777
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	4,267,533	4,138,248
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<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Operations	1,613,804	1,542,742
Program initiatives	790,474	1,073,865
<i>in motion</i>	1,780,802	1,447,998
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	4,185,080	4,064,605
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<b>NET REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>	\$ 82,453	\$ 73,643
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Detailed financial statements are available to members on request.

# ***SPRA Past Presidents***

Mr. Randy Kinnee:  
Oct. 2007 – Oct. 2009

Ms. Shauna Bourassa:  
Oct. 2005 – Oct. 2007

Mr. Blair Hoffman:  
Oct. 2002 – Oct. 2003,  
Oct. 2003 – Oct. 2005

Mr. Garry McKay:  
Oct. 2000 – Oct. 2001,  
Oct. 2001 – Oct. 2002

Mr. Gary Hellard:  
Oct. 1999 – Oct. 2000

Mr. Lance Brown:  
Oct. 1998 – Oct. 1999

Mr. Darryl Walls:  
Oct. 1997 – Oct. 1998

Mr. Byron McCorkell:  
Oct. 1996 – Oct. 1997

Ms. Randy Goulden:  
Oct. 1995 – Oct. 1996

Mr. Dave Stecyk:  
Oct. 1994 – Oct. 1995

Mr. Bob Challis:  
Oct. 1993 – Oct. 1994

Mr. Doug Kelman:  
Oct. 1992 – Oct. 1993

Mr. David Wudrick:  
Oct. 1991 – Oct. 1992

Mr. John Austin:  
Oct. 1990 – Oct. 1991

Mr. Murray Hidlebaugh:  
Oct. 1989 – Oct. 1990

Ms. Sharlene Smith:  
Oct. 1988 – Oct. 1989

Mr. Dennis Wieler:  
Oct. 1987 – Oct. 1988

Ms. Ennis Waldner:  
Oct. 1986 – Oct. 1987

Mr. David Viminitz:  
Jan. 1986 – Oct. 1986

Mr. Galen Wahlmeier:  
Oct. 1984 – Oct. 1985,  
Oct. 1985 - Jan. 1986

Mr. Rene Marleau:  
Oct. 1982 – Oct. 1984

Mr. Neil Zaph:  
Oct. 1981 – Oct. 1982

Mr. Dan Costea:  
Oct. 1980 – Oct. 1981

Lt. Col. E. Bruce McCorkell:  
Nov. 1976 – Oct. 1977,  
Oct. 1977 – Oct. 1980

Mr. Murray Richardson:  
Oct. 1974 – Oct. 1975,  
Oct. 1975 – Nov. 1976

Mr. Len Cantin:  
Oct. 1973 – Oct. 1974

Mr. Neil Balkwill:  
Oct. 1971 – Oct. 1972,  
Oct. 1972 – Oct. 1973

Mr. Emile St. Amand:  
Nov. 1969 – Oct. 1970,  
Oct. 1970 – Oct. 1971

Mr. Lawrence Jacques:  
Dec. 1967 – Oct. 1968,  
Oct. 1968 – Nov. 1969

Ms. Dolores Lockhart:  
Mar. 1967 – Dec. 1967

Mr. Al Heron:  
Oct. 1966 – Mar. 1967

Mr. A.V. (Archie) Kipling:  
Oct. 1965 – Oct. 1966

Mr. W.R. (Butch) Green:  
Oct. 1963 – Oct. 1964,  
Oct. 1964 – Oct. 1965

Mr. W.A. (Bill) Reid:  
Oct. 1961 – Oct. 1962,  
Oct. 1962 – Oct. 1963

# Provincial Recreation Associations

- Air Cadet League of Canada, Saskatchewan Provincial Committee
- Army Cadet League of Canada (Saskatchewan)
- Association of Saskatchewan Urban Parks and Conservation Agencies Inc.
- Battleford's Boys and Girls Club Inc.
- Boys and Girls Club of Yorkton, Inc.
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Saskatoon
- Canadian Mental Health Association (Saskatchewan Division) Inc.
- Canadian National Institute for the Blind – Saskatchewan Division
- Canadian Red Cross Society, Saskatchewan Division
- Canadian Ski Patrol System, Saskatchewan Division
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Canada, Saskatchewan Provincial Council
- Girl Guides of Canada, Saskatchewan Council
- Harvest Community Inc.
- Lifesaving Society of Canada – Saskatchewan Branch
- Navy League of Canada - Saskatchewan Division
- Saskatchewan 4-H Council
- Saskatchewan All Terrain Vehicle Association
- Saskatchewan Abilities Council Inc.
- Saskatchewan Association for Community Living
- Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals
- Saskatchewan Camping Association
- Saskatchewan Outdoor and Environmental Education Association
- Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Inc.
- Saskatchewan Physical Education Association Inc.
- Saskatchewan Regional Parks Association
- Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism
- Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association Inc.
- Saskatchewan Square and Round Dance Federation Inc.
- Saskatchewan Trails Association Inc.
- Saskatchewan Underwater Council Incorporated
- Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation
- Scouts Canada, Saskatchewan Provincial Council Inc.
- St. John Council for Saskatchewan Properties Inc.

# Sport, Culture and Recreation Districts

- Lakeland District for Sport, Culture and Recreation Inc.
- Parkland Valley Sport, Culture and Recreation District Inc.
- Prairie Central District for Sport, Culture and Recreation Inc.
- Northern Sport, Culture & Recreation District Inc.
- ReginaSport District Inc.
- Rivers West District for Sport, Culture and Recreation Inc.
- Southeast Connection Sport, Culture and Recreation District Inc.
- South West District for Culture, Recreation and Sport Inc.
- Saskatoon Sports Council





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**Leadership** **Facilities** **Fitness** **Training** **Communities** **Youth** **Quality of Life** **Parks** **Grants** **Education** **Partnership** **Networking** **Growth** **Risk Management** **Research** **Support** **Health** **Scholarships** **Recreation Environments** **Progressive** **Innovative** **Active**