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Enhancing the Recreation Sector in Northern Saskatchewan

The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) has presented the Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District (NSCRD) with a \$25,000 cheque payment towards enhancing the quality of life in Northern Saskatchewan by funding improvements to parks and recreation services.

These payments are the outcome of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between SPRA and the NSCRD.

“The MOU funding will increase the resources available for the Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District as we continue with a community development approach to work with our northern communities to increase capacity to deliver recreation programs and services,” said Michelle Hewison, General Manager for the NSCRD.

On the partnership between SPRA and the NSCRD, Hewison stated, “We’re a team, and we’re working hard to facilitate the development and delivery of the entire sector of sport, culture, and recreation programs and services that benefit the people in the North.”

This is the first of a total \$50,000 in funding paid to NSCRD towards improving recreation programs and services in the Northern Saskatchewan. The funding will be used to support five strategic priorities, including: community development, website development, database development, a software upgrade for the NSCRD and an evaluation of the Northern Community & School Recreation Coordinator Program.

Funding these priorities will raise awareness of the recreation sector in Northern Saskatchewan and give communities access to the latest parks and recreation programs through the redesigned NSCRD website. They will also enable the NSCRD to meet the needs of northerners, deliver strategic recreational programming and ensure the objectives of the Northern Community & School Recreation Coordinator Program are being met.

For more information on the MOU between the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association and the Northern Sport, Culture & Recreation District, please contact Randy Durovick at (306) 780-9217 or by email at rdurovick@spra.sk.ca.

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SPRA is a non-profit member organization dedicated to enhancing quality of life in the Province. SPRA is the leader for a parks and recreation network that builds healthy active communities in Saskatchewan. SPRA is funded by the Saskatchewan Lotteries.

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