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Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association and Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association Announce Partnership Agreement

Today, the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) and the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) announced a partnership agreement that will strive to improve the knowledge of recreation, leisure and park policies in Saskatchewan. This collaborative relationship between SPRA and SUMA offers an operational framework that will advance both individual and common goals, while fostering greater public awareness of urban government roles in building healthy communities through recreation and parks networks.

SPRA President Darrell Lessmeister said, “Our partnership with SUMA will forge strong bonds with urban governments and highlight the importance of recreation and parks in Saskatchewan. SPRA is looking forward to advancing the promotion, development and facilitation of parks and recreation opportunities throughout the Province while providing leadership and support towards building healthy, active communities.”

“Saskatchewan is growing, and recreation is essential to meeting the needs of a growing population” said SUMA President, Allan Earle. “SUMA and SPRA have a long history of collaborative work. This partnership agreement ensures we have the framework to sustain that collaboration and continue to make sure Saskatchewan citizens have the quality of life they deserve and the recreation facilities and programs they need.”

SPRA and SUMA look forward to developing their relationship through a more integrated approach in the delivery of recreation and parks programs that serve to enhance the quality of life in Saskatchewan.

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SPRA is a non-profit member organization dedicated to enhancing quality of life in the Province. SPRA provides parks and recreation services and support to Saskatchewan communities and advocates on behalf of the recreation and parks field at the local, provincial and national level. SPRA is funded by the Saskatchewan Lotteries.

SUMA is the provincial voice of urban municipal governments representing cities, towns and villages. Through strength in unity, SUMA advocates, negotiates and initiates improvements in local, provincial and federal legislation and delivers programs and services to members to enhance the quality of life in Saskatchewan.