



2019-2024

*Saskatchewan Parks
and Recreation Association*

5-Year Review and Annual Report



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We are all Treaty people.

— The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association's programs, services, and support reach lands covered by Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10, the traditional territories of the Cree, Dakota, Dene, Lakota, Nakota, and Saulteaux peoples, and homeland of the Métis.

This land was part of the lives of Indigenous peoples long before our organization existed and continues to be now and into the future. We extend our gratitude to the

generations of people who have called this ancestral land home, and whose histories, languages, and cultures continue to influence our communities.

We respect and honour the Treaties, reaffirm our relationships with one another, and move forward together in the spirit of truth, reconciliation, and collaboration.

We are all Treaty people.

About SPRA

— Funded by Sask Lotteries, SPRA is a non-profit dedicated to connecting, educating, and inspiring parks and recreation providers to create parks and recreation spaces for the benefit of everyone.

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L-R: Nick Daigneault, Larry Hall, Heidi Carl, Skylar Antoniuk, Chelsea Corrigan, Darcy McLeod, Josh Davidson, and Derek Blais. Not pictured: Dean Dodge

President's Message

Hello SPRA members, stakeholders, and friends:

As I wrap up my first year as SPRA president, I'm reflecting on an incredible year of learning, networking, and being inspired by the hard-working and passionate people that make up our industry.

2023-2024 marks the milestone conclusion of our 2019-2024 Strategic Plan. A lot has changed in five years and the Saskatchewan parks and recreation industry has shown amazing resilience,

innovation, and growth. We've navigated challenges together, and through our collective efforts, strengthened the foundation for parks and recreation in the province. From enhancing sector capacity and building active and engaged communities, to fostering leadership, our achievements reflect the dedication and passion of every single one of you.

Over the past five years, SPRA has enhanced the skills, knowledge, and resources available to recreation professionals and organizations.

We hosted virtual and in-person training events and workshops, and created networking opportunities that empowered the industry to provide safe, quality recreation despite the challenges faced.

We focused on fostering strong partnerships with provincial recreation associations, municipalities, community groups, and other stakeholders. These collaborations led to the development of innovative programs that addressed the unique needs of Saskatchewan's diverse population. By working together, we've been able to expand the reach and impact of recreation programs across the province, reducing barriers, supporting volunteers, and providing diverse funding opportunities.

Our industry, through SPRA, plays a crucial and respected role on the

national stage as a key voice at the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) table. Both here at home and in Ottawa, we advocate for the importance of parks and recreation, knowing that our work is integral to, and for, our communities and contributes to the mental and physical well-being of the people across the province and country.

Importantly, we couldn't have done any of this work without the support of the Government of Saskatchewan through Sask Lotteries, now celebrating its 50th anniversary. From 2019-2024, SPRA was a steward for the distribution of over \$33 million through partner programs like the Community Grant Program, support to Provincial Recreation Associations, and grants services like the Community Rink Affordability Grant and other policy-driven Member Grants.

As we move forward with a new 10-year strategic direction, I want to thank our dedicated members, board, staff, partners, and stakeholders for their unwavering commitment to enhancing quality of life through parks and recreation. Together, we will build a Saskatchewan that values and invests in recreation and parks, improves access for all, and connects health and well-being to the services we provide. As recreation and parks providers, we play a vital role in shaping a bright future for Saskatchewan. I look forward to all that we will accomplish in the coming years!

Darcy McLeod

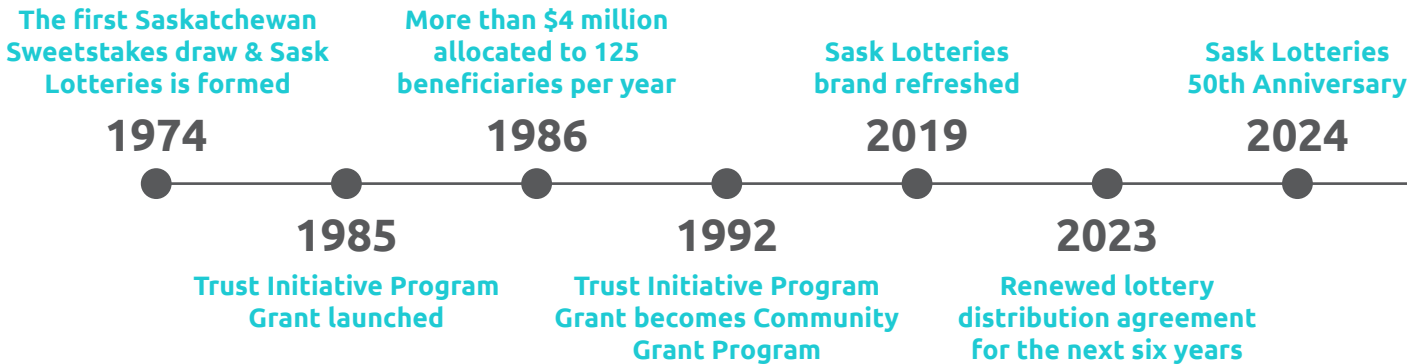
President, Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association

Celebrating 50 Years of Lotteries!

Since 1974, lottery sales in Saskatchewan have provided more than \$1.4 billion to support athletes from the grassroots level to the international stage, connect youth to artistic experiences, help residents experience the beauty of the parks that cover the province, and much more. The funding is made possible thanks to a longstanding agreement with the Government of Saskatchewan

to direct proceeds from the sale of lottery products to sport, culture, and recreation organizations. We are privileged to be a beneficiary of Sask Lotteries funding and be entrusted with an instrumental role in the distribution of these dollars alongside our partners at Sask Sport and SaskCulture. **Cheers to another 50 years, Sask Lotteries!**

Testimonial:
"I want to thank Sask Lotteries, and everyone at SPRA, for the generous and continuous financial support you are providing to the work of our organization. It was such a joy to have been approved for annual funding for the next three years. You are helping us to provide inclusive recreational opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities and their families and communities. We celebrate with you!"
– Inclusion Saskatchewan, Provincial Recreation Association and Sask Lotteries Beneficiary



Historic Lottery Photos

Beneficiary Spotlight: CMHA SK Supporting Youth Mental Health

When our industry speaks about the benefits of recreation, we often focus on the health benefits of physical exercise and active living, or the socioeconomic impacts of community recreation infrastructure. Parks and recreation experiences contribute to our mental health as much as our physical health, improving our overall well-being and enabling participation in active, thriving communities. Canadian Mental Health Association – Saskatchewan Division (CMHA SK) receives funding from Sask Lotteries through SPRA, which is divided across 10 branches throughout the province. This funding provides critical services, including psychosocial rehabilitation programming, vocational programming, drop-in centres, and various other support programs.

CMHA Rosetown had a very successful year providing mental health programming to youth and seniors in the area. In 2024, the branch facilitated a Peer and Community Sports activity to 343 students. These students were able to have meaningful conversations around mental health while playing interactive games, creating a safe space to have important conversations before they are in a crisis. CMHA Weyburn's Youth Leadership Program also had a great year, encouraging youth to engage in peer connection, develop communication skills, and foster self-confidence and an awareness of their well-being. This program was delivered to 30 students, and a partnership was created with two local schools to deliver the program to Grade 6 students.

Testimonial:
"Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association is an inspiration to our work here at CMHA. We want to extend our gratitude for blessing our non-profit organization so we can continue to provide vital and essential programming for those in need of support with their mental health. Without you, many members of our community would be struggling and experiencing hardship. Our work in the community is far from over, but with each day we get closer to achieving a healthier, balanced mind."
– Canadian Mental Health Association, Saskatchewan Division

Strengthening Unity in the Community

Following the success of their Métis jigging classes in 2021, made possible with funding from Sask Lotteries and SPRA, the Town of Porcupine Plain responded to feedback they received from participants who desired more cultural programming. Since then, Porcupine Plain and the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Eastern Region II have partnered together to host free community events focused on reconciliation and sharing the diverse cultures within the area. From this growing partnership, the event Unity in the Community was born.

Through a grant offered by the SPRA, Porcupine Plain received funding from Sask Lotteries to enhance the 2nd annual Unity in the Community event in 2024. Over 225 people came together for a day-long celebration of diversity that:

- Got people moving with square-dancing lessons from Northland Prairie Dance, and a demonstration from Porcupine Filipino Community Dancers
- Offered samples of culinary delicacies from Métis, Filipino, Ukrainian, and Norwegian heritage
- Showcased a snapshot of cultural history, education, and crafts through different booths participants could explore

It takes many hands pitching in for a day like this go off without a hitch. The volunteers from the cultural groups who worked hard on booth displays and menus and the Porcupine Plain Air Cadets Squadron who helped with setup and cleanup throughout the day were among some of the countless volunteers who helped to make Unity in the Community a repeat success.

Testimonial:
"Such events not only entertain, but educate and are integral to promote social inclusion, community involvement, and engagement, as well as reconciliation."
- Koral Kriger, Community Development Officer



Photo provided by Town of Porcupine Plain

Library Partnerships Supporting Barrier Reduction

The rising costs of participation in recreation have been at the top of our industry's mind lately, and libraries share our common goal of reducing those barriers. Teaming up with libraries is a natural fit for recreation. Through these community hubs, our funding continues to support accessible parks and recreation experiences.

Testimonial:
"It was fun to work on those passport books all summer and recommend to all to give it a try while strolling about. [Notice Nature] helps you see our beautiful countryside again with fresh eyes. Good for young and old alike!"
- Notice Nature Participant

Notice Nature Program
Established in 2021, Notice Nature is a community program encouraging outdoor play through nature-loving activities like their Nature Passport and Nature Activity Cards.

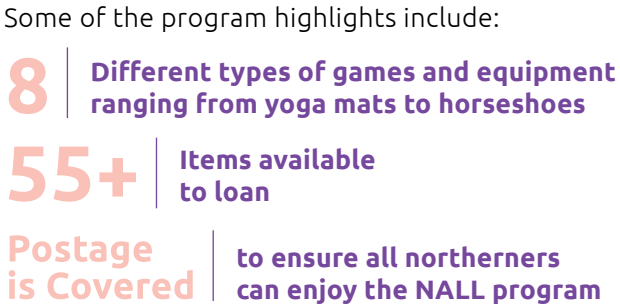
Notice Nature has expanded since its beginnings over three years ago. The program involves many partners with roots in recreation, including three Provincial Recreation Associations (4-H Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation, and Sask Outdoors), and the Rivers West District for Sport Culture and Recreation. We love seeing partnerships strengthen because of a shared love of the outdoors.

Here are some highlights from the past year of Notice Nature:



All programming is free and offered at accessible locations

Northern Active Living Library (NALL)
In 2024, the Northern Sport, Culture, and Recreation District and the Pahnkisimon Nuyeh?áh Library System partnered to introduce a lending program to offer free access to equipment and games to support northern residents and communities in leading healthy, active lives. NALL is a byproduct of these two community-minded organizations to focus on creating equitable access and physical literacy.



The selection of games and equipment NALL provides is suitable for all ages and abilities, and many can be enjoyed both indoors and outside. More information about the NALL program partnership can be found on the Pahnkisimon Nuyeh?áh Library System website.



Wilderness Workshop in Christopher Lake

Growing Moosomin's Next Generation of Volunteers

— Saskatchewan is home to more than 330,000 volunteers. We recognize the vital role they play in shaping our communities. These volunteers serve on recreation boards, coordinate community fundraisers, and dedicate their time to local Communities in Bloom (CiB) volunteer groups. The provincial and national CiB programs recognize community and volunteer efforts in community beautification, heritage, and environmental awareness projects.

In Moosomin, a remarkable group of CiB volunteers transformed the town into a destination that entices visitors to area parks, businesses, and attractions. These volunteers have been catalysts of collaboration, all to make Moosomin a better place for residents and visitors.

Their work has strengthened relationships between the town, golf club, regional park, and rural municipality, and created new opportunities to honour local history. They also partnered with the local high school's Environmental Science Class to

plant trees across the community in support of the 1,000 Trees Strategy, host clean-up days at the regional park, and improve green spaces throughout Moosomin.

The momentum of this newly formed group of volunteers has helped their hard work and dedication pay off. Thanks to these dedicated volunteers, the Pipestone Hills Golf Course, the Moosomin and District Regional Park, and the Town of Moosomin were recognized as the CiB provincial winner in 2023.

Their greatest reward has been inspiring the next generation of volunteers.

Program Facts:

From July 1, 2019-June 30, 2024:

2,368

volunteers across the province contributing to CiB

29

exemplary communities and volunteers recognized through the provincial Special Recognition Awards

51

participating communities in the provincial program



2019-2024

2 National Winners

Competitive Category

10 Provincial Winners



Youth in Moosomin helping plant trees

Regina Huda School is Taking the Lead!™

On December 14, 2023, SPRA hosted a Take the Lead! Youth Leadership Workshop at the Regina Huda School. Regina Huda School's mission as a school is "gaining the best of Canadian culture while preserving Islamic identity." This was the first year that Regina Huda School has been involved with Take the Lead!

Thanks to Take the Lead!, 52 new youth leaders at Regina Huda School were trained to lead their peers in active and engaging activities in their school community. Two new adult Leadership Coaches were also trained to support the students.

Take the Lead! has transformed recess at Regina Huda School, with roughly 300 children, from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 4, being led by their trained peers in fun activities. Since their training, these youth leaders started a garden club to engage students in keeping the schoolyard clean and helped with a speed stacking tournament.

Regina Huda School wasn't the only new participant in Take the Lead! this year. The program saw new involvement from several groups, including Settlement Support Workers in Schools in Weyburn and the surrounding area, and Regina Beach Recreation.

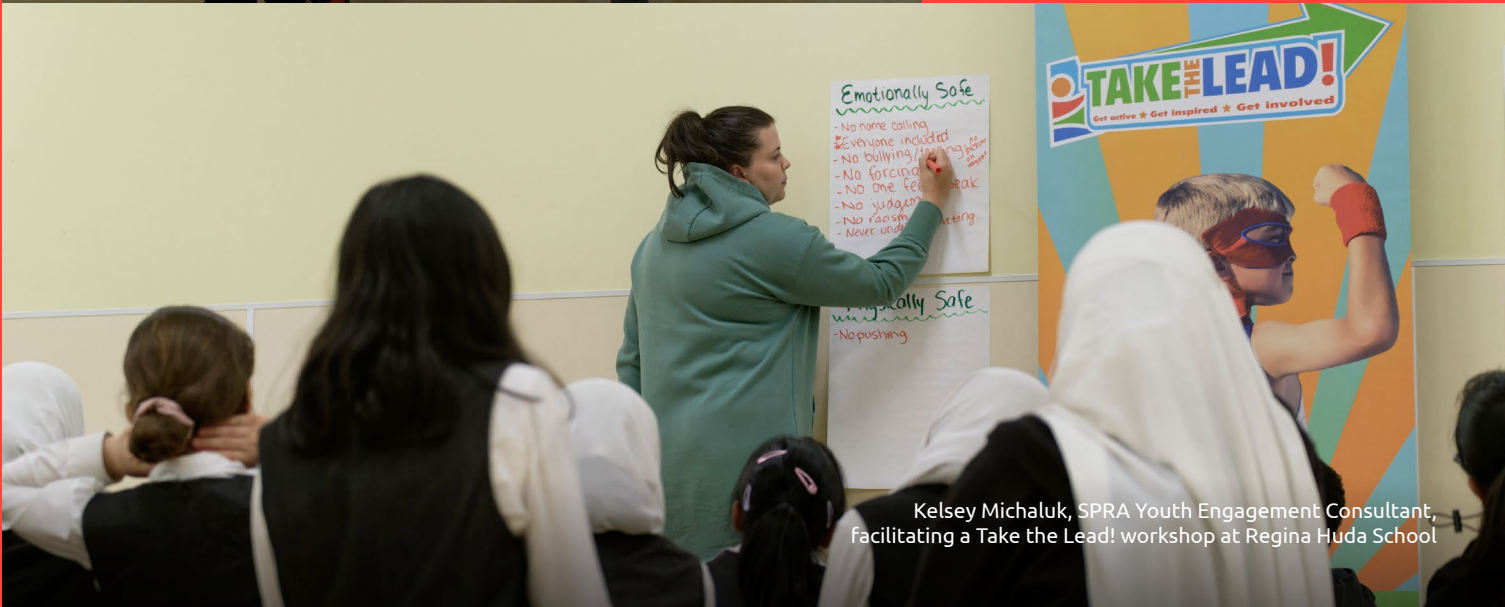


Young leaders having fun at Regina Huda School

Testimonial:

"We are an Islamic School. Many of our students are newcomers to Canada. Many of our students do not speak English as their first language. Take the Lead! is therefore a wonderful opportunity for our Grade 5 students to be given leadership opportunities."

– Regina Huda School Leadership Coach



Kelsey Michaluk, SPRA Youth Engagement Consultant, facilitating a Take the Lead! workshop at Regina Huda School



Fitness Leaders participate in group exercise at Fit Forum Saskatoon, 2024

Training Our Industry

Our industry was hit hard in the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic. With recreation facilities and community centres closed, people relied on parks and virtual options inside their home for their recreation needs. Recreation was one of the first industries called upon by the Government of Saskatchewan to reopen safely, so that residents could recreate in their communities and experience some joy and hope in their lives.

To do this right, we needed to become more innovative and adaptive in our efforts to boost sector capacity. Over the past five years, we have expanded our training opportunities, offering more virtual options than ever before, along with new in-person training events and some updated courses and events our industry relies on to provide safe, quality recreation.

Testimonials:

"I was very pleased with the course materials and setup of the training. I would also like to thank SPRA for the excellent communication and prompt responses to any questions I had throughout the entire process, from registration to completion. I felt it was managed well and would recommend it to anyone. I appreciate the format and the ability to learn the material at my own pace, according to my schedule."

– Training On Demand Participant

"The course was fantastic. As a new manager, I received great tools and knowledge to work with my team moving forward. I also appreciated learning more about the difference of management versus leadership."

– Human Resources and Leadership Course Participant, Fall Facility Leaders Forum

"Every year I come away with new ideas to use in my classes and different perspectives on how to help clients reach their potentials and overcome barriers."

– SaskMilk SaskFit Participant

New Training On Demand

- Exercise Theory
- Take the Lead! Leadership Coach
- Play Leadership
- How to Manage Large Scale and Scope Recreation Projects
- How to Manage Indoor Air Quality in Arenas
- Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders

New In-Person Networking and Training Events

- SPARKS 2024
- Fall Facility Leaders Forum
- Fit Forums (Regina and Saskatoon)
- Recreation Practitioner's Innovations Meeting

Returning Events:

- Spring Training Symposium
- SaskMilk SaskFit Conference

Community Rink Affordability Grant: Resurfacing the Social Fabric of Saskatchewan

Local ice and curling rinks are integral to the social fabric of our province. The pandemic revealed these spaces are more than hubs for fun and games, they are critical infrastructure for communities in times of crisis. We've seen just how invaluable rinks and recreation centres are during times of crisis, both locally and globally. These spaces have transformed to support public health and became emergency shelters, muster points, and community gathering spaces.

In 2020, the Community Rink Affordability Grant was welcomed back by our industry, and contributed to the care and maintenance of these spaces. In our partnership with the Government of Saskatchewan, we distributed over \$5.8 million to Saskatchewan communities over the past four years.

In 2023, we distributed grants of \$2,500 to 581 surfaces, including 376 skating rinks and 205 curling rinks.

We know those grant dollars have been put to good use. For the District of Lakeland No. 521, the grant "allows for the continued operation of the centre year-round, providing a central location for the entire community to hold meetings, art classes, and shows as well as a host of fundraising activities for other community initiatives," said Cheryl Bauer-Hyde, Treasurer of the Lakeland and District Recreational Association Inc.

Said Bauer-Hyde, because of the grant "we are able to offer six months of curling for evening leagues, daytime senior curling,

and a strong junior and after school program. The main floor, once the ice is removed, is used daily by a large number of people of all ages for pickle ball."

Testimonial:

"Our arena is the hub of our community. Our regular user groups keep the facility busy all winter long, but the increasing costs of operating an arena of this size puts pressure on these important groups. This grant helps to ease that financial pressure on families and organizations."

- Dana Stefanson, Town of Wynyard
Director of Leisure Services



Newcomer Learn to Skate Program at
Co-operative Place in Wynyard

Total Funds Distributed During Last Strategic Plan (2019-2024)

\$13,068,805

to 32 Provincial Recreation Associations

\$7.3+ Million

to Community Grant Program | Dream Brokers | Northern Community and School
Recreation Coordinator Program

\$5,862,500

to over 580 ice surfaces through the Community Rink Affordability Grant

\$5.5+ Million

to seven Sport, Culture, and Recreation Districts

\$1,241,800

to 729 initiatives through SPRA grants

\$76,000

to 30 SPRA scholarship recipients

Sparkling Innovative Consulting Solutions

Networking is so important to what we do. Maybe you've been to one of our in-person events before or struck up a conversation with us? Or, maybe you invited us to your community or organization to talk about something related to parks and recreation?

When we talk about consulting, we mean actively listening, understanding where you are at, and offering solutions where you need them. This could mean giving you advice, providing training and education, or connecting you to others in our industry.

Over the past year, what we heard loud and clear was the need for in-person networking. The Recreation Practitioner's Innovations Meeting in May, 2024 was a direct response to that need.

This one-day event welcomed 48 recreation practitioners from 32 different communities and organizations. Our goal was to offer practitioners the space to connect, discuss challenges and issues they are experiencing, and share innovative solutions. The meeting agenda was designed and driven by industry practitioners, reflecting the topics that matter most to them:

- Staffing
- Programming
- Infrastructure
- Financial Resources

Fostering meaningful dialogue and creating networking experiences doesn't end here. Our team has decades of experience helping communities, non-profit organizations, and practitioners with their parks and recreation needs.

Call, email, or connect with us in-person today.

Testimonial:

"I appreciated the open conversations and suggestions for tackling community challenges. I liked the structure – the roundtable on some of the more common/broad challenges in the morning and then the breakaway groups in the afternoon."

- Recreation Practitioner



SPRA Field Consultant Dan Gallagher networking with Robert Hanna, Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport

Connecting With Our Audiences

Relationship Building in the Field

Number of Consultations



Testimonial:

"The relationship building that has taken place with our local Field Consultant over the past 10 years is invaluable. Knowing that there is someone to talk to when there are questions, frustrations, or successes is something I appreciate."

- Recreation Practitioner

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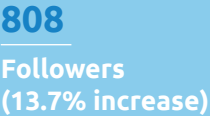
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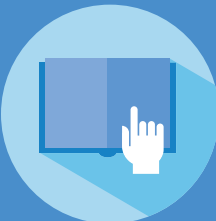
Instagram



LinkedIn



Resources Accessed | 2019-24



Reigniting the Industry

Spark: noun – a feeling or quality that causes excitement

Our industry has been gathering together since 1945. After a few years of virtual conferences, everyone was excited to connect in-person again. Enter SPARKS 2024, the latest iteration of our annual industry gathering. This new event was held in May, 2024 at Wanuskewin Heritage Park, a site where people have come together for centuries. We couldn't have chosen a more fitting place for our industry to reflect on its history and connection with the land and the people that came before us.

SPARKS 2024 was developed in collaboration with Tamarack Institute and a co-design team with representation from a diverse group of industry practitioners. Together, we created opportunities to reconnect, innovate and share promising practices, and deepen our collective commitment to the critical role that parks and recreation play in the quality of life in our communities.



SPARKS 2024:
135 Participants

from across the province joined us at Wanuskewin

Testimonial:

"Simply put, I was very impressed. SPRA understands our concerns and it showed in the event that was offered to us. While I've historically seen these events primarily as opportunities to network and visit other communities' facilities, this year I came with a desire to get a lot out of the sessions themselves and I feel that I did that in most every session."

- SPARKS Participant

11 Thought-Provoking Sessions

facilitated by world-class presenters

4 Unique Wanuskewin Experiences

providing opportunities to connect with the land and Indigenous knowledge

Participant Perspective:

60% Strongly Agreed

SPARKS helped them build or strengthen their connections with peers across the province



Martin Sampson, CEO of Canadian Parks and Recreation Association presenting at SPARKS 2024



Jody Boulet (Past SPRA Board President), MP Kelly Block, Dawn Haworth (Canadian Academy of Sport and Exercise Medicine), and Christa Costas-Bradstreet (CPRA) at the CPRA Advocacy Day event in Ottawa, Ontario

Advocacy Beyond Provincial Borders

We were honoured to represent Saskatchewan at CPRA's First Annual Advocacy Day on the Hill in Ottawa in the fall of 2023. Throughout the day, we met with various Members of Parliament and Senators and had the opportunity to engage policy makers and have invaluable conversations about our collective impact on health, well-being, and quality of life. We were proud to bring our province's voice and are confident that we left Advocacy Day on the Hill with more allies and advocates for our industry.

Then it was CPRA's turn to come to our great province! Martin Sampson, CEO, joined us for SPARKS 2024 at Wanuskewin Heritage Park. His enthusiasm for advocacy resonated with event participants.

Testimonial:

"I was very impressed with SPRA for bringing in Martin Sampson from the CPRA. Advocacy for recreation is so important and being exposed to how the CPRA is actively working and the processes that they use for connecting with policy makers and budget requests was of significant interest to me."

"The longer I'm in my role, the more invested I see the need for advocacy because oftentimes our elected officials at all levels simply seem to miss the boat on what our communities need."

- SPARKS Participant

An Innovative Lending Program

— In 2022, SPRA partnered with the Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) and the Saskatchewan Regional Parks Association (S.R.P.A.) to offer an innovative new lending program – the Regional Park Pass Lending Program. The program would allow anyone with a valid library card to borrow a pass from participating libraries and enjoy free seven-day access to nearly 100 regional parks across the province.

In 2023, the program expanded to include all regional library branches, including libraries in Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert, and university libraries in Saskatoon and Regina. The program

continued to run in the 2024 summer season – with more passes made available than in previous years.

The 2022 Regional Park Pass Lending Program won the Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance (SEDA) Marketing Innovation Award at their 2023 Summit in October. SPRA won the Award in the Population Over 5,000 category. Chief Executive Officer Todd Shafer and Strategy and Policy Consultant Leanne Schinkel accepted the award on behalf of SPRA. They are pictured with presenting sponsor Richard Schwan, Chief Banking Officer of Affinity Credit Union.



L-R: Sponsor Richard Schwan (Affinity Credit Union), Leanne Schinkel (SPRA), Todd Shafer (SPRA)

Commitment to the National Framework

— Our 2019-2024 Strategic Plan is aligned with national policies like the *Framework For Recreation in Canada*. Our grant guidelines follow this direction and empower activation of these policy directives at the grassroots level. With your help, our province is leading the country in the advancement of the five goals of the Framework.



\$2.8M

to 870+ made-in-Saskatchewan initiatives from 2019-2024

\$1,241,800

distributed through SPRA grants

\$1,597,656

distributed through the seven Sport, Culture and Recreation Districts

Funding the Framework

— To highlight some of our work funding parks and recreation across the province, here are five spotlights on local initiatives whose funding reflects the goals of the Framework.

Connecting with Nature

Initiative Funded: Planting Pride events

Organization Funded: Prairie Central District for Sport, Culture and Recreation

Key Partners: OUTSaskatoon, Humboldt and Area Pride Network, local greenhouses

This popular workshop series focuses on fostering community connection and 2SLGBTQ+ allyship. Participants dig into ways that they can help create safer spaces and allyship, and encourage participation, inclusion, and access for the 2SLGBTQ+ community. These important conversations and the opportunity for some therapeutic gardening offer common ground for learning and connecting with nature.

Testimonial:
"Thank you! What a great way to be with chosen family and celebrate and learn about pride."
- Workshop Participant

Planting pride participant. Photo provided by Prairie Central District for Sport, Culture and Recreation

Recreation Capacity

Initiative Funded: Lifeguard Certification and Training

Community Funded: Kamsack

Like many communities across the country, the Town of Kamsack was unable to operate their seasonal outdoor pool at full capacity in 2022 due to a shortage in certified aquatic staff. In response to this shortage, they developed a recruitment strategy. A key part of its implementation was supporting the certification and training of 14 lifeguards. The following season, Kamsack’s pool was able to open at full capacity and offer safe recreation and sport experiences for everyone in the community and surrounding area.

Testimonial:
“We want our facility to be a safe, inclusive, and fun place for the community and surrounding areas. Having our lifeguards and instructors hired at the necessary levels and adequately certified to handle any situation safely, appropriately, and thoroughly is critical to our long-term goals and the success of the facility.”
- Grant Applicant

Supportive Environments

Initiative Funded: Age-Friendly Communities

Funded Organization: Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism Provincial Recreation Association

Age-Friendly (AF) Communities provides a framework for enhancing the physical, mental, and social well-being of all members of communities, not just older adults. The Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism (SSM) is a passionate advocate who believes AF Communities “can and should be a key part of our focus on building healthier communities.”

SSM continued to develop relationships with provincial decision-makers at the Government of Saskatchewan, SUMA, and NDP caucus members to raise awareness

of the value of AF Communities and its connection to population health and well-being.

Nationally, SSM brings a Saskatchewan perspective through their monthly involvement with the Public Health Agency of Canada – Age-Friendly Communities Group. Their advocacy has strengthened relationships across geographic borders, united under a mutual enthusiasm for more active, engaged, and age-friendly communities.

Inclusion & Access

Initiative Funded: Welcome to Our Community Packages

Community Funded: Swift Current

Key Partner: Southwest Newcomer Welcome Centre

Welcome packages to support local newcomers in the community were translated into Hindi, Tagalog, and Ukrainian. Each package features facts about the city, transportation map, utility hook-up information, and information on area parks and recreation programs and services.

These brochures are available at the Newcomer Welcome Centre and other community spaces and help everyone feel welcomed and supported in navigating their new community and learning about all that it offers.

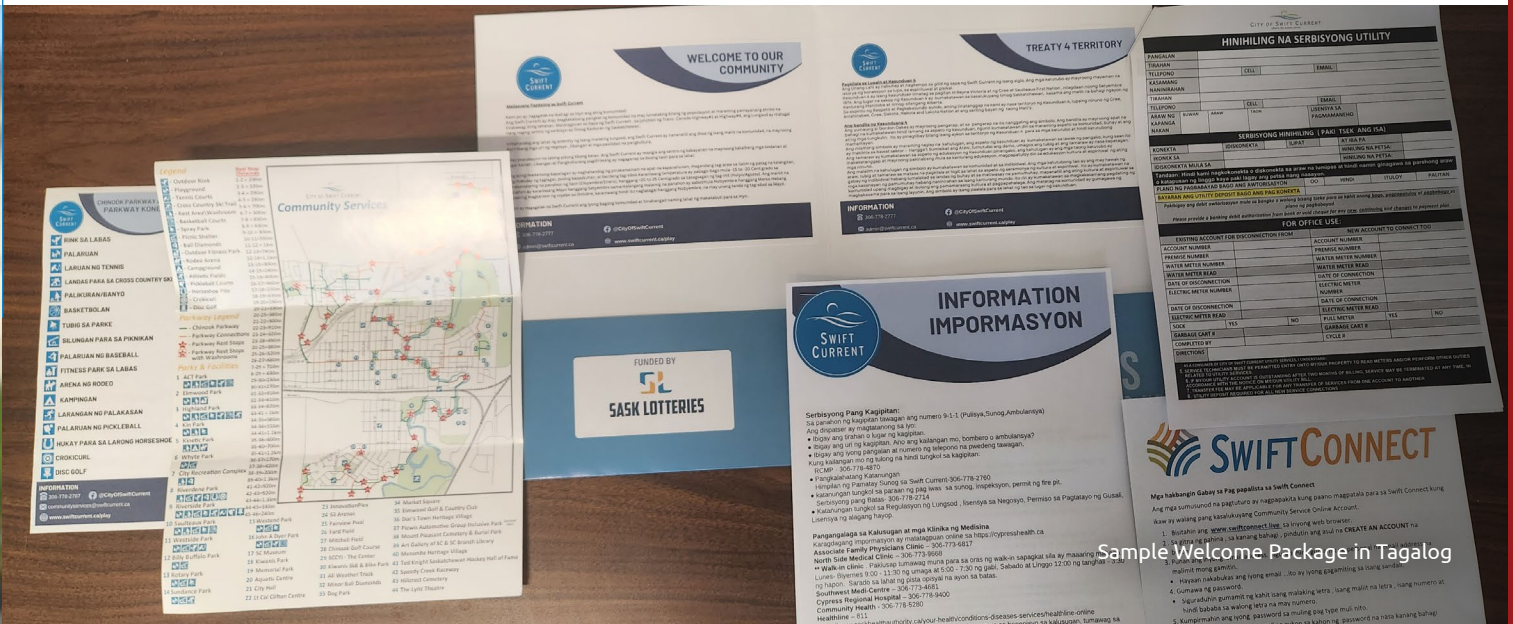
Active Living

Initiative Funded: Operations and Program Delivery

Funded Organization: BGC Battlefords Provincial Recreation Association

BGC Battlefords provides a safe place to go, positive role models, and quality recreational and educational activities for children ages 5 to 14. Funding from Sask Lotteries supports their operations and delivery of programs before and after school, during evenings and weekends, and drop-in during the summer.

Their goal of making sure kids are active for a minimum of 90 minutes a day has established healthy habits among their 765 members. 86% of participants surveyed report being more physically active because of their involvement with BGC Battlefords programs.



Sample Welcome Package in Tagalog

Financial Statements

Summarized Statement of Financial Position

At June 30, 2024

ASSETS	2024	2023
Cash	126,215	92,026
Unrestricted fund investments	3,339,330	2,915,916
Accounts receivable	43,454	49,145
GST receivable	1,362	8,743
Prepaid expenses	61,775	52,807
Capital assets	23,308	26,275
Restricted fund investments	642,067	642,067
Total	4,237,511	3,786,979

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2024	2023
Liabilities		
Accounts and adjudication payable	378,621	316,470
Post retirement benefit payable	64,866	57,596
Grants payable to funders	73,009	118,791
Deferred contributions and unearned membership revenues	347,810	66,669
	864,306	559,526
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	2,731,138	2,585,386
Restricted	642,067	642,067
	3,373,205	3,227,453
Total	4,237,511	3,786,979

Summarized Statement of Operations

Year ended June 30, 2024

REVENUE	2024	2023
Grants		
Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund	4,306,847	4,036,425
Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport	1,542,500	1,532,056
Other	14,331	14,000
	5,863,678	5,582,481
Self-generated	565,274	441,396
Total	6,428,952	6,023,877

EXPENSES	2024	2023
Board Operations	54,642	64,956
Corporate Services	1,559,701	1,467,270
Program Services	1,318,456	1,231,509
Communication, Information and Research	537,488	420,104
Field Services	2,450,157	2,298,890
Program Initiatives	362,756	212,393
Total	6,283,200	5,695,122

Excess of revenue over expenses	145,752	328,755
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