

**Melville Communiplex Grand Opening – Press Release**  
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Melville, SK – It is with great pleasure that the City of Melville hosts the Grand Opening of our new Communiplex on Friday, September 16 at 2p.m. This grand structure evolved from a dream, to a vision, to an eventual reality.

The Communiplex consists of a 1,525 seat NHL sized ice surface, a 500 seat convention centre, a walking track and a concept new to Saskatchewan - a Cardiac Care Family Fitness Centre.

The total project cost was \$25.5 million with \$8.1 million coming from the Federal Government of Canada's Building Canada Fund with an additional \$11.9 million provided by the Government of Saskatchewan. The balance of the required funding was provided through local, business and corporate donations as well as a property tax levy.

"Our Government is proud to have supported the construction of this modern community centre, which will promote healthier lifestyles," MP Garry Breitkreuz said on behalf of the Honourable Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification Canada. "During construction, this project created jobs to help stimulate the local economy."

"The Melville Communiplex project will improve the quality of life, providing a hub of activity and excitement for people in the city and surrounding area," Agriculture Minister and MLA for Melville-Saltcoats Bob Bjornerud said on behalf of Municipal Affairs Minister Darryl Hickie. "It is so much more than a building. This project is a symbol of the pride and perseverance of the people of Melville and area. Our Provincial Government is proud to play a part in this great accomplishment being celebrated."

"We are ever so grateful for the support and commitment provided by the Federal and Provincial Governments, the 29 municipalities that provided support through the Saskatchewan Government's Building Better Communities program, as well as the many different people and organizations that provided the financial and moral support to see this project to completion," Mayor Walter Streelasky said. "We invite all to attend our grand opening and see one of Saskatchewan's newest recreation and social gathering centers."

The Melville Communiplex is located at 575 2nd Ave W in Melville, Saskatchewan.

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