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Edson & Yellowhead County Recreation Multi-Use Facility Update – April 27, 2023

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An important decision has been made regarding the Multi-Use Facility that will allow the Town of Edson & Yellowhead County to move forward with the development and expansion of the existing Leisure Centre.

In spring of 2022, the Town and County began reviewing the feasibility of redeveloping the structure to find cost efficiencies that would allow for the successful implementation of this project. Redevelopment of this facility would feature: a new aquatic facility, one new ice arena and one renovated ice arena, a curling rink, and walking track. Both municipalities remain committed to exploring all options for the construction of a second arena and gymnasium.

The funding of the facility is contingent on the grant received from the Federal Government Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. The grant previously approved was specific to the previous project location in Hillendale and was for \$20 million. With that grant, the total project budget has been established at \$70 million.

In January 2023, the Town and County submitted a request to change the scope of approval of the grant to be for the redevelopment of the Edson and District Leisure Centre. On April 26, 2023, the Town and County received confirmation that the grant amendment was approved by the Federal government, and planning on the redevelopment to the Leisure Centre can continue.

In addition, after a competitive bid process, Tango Management Group has recently been contracted as the Project Manager and is working with Dialogue Design to get up to speed on the project.

“The approval of the grant amendment is great news for our region. A lot of work has been underway behind the scenes in recent months and this news will allow us to move forward to planning and building the facility we need. Our Council is committed to this project and will work with our partners at Yellowhead County to get shovels in the ground as quickly as possible.”

-Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara

“We’re very excited by the news of the grant approval. We will continue to work towards providing a responsible and efficient project for our residents.”

- Yellowhead County Mayor Wade Williams

The Town of Edson and Yellowhead County continue to plan the facility redevelopment and hope to have more detailed design information to share with the public soon.

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