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# News Release

## Glenwood Park Revitalization Project – Ribbon Cutting

**Edson, Alberta, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – The Town of Edson is thrilled to officially open the Glenwood Park Recreation Facility. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held today to mark the completion of the project.

Thanks to the Federal investment of \$326,250 through the Canada Community Revitalization Fund, a series of transformative upgrades at Glenwood Park were brought to life. The overarching vision is to create a space for recreation in that neighbourhood that is vibrant, accessible, and inclusive.

Key Highlights:

- **Facility Upgrades:** One of the major initiatives was the replacement of the wooden arena boards at the outdoor rink, making way for a cutting-edge multi-use facility with a cement base. This space will serve the community throughout the year, accommodating activities such as skating, basketball, pickleball, fitness classes, and more. A wheelchair accessible picnic space was also included on the perimeter of the rink.
- **Project Benefits:** Beyond rejuvenating the aging infrastructure of Glenwood Park, the project will cater to individuals across all age groups and abilities. The modern design will enable the Parks team to flood the rink sooner during winter, prolonging the outdoor skating season. The revamped arena has already become a hub of activity throughout the summer months.
- **Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF):** The CCRF is a two-year, \$500 million national infrastructure program to revitalize communities across Canada. The fund assisted non-profit organizations, municipalities, community groups, and Indigenous communities across Canada to build and improve community infrastructure projects. [PrairiesCan](#) is administering the CCRF in Alberta. Federal funding of \$326,250 through CCRF was provided to the Town of Edson for this project, with our community contributing the remaining 25 per cent, or \$108,750.

*“We’re very happy to see this project come to fruition and have already seen the impact it’s going to have on this neighbourhood. Recreational venues are very important to the overall health and wellbeing of a community, and we’re thrilled to partner with the Government of Canada on this project.”*

- **Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara**

“Our government’s investments through the Canada Community Revitalization Fund are enabling communities across the Prairies to revitalize public spaces into modern, accessible amenities for residents and visitors. Congratulations to the Town of Edson on today’s official opening of the Glenwood Park recreation facility as a year-round multi-sport venue that will contribute to the community’s high quality of life for years to come.”

- **The Honourable Dan Vandal, Minister for PrairiesCan**

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“Today’s grand opening is an important milestone in providing more opportunities for Edson residents and visitors to enjoy accessible and inclusive recreational activities. Our government is making investments to enrich communities across Alberta and ensuring our public spaces remain vibrant and welcoming for people of all ages and abilities.”

- ***The Honourable Randy Boissonnault, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Official Languages***

This project is directly related to two of Edson Town Council’s Strategic Priorities; Creating a Connected Community that is Safe and Inclusive, and Ensuring Quality Infrastructure.

For more information on the Canada Community Revitalization Fund, visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/prairies-economic-development/services/funding/canada-community-revitalization-fund.html>



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