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Plainsmen Arena To Get a Facelift

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – The City of Airdrie was awarded \$523,333 in federal funding under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program as a part of Canada’s Economic Action Plan for renovations to the Plainsmen Arena.

“The Plainsmen Arena is a vital and well-used recreation facility in Airdrie and as one of our oldest facilities, it is in need to be renovated to continue to be enjoyed by our residents,” says Michelle Lock, Community Services Director, City of Airdrie. “This grant will enable us to undertake these improvements and better serve the needs of the ice user groups.”

Upgrades to the arena will include rebuilding the underlying floor below the rink, improving the building envelope, updating the refrigeration system, modernizing the dressing room space, and possibly renovating the lobby area. Once completed, the renovated arena will better serve the community as a meeting place for residents and visitors pursuing various recreational activities in a safe and healthy environment. The total project cost is estimated at \$1.570 million.

“Our Government’s investment in the Plainsmen Arena will provide an immediate economic stimulus and help ensure this facility can continue to provide much-needed ice time for children in our community for years to come,” says Blake Richards, the Member of Parliament for Wild Rose.

The RInC program will invest \$500 million in recreational facilities across Canada over a two-year period. It will provide a temporary economic stimulus that will help reduce the impacts of the global recession while renewing, upgrading and expanding recreational infrastructure in Canadian communities.

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