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PASQUA FIRST NATION SPRAY PARK

Background – On December 6, 2023, nine infrastructure projects were announced in Saskatchewan through a combined investment of more than 13.5 million from the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan. The Government of Canada's \$8,852,251 funding comes from the Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream and the Green Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. The Government of Saskatchewan is investing \$4,727,697 for the five recreational and four green infrastructure projects.

Pasqua First Nation - The leadership of Pasqua First Nation is excited to announce that PFN is one of the successful recipients of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Projects. Pasqua First Nation will receive \$677,314.00 in funding to design and construct a Spray Park for the citizens of Pasqua First Nation. The Spray Park will provide a safe and healthy space for our families to bond, increase physical activity, and improve the mental, social and emotional health for its citizens. It is important to note that the design of the park is safe and functional for children with disabilities and mobility challenges. The proposed spray park system that Pasqua will be installing is a recirculating system. This essentially reuses the water repeatedly and has its own building with a water treatment system that reduces environmental impacts and conserves the PFN water supply.

"Children are a vital part of the Nation's foundation and our future leaders. The PFN spray park will create a space where families can gather in a safe, fun space conducive to family bonding, physical development and mental well-being. Seeking recreational activities can be difficult for many of our families on reserve due to lack of transportation and low income. The proposed location of the spray park is in a central area of the nation, so members have easy access to the spray park." — Chief Matthew T. Peigan

About Pasqua First Nation

Pasqua First Nation is located 60 km northeast of Regina and runs alongside Pasqua Lake in Treaty 4 territory. The reserve is home to a vibrant array of wildlife including beaver, rabbit, deer, muskrat, bears, moose and even cougars in certain areas. The registered membership of Pasqua First Nation is approximately 2,650 with roughly two-thirds living off-reserve.

Pasqua First Nation will host a Sod-Turning Ceremony this spring 2024 to commemorate this project and thank all those that have contributed to this new facility.

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