



**Meadow Lake  
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# Meadow Lake Recreation and Event Centre

Beginning a new chapter





## Beginning a new chapter...

Situated on Treaty Six lands in Northern Saskatchewan, Meadow Lake is a city that has a long-standing history of strength and dedication. From the indigenous people that predated Meadow Lake, to the fur trade, settlement and treaty that followed, our community grew to value hard-work, family and unity. The city we are today is a testament to the unwavering spirit of the individuals, families and groups that make up Meadow Lake's story.

On June 6, 2021, an important piece of Meadow Lake's history was lost when our beloved arena was destroyed in a tragic fire. A significant chapter of our story was brought to a close as we mourned the loss of what was the hub of our community for over 45 years. Not just a structure, the arena was a place where countless memories were made, friendships formed, and community gathered. Yet, in the face of adversity, we stood together and worked quickly to move forward and find a solution.

Today, we work to continue our story as we look forward to the building of the new **Meadow Lake Recreation and Event Centre**. From out of the ashes, we've been given opportunity to not only rebuild our arena, but to create a modern space where residents of Meadow Lake and neighbouring communities can gather to experience enhanced physical, cultural, and community activities for generations. Our plans are ambitious, but our resiliency and determination will see this vision realized as we set to open new doors in 2025. Together we will begin **A New Chapter for Meadow Lake**.



# Essential Elements

Given the increase of various recreational, cultural, and community-based activities we need a facility that serves a growing, diverse and engaged community. We need a vibrant hub where individuals, families, groups, and teams can gather, grow, and thrive.

After the 2021 fire, all ice activities moved to the Pine Ridge Ford Arena at Flying Dust First Nation. While the ability to use the Pine Ridge Ford Arena has been a lifeline for which we are extremely grateful, having to share one arena has emphasized our communities' need for two ice surfaces.

	<b>Address Growing Need for Space</b>	Consultations with multiple user groups have revealed a pressing need for more space. Even before the fire, space was limited, and the shortage has grown since then.
	<b>Support Youth Hockey</b>	Due to limited ice time, many eager youth are unable to join hockey teams, impacting their opportunities for participation.
	<b>Meet Challenges for Skating Club</b>	The Meadow Lake Skating Club faces ice usage challenges and lacks basic amenities like storage for skaters' belongings.
	<b>Limited Ice Time and Education</b>	Limited ice time and increased travel distance have forced some children to come late or leave school early for practice.
	<b>Provide a Home for the Senior Broncos</b>	We recognize the need to provide a new home for the Meadow Lake Senior Broncos and are excited to explore the opportunity to possibly host an SJHL team in the future.
	<b>Increase Diverse Indoor Activities</b>	Beyond ice sports, our community needs a versatile indoor facility for soccer, basketball, pickleball, track, and year-round activities.
	<b>Enhance Support for Seniors</b>	Programs like Strides, aiding in physical rehabilitation and senior social interactions lack accessible facilities, especially in colder months.
	<b>Improve Disabilities Support</b>	Nonprofits like Multiworks, assisting those with disabilities, currently travels outside of the city due to lack of adequate accessible facilities.
	<b>Upgrade Event Space</b>	In addition to sports, the new facility addresses aging concerns at our current Civic Centre. The new facility will have improved accessibility, lighting, acoustics, and overall operational effectiveness.
	<b>Host Community Events</b>	A new space for community gatherings such as banquets, grads, and weddings.

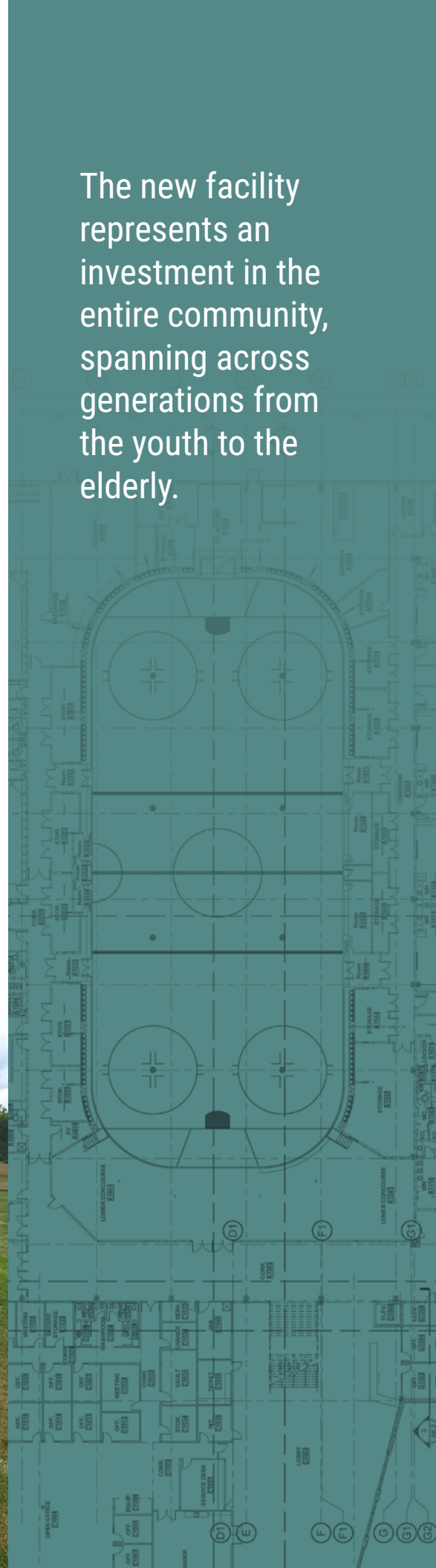
# A Compelling Plot

Sport is so much more than just games. Sport nurtures and supports more than physical and mental wellness; it cultivates discipline, teamwork, and leadership skills. It is on fields and courts where friendships have been and will continue to form, dreams grow, and young athletes learn the values of determination, perseverance, leadership, and teamwork.

In Meadow Lake, we value the importance of ice sports. Our dedication lies in ensuring that every child with aspirations of playing ice sports gets the chance to play. However, our vision extends beyond ice sports; it encompasses a year-round, inclusive space that caters to the diverse needs and aspirations of our community members.

Of the expanded potential for a wider range of activities, the new facility will encourage increased involvement in soccer. Soccer is often the first team sport many children join, the sport is very accessible thanks to the collaboration with our community associations and schools. Soccer is a sport that promotes inclusivity as it limits barriers to entry, all that is needed is a pair of runners and a ball. Soccer ranks among the top two sports in Saskatchewan in terms of participation rates and is growing quickly. This dedicated space for soccer and a wide range of other activities, will foster opportunities for our youth and community members by providing the ability to host new and larger events, concerts, meetings, cultural celebrations, and more. This is not just a Centre; it will be the gathering place for our whole community and beyond.

The new facility represents an investment in the entire community, spanning across generations from the youth to the elderly.



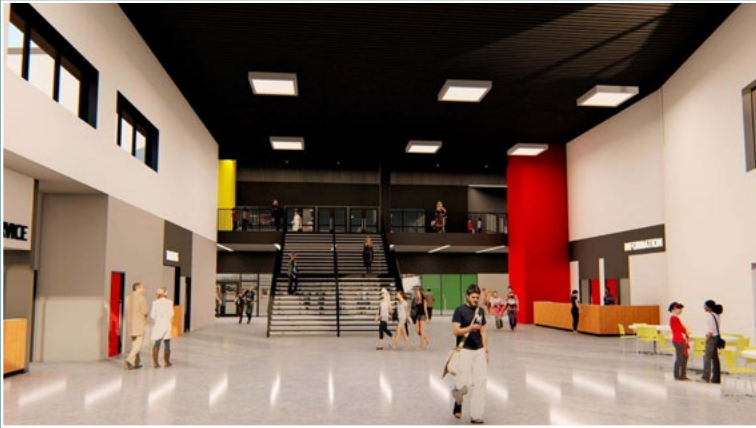
# Writing a New Chapter

The Meadow Lake Recreation and Event Centre project is a state-of-the-art facility meticulously designed to meet the diverse needs and aspirations of our community—long term. Our floorplans reveal an exciting vision of what lies ahead.



## **THE ARENA:**

At the heart of the facility stands a gleaming new ice rink that can comfortably accommodate up to 1500 spectators. With comfortable seating and outstanding acoustics, it promises an unparalleled experience for all and will support the making of lifelong memories at sporting and other events.



## **THE MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD HOUSE:**

Adjacent to the arena, the multi-purpose field house is an expansive space that encapsulates versatility. Inside, a running and walking track will provide year-long access. The fieldhouse is designed to accommodate soccer, volleyball, pickleball, basketball games, and a wide array of other indoor sports. However, the fieldhouse isn't just a space for sports; it will be a canvas for countless community and event possibilities.



## **ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE:**

We are committed to ensuring that everyone can fully participate and enjoy all the new facility has to offer. Accessibility has been a key aspect and priority of planning. Accessible washrooms are located throughout the facility. An Elevator provide easy access to all levels, ensuring that everyone can join in the excitement, regardless of their mobility.

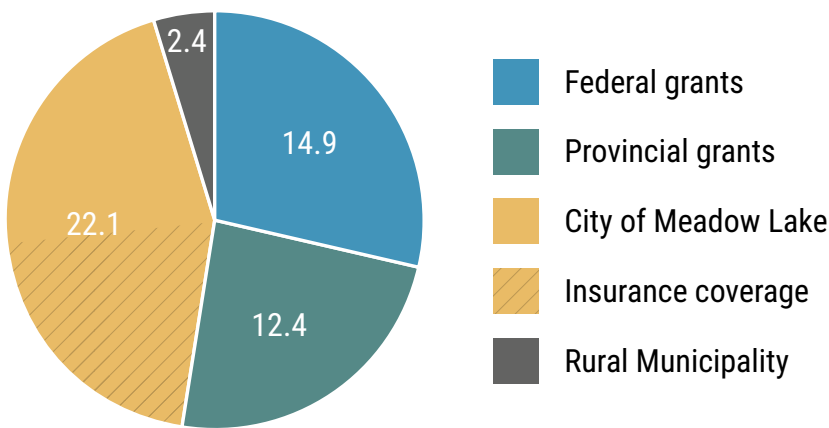
We see a future where our community gathers, where dreams take shape, and where bonds grow stronger. It's a future of which we can all be part of and proud.

# Funding

The Recreation and Event Centre is an ambitious undertaking—one that will require the full support of public and private funders. Our phased build plan includes a contingency to cover ongoing inflation in construction costs.

The cost of developing the Recreation and Event Centre, including infrastructure, outdoor and indoor facilities is expected to be **\$51.8 million** (current projections).

## Funding in Millions of Dollars

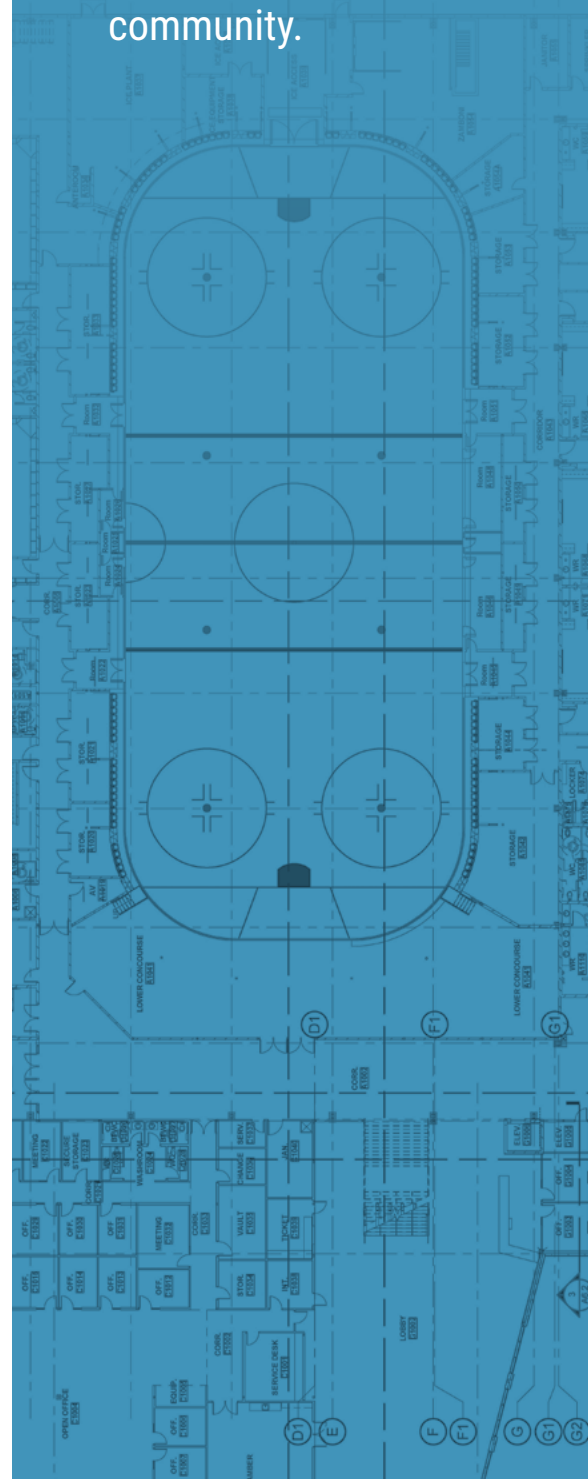


Significant funding sources have been secured, including \$27.3 million combined from the federal and provincial government. As a city, we have committed \$15 million to secure the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) and a further \$7.1 million for the field house. The fieldhouse was deemed very important by our user groups, and notably, the Rural Municipality (RM) has generously contributed \$2.4 million towards that cause, showcasing their commitment to our shared vision.

Importantly, a substantial portion of the City of Meadow Lake's commitment will be covered by insurance, with \$10.8 million already received with the potential for an additional \$2-5 million. Yet, there's work to be done. To meet the full scope of this project, a further \$6 million dollars will be needed. Rather than increase municipal taxes to address this shortfall, or reduce the scope of planned work, we are moving forward with a community fundraising campaign.

Community support is crucial in fulfilling our project vision, which is exclusively dedicated to bolstering the vibrant world of recreation and wellness within our community. This additional funding required is for the Field House and Rink alone. The funding for the new City Hall portion of this project is not part of this campaign.

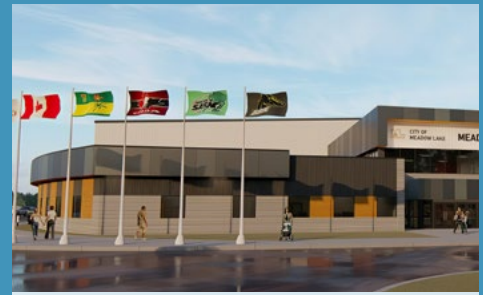
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Operation costs will draw revenue from various sources including rental income, concession, and tax dollars. We also recognize the important role that sponsorship opportunities play in maintaining the facility's vitality and upkeep. These sponsorships offer local businesses and organizations a unique chance to be an integral part of our community's journey. By becoming sponsors, they not only support a significant community asset but also benefit from heightened visibility and recognition. We invite interested businesses to explore the multitude of sponsorship options available.

**As such, we are thrilled to unveil our Beginning a New Chapter campaign goal of \$6 million. This ambitious target encompasses philanthropic gifts and sponsorships, ensuring not only the construction of our Meadow Lake Recreation Facility but also its sustainable future.**

Building on previous chapters of our community story that reverberate with community resilience, this next chapter can only be written together with the same sense of strength and commitment. With the doors expected to open in early 2025, join us in creating a vibrant future for Meadow Lake.



Needing to replace the aging and inadequate City Hall, the City decided now was the time to do so as building a new City Hall as part of the new facility made more sense financially. Long-term savings would occur in operational and programming costs. Funding for City Hall has been dedicated and already set aside. The City signed a separate contract for the City Hall portion of work with the contractor building the facility to clearly delineate the costs of the two parts of the project.



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