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## Sod Turning Puts Plans into Action on Battlefords Multipurpose Facility

Massive machinery moved dirt around in the background as The City of North Battleford, Battlefords Tribal Council (BTC) and various other dignitaries turned sod today -- officially breaking ground on the site of the Battlefords Multipurpose Facility.

"What you are seeing today has finally come to fruition because of true partnerships. It has taken a few years to get going but now the topsoil is coming off and the hope is to start construction in early 2010," said North Battleford City Manager, Jim Toye.

The City of North Battleford anticipates receiving a detailed design plan in the near future. Once built, the Battlefords Multipurpose Facility will house four components; a curling rink, performing arts centre, aquatic centre and indoor soccer field. It will be located just off Carlton Trail, east of Wal-Mart in the southeast quadrant of North Battleford.

The City of North Battleford has committed \$10 million dollars toward the project; The BTC recently promised \$2.25 million; The RM of North Battleford has pledged \$175,000; approximately \$1.1 million dollars comes from federal gas tax revenue sharing; the provincial government has pledged \$7 million and together, the federal and provincial governments have promised another \$7 million dollars for the performing arts centre. There have also been various individual donations and community fundraisers.

The City of North Battleford encourages the Battlefords and area communities to continue to help the local fundraising subcommittee achieve its fundraising goal of \$10 million dollars.

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