

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Request for Letter of Support

Convention & Cultural Event Centre Federal Funding Support for Shovel-Ready Partnership Project

Thank you to everyone who has already taken the time to send letters of support. During our recent meetings in Ottawa, it was encouraging to hear that federal officials received numerous messages advocating for our project. We are now seeking a second round of letters to emphasize that our initiative is shovel-ready and to highlight its significant impact on our community and the broader region.

We have made remarkable strides through our discussions with federal officials in Ottawa. Many potential grants could be available to support our project, and securing these funds is crucial for moving forward.

The City of Prince Albert is poised to construct an energy-efficient and fully accessible Convention & Cultural Event Centre in the Yard District, adjacent to the nearly completed Lake Country Co-op Leisure Centre. This landmark project represents a unique collaboration with the Montreal Lake Cree Nation, Lac La Ronge Indian Band, and Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation, and it will serve as an important event and recreation hub for Central and Northern Saskatchewan.

Strategically located, the Centre will not only serve our city's population of over 37,000 but will also benefit a regional catchment area of approximately 210,000 residents. We anticipate that this facility will invigorate our local economy by hosting diverse events and activities. With a modernized venue capable of accommodating major sporting events, conferences, trade shows, concerts, and cultural celebrations, Prince Albert is set to become a premier destination in Saskatchewan.

Support from community residents, partners, and stakeholders is essential in this process. Your voices can illustrate the positive effects this facility will bring from a community perspective. Please consider helping us advance this exciting project by submitting a letter of support to the Federal Government.

To assist you in crafting your message, we have included a template that outlines key points you may want to address. It is vital to express that the project is shovel-ready along with the value this new facility will bring to our local and regional communities and highlight the importance of this partnership in our journey toward reconciliation. This is your opportunity to showcase the potential of Prince Albert!

Here's how you can contribute:

Prepare and Sign Your Letter of Support

• You can create your own letter or draw inspiration from the template provided.



Submit Your Letter

• Send your letter to the Ministry Offices by email or via mail (postage-free). A list of Federal Government Ministry addresses is included on the next page.

Share a Copy

• Email a copy of your letter to me at mayor@citypa.com

Kindly submit your letter of support by Friday, January 31st, 2025.

Thank you in advance for your invaluable support of the Convention & Cultural Event Centre. Together, we can make a lasting impact on our community.

Sincerely,

Bill Powalinsky

Mayor

Prime Minister of Canada

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Minister of Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship

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