

Backgrounder on Province Of Saskatchewan's Investment in Pleasant Hill

Commitment to a New St. Mary School

- The Government of Saskatchewan will provide \$8.3 million toward construction of a new school, daycare and wellness centre.
- Providing approval-in-principle now for St. Mary Community School will enable St. Paul's RCSSD, its existing partners and the Ministry of Education to enhance existing partnerships and explore additional partnership opportunities before proceeding to detailed design. Funding for the St. Mary Community School project will be included in the Ministry of Education's capital budget next year.
- St. Mary Community School is committed to identifying the needs of the community and developing partnerships and programs to meet community needs. Currently, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, Saskatoon Tribal Council, the Department of Pediatrics and the Saskatoon Health Region have entered into a partnership focused on bringing integrated services to Saskatoon's core area families. Other community partners are also involved in the provision of health and wellness services in the school. Some of the programs and services currently offered in St. Mary include:
 - Cultural and spiritual traditions within the school, as guided by residents;
 - Community involvement through dances, after school programs, extra curricular based in the school, pediatric clinic, agility program and much more;
 - A clinic which offers three-full days of pediatric services to core area families through a partnership with representatives from Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division and the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Saskatchewan;
 - The placement of third and fourth year pediatric nursing students in the school through a partnership with the College of Nursing at the University of Saskatchewan; and
 - A Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools pilot program aimed at addressing obesity rates within low income children which uses an "elite" training module and professional kinesiologists. This program is currently run out of St. Mary Parish and is co-funded with the Saskatoon United Way and the Saskatoon Tribal Council.

Commitment to New Affordable Housing

- Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (SHC) will invest up to \$8 million for affordable housing as part of the Pleasant Hill redevelopment project.
- The City of Saskatoon's Pleasant Hill Revitalization Project will transform two blocks of deteriorated housing in Pleasant Hill into a vital, attractive, safe, and economically viable area in the heart of the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood.
- The City of Saskatoon is encouraging private developers to build on the site with the option of selling units to households through the private market; selling some of the units to third-party non-profit groups; and possibly selling units directly to SHC to be used as affordable housing.
- Third-party groups purchasing or developing units on this site could apply to SHC to access a portion of the \$8 million through the HomeFirst Rental Development Program. Individuals purchasing units for home ownership that may be available could also access funding through the HomeFirst Home Ownership Program.
- SHC will work with the City of Saskatoon to identify the prioritized proposals to ensure the proposals are consistent with the revitalization plan.