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CANADA INVESTS IN GO COMMUNITY CENTRE IN EDMONTON

Edmonton, Alberta – The Honourable Rona Ambrose, Minister of Labour, announced \$14.8 million in federal government support through the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund of Canada's Economic Action Plan for the construction of the new GO Community Centre in Edmonton. This project helps meet the city's sports and recreational needs.

"Construction of the GO Community Centre is exactly the type of project Edmonton needs to create jobs and stimulate the economy," said Minister Ambrose. "We are delivering on investments that will benefit our communities, our families and our youth. This is a great community-driven project that will make a real difference in the City of Edmonton. The GO Centre is about healthy living and strong communities."

The federal funding builds on a \$10 million commitment from the Government of Alberta made in October 2008.

"This centre represents an innovative solution that will help to overcome a growing demand for access to affordable quality indoor courts and gymnastics facilities," said Lindsay Blackett, Minister of Alberta Culture and Community Spirit. "I am confident that the funds for this project will go a long way in continuing to provide facilities for Albertans to be active and have fun."

This new 200,000 square foot facility will provide the City of Edmonton with state-of-the-art volleyball and basketball courts, a gymnastics centre, and a competition gymnasium with seating for 2,800 spectators. The centre will feature meeting spaces, community classrooms and offices, and offer special programs for teens and youth. This centre will also be capable of hosting major national and international events - attracting musical acts, sports teams, and other events to the region.

"This federal contribution is an essential component that allows construction of the GO Community Centre to commence immediately. This great, community-based facility will support those choosing a healthy and active lifestyle," said Ken Flesher, President of the GO Community Centre. "On behalf of project founder, David Dorward, and our Board of Directors, I want to sincerely thank the federal government for their commitment that makes this very worthwhile project a reality."

"The Go Centre represents a unique opportunity for the University of Alberta and Faculty of Physical Education and recreation to create a partnership with the community," said Dr. Mike Mahon, Dean of

the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation. “This facility will meet the needs of varsity teams, children, youth and adults in the community to foster increased participation in sport and physical activity.”

The new federal \$4-billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund provides funding to provincial, territorial and municipal construction-ready infrastructure projects that will be built during this year’s and next year’s construction seasons. The Government of Canada’s Economic Action Plan is accelerating and expanding the existing federal investment of \$33 billion in infrastructure with almost \$12 billion in new infrastructure stimulus funding over two years.

Canada and Alberta are making significant investments that help communities improve their infrastructure. Both governments have agreed to work together to ensure that these funds are delivered quickly and efficiently to municipalities in Alberta.

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