



**Elrose & area celebrate \$1.6 million Uniplex improvements during local Minor Hockey Day
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Today, the RM of Monet No. 257 and the Town of Elrose community gathered during local Minor Hockey Day to celebrate more than \$1.6 million of improvements to the Uniplex's skating rink.

Overall construction began in the spring of 2021. Improvements to the facility's skating arena included: a complete overhaul of its roof, an expansion to the viewing area with additional seating, improving accessibility for wheelchairs, installing a concrete floor for the ice surface, improvements to the ice plant, installation of new boards and glass, along with associated works. The majority of the overall project was completed this year with the remainder expected to be completed in 2023.

Under the Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program, the Government of Canada through Infrastructure Canada invested \$209,660 toward the project and the Government of Saskatchewan through the Ministry of Government Relations invested \$174,699. Under the Canada Community Revitalization Fund, the Government of Canada through PrairiesCan contributed an additional \$645,000. The remainder of the project was funded by the RM of Monet, the Town of Elrose and Elrose-Monet Recreation Board's community fund-raising initiatives.

The existing Uniplex at 100 Fifth Ave. W. in Elrose originally opened its curling and skating rinks in 1976 with the indoor pool opening in 1979. Run by the volunteer Elrose-Monet Recreation Board, the Uniplex receives regular funding from the Town of Elrose and the RM of Monet to operate and to improve the facility.

Minor Hockey Day occurs annually in the area and is an opportunity to come together and celebrate youth in sport.

"The renewal of the Elrose Uniplex as a year-round facility provides residents and visitors with a transformed place to play, compete and enjoy community gatherings," said the Hon. Dan Vandal, Minister for PrairiesCan. "With our government's investment in this project, community members will attend and participate in events and create lasting memories at the rink today, and for years to come."

"The Government of Saskatchewan is proud to invest more than \$174,000 toward these improvements at the Uniplex in Elrose. This work will help ensure generations of all ages will continue to be able to use this important facility for years to come, which strengthens the heart of this community and makes Saskatchewan an even better place," said the Hon. Jim Reiter, Saskatchewan's Minister of Energy and Resources and MLA for Rosetown-Elrose, on behalf of the Hon. Don McMorris, the provincial Minister of Government Relations.

"Thanks to funding from the Government of Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan, the Town of Elrose and the RM of Monet, along with the tireless dedication and fund-raising efforts of the volunteer Elrose-Monet Recreation Board, these infrastructure improvements have become a reality. Thanks to these combined efforts, the Uniplex skating rink's service life has been extended and the facility can now be used year-round for other events. The renewal of this facility means our youth, their parents and the next generation will benefit from recreation opportunities for years to come, while this updated infrastructure will make the community more attractive for new businesses and people to raise families," said Mr. Duncan Campbell, Reeve of the RM of Monet No. 257.