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### FEDERAL FUNDS SUPPORT ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES AT MAYERTHORPE EXHIBITION CENTRE

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Mayerthorpe, Alberta, March 4, 2021 – The Town of Mayerthorpe has completed accessibility upgrades at the Mayerthorpe Exhibition Centre. Upgrades included the installation of nine (9) actuators above doors, associated electrical, drywall, paint, and push-button activators to enhance user access to the facility for persons with disabilities.

Full funding for facility upgrades in the amount of \$49,533 was provided by the Government of Canada, Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF). The EAF provides funding for projects that make Canadian communities and workplaces more accessible for persons with disabilities. EAF aims to create more opportunities for persons with disabilities to take part in community activities, programs, and services, or to access employment.

The Mayerthorpe Exhibition Centre (MEC) was opened for use in 2011 and is the most frequently used public facility in town. Enjoyed by people from across the region, the facility includes a 27, 840 square foot, NHL-sized ice surface with bleacher seating for up to 325 persons, 13, 440 square feet of amenity space, and a full-service cafeteria. MEC draws visitors from far and wide for everything from shinny to movie shoots and ag fairs to rodeos, providing much welcome stimulus to the local economy.

Celebrating the investment in user access, Mayor Janet Jabush and Member of Parliament – Yellowhead, Gerald Soroka participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

“My heartfelt thanks to the Government of Canada’s Enabling Accessibility Fund. Without access to these grant funds, it would have been many years before the Town could budget for this much-needed addition to the MEC. Now, let’s get past this miserable pandemic so we can open the doors with the push of a button and start enjoying some long overdue community activities!” – Mayor Janet Jabush.

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