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## **New Jumpstart Community Rink Coming to Dakota Community Centre** New Outdoor Rink will join newly opened Fieldhouse on DCC Campus

**November 24, 2017; Winnipeg MB** - A new outdoor rink at Dakota Community Centre was announced today at an event on the track level in Dakota's new 60,000 square foot Fieldhouse, which opened last month.

The new rink was given a huge boost with a grant of \$250,000 from Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. The grant from Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities is one of the first projects announced as part of the new "Play Will Find a Way" movement, supporting projects to enhance accessibility for children of all abilities. The rink will be named the "Jumpstart Community Rink" in recognition of this commitment.

"Through Jumpstart's "Play Finds A Way" movement we're proud to help bring this project to life and make play accessible for kids of all abilities in the local community," said Scott Fraser, President of Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. "The Jumpstart Community Rink will revive The Dakota Community Centre's legacy in Winnipeg and help it continue to serve as destination for sport and play."

Also announced today through MP Terry Duguid, was the Canada 150 contribution towards the Fieldhouse, which opened its doors to the public in early October 2017.

We are proud to contribute a \$168,000 Canada 150 Federal grant to the Dakota Community Centre and Fieldhouse. This contribution will help them to continue to provide outstanding recreational services to south Winnipeg residents." – Terry Duguid, Member of Parliament for Winnipeg South.

Councillors Janice Lukes (South Winnipeg - St. Norbert) and Brian Mayes (St. Vital) have also contributed funds totalling \$50,000 through the City of Winnipeg Community Incentive Grant to support the new outdoor rink project.

"We are so proud to be able to support this thriving community centre where both outdoor and indoor sport and recreation have always flourished," said Janice Lukes, City Councillor South Winnipeg – St. Norbert. "Adding this fully accessible outdoor rink facility to Dakota CC will bring back outdoor winter fun and recreation for so many in our community."

The new Jumpstart Community Rink will be nestled in the forest, directly behind the new Fieldhouse. The existing link between the Jonathan Toews Sportsplex and the Dakota Fieldhouse, will be modified for skate/sledge traffic and provide space for warming and access to the new rink.

"The new Jumpstart Community Rink will further enhance the multi-season, multi-sport facilities at our Centre and, with the accessibility features, will provide a favourite place to play for everyone in our community", said Tom Thiessen, Board Chair of Dakota Community Centre. "We are extremely grateful to all of our funding partners and donors who continue to support the great things happening at Dakota CC and, are helping to bring this highly anticipated addition to our Centre."

Dakota Community Centre's 20+ year old outdoor rinks were demolished in 2015 to make room for the new Fieldhouse. The site for the new rink is undergoing preparations, with construction expected to be complete in late spring 2018.

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