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Beauval Secures Bid to Host the Northern Saskatchewan Sport & Cultural Festival

LA RONGE, SK - In October 2009, the Northern Village of Beauval will host the 7th Northern Saskatchewan Sport & Cultural Festival.

In August 1980, the first Northern Saskatchewan Games and Cultural Festival was held in La Ronge. The theme "Knowing Each Other" rang true as participants from throughout northern Saskatchewan, representing five regional teams, came together for a week of festivities. The overwhelming success of this gathering attributed to future Games/Festivals in 1989 in Beauval, 1993 in Cumberland House, 1997 in Buffalo Narrows, 2001 in Stony Rapids and Black Lake, and 2006 in Montreal Lake (Northern Saskatchewan Cultural Gathering).

The purpose of the 2009 Northern Saskatchewan Sport & Cultural Festival is to bring youth, families, and communities from Northern Saskatchewan together to participate in and celebrate traditional and contemporary cultural activities, athlete and coach sport development, as well as recreation and physical activity programs. The Northern Saskatchewan Sport & Cultural Festival is a program of the Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District (NSCRD) with funding from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund.

The bid to host process involved a written application and site visit. Beauval submitted a detailed bid to host application and provided an on site tour for the NSCRD Northern Saskatchewan Sport & Cultural Festival management team. "We are very pleased with Beauval's plans to host the Northern Saskatchewan Sport & Cultural Festival. The community's many facilities will provide an excellent venue for the events. The volunteer leaders' demonstrated enthusiasm and commitment to hosting this north-wide gathering", said Terri-Lynn Beavereye, chairperson on the NSCRD.

"The Northern Village of Beauval is extremely pleased to host the Northern Saskatchewan Sport & Cultural Festival, which will display the excellent and diverse communities from throughout Northern Saskatchewan. We invite the people of Saskatchewan to attend the festival where you will be blessed and privileged to witness people from the North unified in its Northern Cultural Pride", says Mayor Alex Maurice.

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