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## WHITE ROCK TO BENEFIT FROM CURLING CLUB RENOVATIONS

WHITE ROCK – White Rock residents will benefit from the renovation and expansion of the Peace Arch Curling Club, thanks to an investment of more than \$1.4 million from the federal and provincial governments. The funding is provided through the Canada-B.C. Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CBCMRIF), which enables communities across B.C. to grow as healthier, greener and more sustainable places to live.

The announcement was made today by Russ Hiebert, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Western Economic Diversification and MP for South Surrey-White Rock-Cloverdale and Gordon Hogg, MLA for Surrey-White Rock and Minister of State for ActNow BC.

“This investment will benefit White Rock residents by offering not just more functional space for curling, but also a place for everyone in the community to improve their health,” said Hiebert, on behalf of the Honourable Rona Ambrose, President of the Queen’s Privy Council for Canada, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, and Minister of Western Economic Diversification. “Our government, the Province of British Columbia and the City of White Rock, are pleased that the Peace Arch Hospital Foundation, the White Rock South Surrey Foundation and the Peace Arch Curling Club, will be able to access this facility, now and into the future.”

“Curling is part of our culture. This upgrade will refurbish a curling club with one of the highest rates of use in the province, and will make a tremendous difference to the health and well-being of the White Rock community,” said Hogg. “The funding for this project builds on a larger community vision for a centre for health improvement that focuses on chronic disease prevention and the promotion of health and wellness. I look forward to continuing our partnership with the federal government, White Rock and community organizations to bring this vision to reality.”

Schoolchildren, seniors and adults who use the Peace Arch Curling Club’s facilities will benefit from the expansion and renovations. Improvements include structural upgrades to the building as well as energy efficient enhancements to the ice plant and heating system. A 2,788-square-foot addition will provide space for change rooms, washrooms and an elevator. The project will also enable wheelchair access to the ice sheets and expand existing meeting and kitchen facilities.

“The Peace Arch Curling Club is excited to be part of an initiative that recognizes and supports the role that recreation, and specifically curling, plays in community health and well-being,” said Darrell Zbeetnoff, president of Peace Arch Curling Club. “We look forward to a rewarding and dynamic relationship with all the partners that are making this possible.”

The majority of the program funding from the CBCMRIF, which was launched in June 2006, supports communities of fewer than 250,000 people in minimizing the costs to taxpayers of local infrastructure upgrades or new construction projects.

At least 60 per cent of the funding will assist with “green projects” that are geared towards enhancing environmental sustainability, such as water and waste-water systems, public transit and environmental energy improvements. Other infrastructure projects will support local roads, cultural and recreational facilities, tourism and broadband connectivity. The funding for this project is conditionally approved pending the successful completion of an environmental assessment.

The total amount available through the CBCMRIF, with federal and provincial investments and matching local government contribution, is over \$220 million. More details on the program are available online at [www.canadabcmrif.ca](http://www.canadabcmrif.ca).

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