



Westerner Park

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# MEDIA RELEASE

## Westerner Park Acknowledges the Financial Support of the Government of Canada

**July 6, 2017 | Red Deer, AB** – Westerner Park has been granted \$245,000 as part of the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program and we are in the process of completing the upgrades to the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system in the Stockmens Pavilion.

The grant, funded by the Government of Canada, invests in projects that celebrate our shared heritage, creates jobs, and improves the lives of Canadians. Westerner Park matched the criteria for the Government of Canada's grant in order to complete the project.

"Through the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program we were able to upgrade the HVAC system in our second largest building on our property, the Stockmens Pavilion," says Ben Antifaiff, CEO and General Manager, Westerner Park. "This has increased our ability to offer Central Alberta premier facilities and be your destination for celebration."

Replacing the HVAC system is an extremely large project that included having the existing heating system removed, new duct work installed, energy efficient roof top units added, and upgraded gas and electrical connections. By making these upgrades we are able to increase the use of the facility by the public.

At just under 42,000 square feet, the Stockmens Pavilion houses over 140 events a year, supporting local charity fundraisers, agriculture events, and major trade shows, all of which generate substantial revenue for the Central Alberta region.

The upgrades to the HVAC system in the Stockmens Pavilion will be completed in time for the 2017 Westerner Days Fair & Exposition, beginning on Wednesday, July 19.

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*Westerner Park is Central Alberta's largest tradeshow, agricultural, sports, entertainment and convention facility. A not-for-profit organization supported by 50 full-time staff and 150 full-time volunteers, Westerner Park generates \$150 million annually in economic activity hosting over 1,500 events and 1.5 million visitors each year.*

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