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## Strengthening Our Community

### *M.P. Rathgeber Announces Funding for Castle Downs Park*

**St. Albert**— Today, on behalf of Minister of State (Western Economic Diversification) Lynne Yelich, local M.P. Brent Rathgeber announced \$787,313 in funding for the Castle Downs Park in Edmonton. Federal funding for this investment is being provided under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RiNC) program, a major job-creating investment from Canada's Economic Action Plan

"This important investment will have a positive impact on Edmonton. This project will create immediate jobs and improve this park as a community gathering place," said Rathgeber. "I was thrilled when I became aware that the individual Community Leagues had banded together to make this project happen. With this in mind, I worked tirelessly with Minister Yelich to have this project approved."

The project activities include constructing three distinct play parks, developing pathways with added lighting and installing holding tanks for recycled water at the spray park. A picnic shelter and washrooms will also be added to the park while the parking lot will expand and the surrounding lands will undergo landscaping. This project will benefit the area by extending the usable lifespan of the park and creating more recreational options for the 55,000 residents of Castle Downs.

"This RiNC announcement for funding support of our Park Redevelopment project is very important to the overall objectives of the redevelopment committee. Without their support, we would not be able to complete our goal to bring new, bigger and better play activities to the residents of Castle Downs" said Pat Zelenak, Chairman of the Castle Downs Park Redevelopment Committee.

In addition to the Federal funding, the City of Edmonton, through Asset Management and Public Works, has committed \$800,000 towards the project, while the Province of Alberta is contributing \$487,720 through the Community Facility Enhancement Program.

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“Castle Downs residents will benefit from these improvements to Castle Downs Park,” said Linday Blackett, Alberta’s Minister of Culture and Community Spirit. “Investments in recreation help to bring added value to communities through better quality of life. When families have greater opportunities to have fun and spend time together, everybody wins.”

“Urban park spaces and playgrounds are important to Edmonton,” said Ward 2 City Councillors Kim Krushell and Ron Hayter. “We’re pleased to invest in this park and applaud other orders of government for their contribution. This upgrade will contribute greatly to Edmonton’s quality of life for Castle Downs residents. Improved parks and playgrounds contributed to Council’s 10-year strategic vision of transforming our urban form and changing the way we live and the way we plan our cities.”

“Working alongside Minister Lukaszuk and the Castle Downs Community, our Government has delivered much needed upgrades to this park. I look forward to enjoying a rejuvenated Castle Downs Park as a staple of our community for many years to come” said Rathgeber.

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