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**CANADA'S ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN DELIVERS RESULTS:  
Minister Yelich Celebrates the Completion of Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Projects in  
Saskatchewan**

**Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, October 28, 2011** – The Honourable Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification and Member of Parliament for Blackstrap, along with Brett Fairbairn, Provost and Vice-President Academic from the University of Saskatchewan, today celebrated the successful conclusion of dozens of infrastructure projects across Saskatchewan under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, a key part of Canada's Economic Action Plan. The event also marked the completion of upgrades to the Diefenbaker Building, an important initiative that has breathed new life into the Diefenbaker Canada Centre, an important historical and cultural institution.

“Our Government delivered timely and targeted funding that created jobs and boosted our regional economy here in Saskatchewan,” said Minister Yelich. “Through Canada's Economic Action Plan, we supported more than 150 Infrastructure Stimulus Fund projects across Saskatchewan that will strengthen communities for years to come – including the Diefenbaker Building.”

Through Canada's Economic Action Plan, the Government of Canada has worked in partnership with provinces, territories and municipalities and other partners to deliver timely and targeted investment to create jobs and boost the economy.

“The renovations to the Diefenbaker Building enhance the centre's ability to interpret our national heritage and allow for expanded outreach opportunities with the greater community. It also provides superb new working space for students and researchers from across campus,” said Brett Fairbairn. “We would like to thank our federal partners for their investment in this program and the economic activity it generated, and our planning and construction teams who worked diligently to meet the project terms.”

This investment allows for greater public use of the facility, and improves the ability of the Diefenbaker Canada Centre to host national and international cultural exhibits and to conserve and display artifacts and memorabilia relating to Canada's 13th Prime Minister. This comprehensive project included conversion of existing space into a large multi-purpose events room; renovation and upgrade of the main gallery; conversion of storage space into meeting space; reconfiguration of exhibit preparation and artifact conservation areas; installation of a high-density storage system; and enhancements to the lobby.

The Government of Canada committed over \$1.3 million under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund with the University of Saskatchewan matching these funds.

Canada's Economic Action Plan committed close to \$16 billion to modernize a broad range of infrastructure including our roads, bridges, public transit, parks and water treatment facilities, and to support home ownership, help stimulate the housing sector and improve housing across Canada.

Through the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund alone, close to \$117 million was committed to more than 150 projects in communities across Saskatchewan. In every corner of the province, jobs were created when the economy needed them most. Projects ranged from the Global Transportation Hub in Regina, to new roads in Meadow Lake, to new bridges in Mount Pleasant. A complete list of funded projects in Saskatchewan is available at [infrastructure.gc.ca](http://infrastructure.gc.ca).

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