

# A changing community



In 1967, we opened the doors to our Niverville Centennial Arena. It was an ambitious project for its time as the community was much smaller and less unified than it is today. Project volunteers and community leaders worked tirelessly and eventually completed the rink, even though they needed to use rafters from an old grocery store (before recycling was fashionable).

The rink is still in use today, booked to capacity, but expensive to run and maintain. “It’s old and cold,” it’s been said.

In 1995, town leaders initiated a conversation about building a new community facility for Niverville. There were many people who supported the project, but there were opponents, too. The project did not proceed.

But just a couple of years later, in 1997, the community started to change. First, people worked diligently side-by-side to fight the Flood of the Century. Then, we rallied together to support a memorial to honour Niverville’s pioneers, war veterans, and conscientious objectors alike. It was a pivotal time in the life of our community. Tears were shed. Hearts were opened. We became one.

Since then, we have attracted more residents, including many young families. Businesses and the real estate market flourished. With this growth, though, it became clear that our beloved facilities were no longer adequate. The arena was aging; and the Niverville Heritage Centre, which still hosts many community events, was starting to burst at the

“This was once a small, more divided community and getting big projects done was difficult. But times have changed. Niverville is growing, our community is young and diverse, and—most important—we’re united in a remarkable vision for the future.”

Clarence Braun, Chair, Corporate Fundraising, Friends of Niverville

seams whenever the community gathered for graduations and Remembrance Day ceremonies.

In 2015, as in 1995, town leaders and community advocates gathered again as a think tank to consider possible solutions to Niverville’s evolving facilities challenges. This time, there was an unbridled enthusiasm to proceed. The dream of the Community Resource and Recreation Centre was born.

Focus groups were formed. Meetings were convened. Galas were held. People rolled up their sleeves and the dream took shape.

So, here we are, on the brink of another glorious turning point in our community’s story. We have raised almost 90% of the dollars we need to proceed.

This is a tremendous opportunity to enhance and enrich Niverville and to build an even greater community for our children and grandchildren. This is our home. This is our time.

**The Niverville Community Resource and Recreation Centre: an exciting and unique collaboration between the town and the Hanover School Division—the first partnership of its kind in Manitoba.**

“I moved here with my family in 2015 and it feels like home. This is a great community and I think the new centre will be good for everyone, especially young people. It will be a place to go year-round to improve your physical and mental well-being. And for young kids, it will motivate them to put down their video games and get active.”

Connor Marschall, 21 Resident of Niverville, Karate Instructor

The Community Resource and Recreation Centre will keep our residents in town for childcare and programs that would otherwise require travel. The centre will also attract people from other neighbouring communities. This all benefits local businesses and supports our future growth.

## To donate today

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329 Bronstone Dr.  
Niverville, Manitoba  
Monday to Friday  
(By appointment)

“My daughter is a figure skater and my son plays hockey, so I spend a lot of time at the rink. It’s old and cold! For that reason alone I am super-pumped for the new centre and the rink that comes with it. We’ll be able to host more and bigger tournaments. I also think that the new centre will help people make the decision to move to Niverville. As a business person, I’m excited about that.”

Cara Dowse, Business Owner, Main Street Storage, Niverville



We need your support to complete the campaign for Niverville’s state-of-the-art Community Resource and Recreation Centre.

## Close to Home

Join us as we rally together to enhance and enrich our beautiful town for people of all ages, for today, and for years to come.



Case for Support 2020



## We have grown. We have diversified. We have prospered.

In June 2020, 55 students graduated from Niverville High School. The class of 2023 will have 100 students.

New businesses are coming to town; people are moving here in remarkable numbers; many young people are choosing to stay.

With that growth comes the responsibility to invest in our community infrastructure so that our children and grandchildren can reap the benefits of living in Niverville. The new Community Resource and Recreation Centre will be a tremendous symbol of our spirit of community and our vision of excellence.

“I teach gymnastics to very young children at the arena. There have been times when I’ve had to cancel class because the power went out or the water stopped working. The available space is small, too. I can only run the program for kids up to the age of six because there is no room for more equipment. The parents of those kids are driving them elsewhere for activities. With the new rec centre, we will be able to offer more programs in town.”

Amanda Pierson, Gymnastics Coach





# Our opportunity. Our responsibility. Our time.

## Building the Niverville of tomorrow

The Community Resource and Recreation Centre will generate about 100 construction jobs and scores of full- and part-time opportunities once the centre is up and running.

Niverville will be the proud host of the 2022 Manitoba Winter Games. Our new Community Resource and Recreation Centre will be the hub of this important and exciting event. A showcase for our community!



### A Vital Hub for Our Growing Community The new pulse of Niverville

The new Community Resource and Recreation Centre will be Niverville's new flagship facility.

A place to gather. A place to connect. A place to celebrate, exercise, play, and learn. A place for people of all ages, in all seasons.

**"For me, the new community centre is a chance to explore potential opportunities and imagine how Niverville High School might utilize the venue's amenities. The new sports facilities will be great for our students and we will now be in a position to host larger tournaments. I am looking forward to working with the town and am excited to see where this partnership may lead."**

**Kimberley Funk**, Principal, Niverville High School

Niverville is Manitoba's fastest growing town. In 2019, our population was 5,200, an increase of 600 in three years. And that's after a 30% increase from 2011 to 2016.

The Community Resource and Recreation Centre will feature more than 100,000 square feet of exceptional community space, featuring the following:

- Multi-use fieldhouse
- Arena
- Indoor playground
- Childcare space
- Large community kitchen for teaching and catering
- Walking track
- Multipurpose rooms
- Museum/archival space to celebrate our community's rich history

Commemorative naming opportunities are still available. Enshrine your family's name or honour the memory of a loved one by sponsoring one of the Community Resource and Recreation Centre's signature spaces.

**For more information, please contact:**  
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## Fundraising Success to Date

Source	Contribution
Town of Niverville	\$5,000,000
Province of Manitoba	\$3,500,000
Government of Canada	\$7,800,000
Corporate and individual donations to date	\$622,226
<b>Total raised to June 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$16,922,226</b>
<b>Still needed by December 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$2,577,774</b>

We're almost there! Help turn the vision into reality!

**"How we responded to the flood of '97 really galvanized us as a community. It showed us what we could do when we all work together. That same spirit is driving this project. People are excited, they are volunteering, and there is a lot of support."**

**Libby Hanna**, Chair, Residential Fundraising, Friends of Niverville

## For Niverville and Beyond

### Opening our doors

- The new Community Resource and Recreation Centre will position Niverville to host regional tournaments and other large events.
- The Community Resource and Recreation Centre campus will attract visitors from dozens of communities around Niverville, serving a population of over 50,000.
- In this unique collaboration with Hanover School Division, Niverville's Community Resource and Recreation Centre will integrate arts, historical, and recreational elements to benefit students and the entire community. This is the first community centre of its kind in Manitoba.



Niverville is Manitoba's youngest community; 35% of our residents are under the age of 20.