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BLAIRMORE MULTI-DISTRICT PARK/SCHOOL MEDIA BACKGROUNDER

- The partners for the Blairmore Multi-District Park/school site include Sask Learning, City of Saskatoon, Saskatoon Public Schools, and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. These partners have developed a unique collaborative approach to integrate their resources (land, building, programs and services) in a common location, while continuing to respect the unique mandates of the participating partners.
- The vision for the Blairmore Multi-District Park/school site came from the community, and that is to create a destination centre, built on partnerships and community values, offering programs, activities, and services in a diverse and inclusive setting.
- The integrated complex includes two new high schools and a civic recreation centre that will serve residents living in the eight neighbourhoods west of Circle Drive, and the proposed seven new neighbourhoods within the Blairmore Suburban Development Area. Residents of the community will be able to interact and participate in education, health, culture, recreation and sports programs and activities, including city-wide programs and provincial, national and international competitions.
- The partners have agreed to integrate park development wherever possible.
- Phase I includes:
 - Opening in the fall of 2007, Tommy Douglas Collegiate will be a state of the art educational facility that will include a 450-seat theatre, four wings (on two floors) and lots of natural light for classrooms. Up to 1000 students will attend Tommy Douglas Collegiate. The cost is approximately \$21 million.
 - When it opens in fall 2007, Bethlehem Catholic High School will integrate faith and learning in a distinctive facility featuring a chapel, theatre, and two gymnasiums. This school will be welcoming and innovative in both design and operation. Bethlehem will serve up to 850 students. The cost is approximately \$25 million.
 - A civic recreation centre, opening in the fall of 2007, will include a shared weight room, two auxiliary gymnasiums (one in each school), a child programming room, and support spaces. Cost of the civic recreation center for Phase I is approximately \$7.1 million.
 - A multi-district park will be designed for City-owned land and will include outdoor sportsfields, multi-purpose fields, pathways and green space for open passive use. Cost of the design and construction of the multi-district park is \$1.9 million.
- Phase II includes:
 - In 2007, construction will begin on a connecting public corridor between the two high schools, shared central cafeteria, 50-metre competitive pool, leisure pool, spectator seating, and support spaces. The total cost for Phase II is estimated at \$27.5 million.
 - Construction for the multi-district park is scheduled for 2007 and 2008.

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