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Broad Street Pedestrian Bridge and Trail Officially Opened

Regina, Saskatchewan – Regina residents and visitors will find a wider, safer and more accessible route when they cross Wascana Lake at Broad Street. A new pedestrian bridge and trail diverting pedestrians and cyclists away from vehicle traffic on the Broad Street bridge was opened today by Regina-Qu'Appelle Member of Parliament Andrew Scheer, Saskatchewan Government Services Minister Laura Ross and Regina City Councillor Louis Browne.

“Our Government is proud to have supported a safer pathway for pedestrians crossing the Broad Street bridge,” said MP Scheer. “Through the Economic Action Plan, projects like this are happening across Regina, creating immediate jobs and strengthening our communities.”

“Saskatchewan is on the move and this includes our provincial capital,” Minister Ross said. “This latest addition to the Wascana Centre Authority will provide visitors to the park with a safe, efficient way to see one of the crown jewels of our provincial capital.”

Wascana Centre Authority (WCA) built a new 38-metre (125-foot) long pedestrian bridge on existing terminal pilings prepared during the Wascana Lake Revitalization project. Upgrades were made to the existing trail on the northwest side of the Broad Street bridge and around the bridge base to reduce soil erosion. The bridge and trail are fully wheelchair accessible. Pedestrians and cyclists can now walk or ride around the whole lake without using roadways. The federal and provincial governments provided \$283,666 each for work on the bridge and trail, while the WCA provided \$283,668.

“Wascana Centre is excited to open this much needed bridge and trail, which completes the loop around the main lake,” said Wascana Centre Authority CEO Bernadette McIntyre. “Thanks to the infrastructure funding from the three levels of government and the National Trails Coalition, Regina’s favourite trail is safe and fully accessible.”

Created in 1962, Wascana Centre is Saskatchewan's largest multi-function outdoor recreational facility. The 930-hectare (2,300 acre) parkland development surrounding a

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120-hectare lake is located in the heart of the City of Regina. Wascana Centre is governed by a board of directors with representatives from the Government of Saskatchewan, University of Regina and City of Regina.

The Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RIInC) program will invest \$500 million in recreational facilities across Canada over a two-year period. In total, Western Economic Diversification Canada has approved 718 RIInC projects that will use all of the funding available in the West. These projects are helping provide a temporary economic stimulus that will help reduce the impacts of the global downturn while renewing, upgrading and expanding recreational infrastructure in Canadian communities.

Visit the [Recreational Infrastructure Canada](#) (RIInC) program in the West, or [Canada's Economic Action Plan for more information](#).

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