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**Moose Jaw, SK - June 4, 2009** - Moose Jaw's Crescent Park was buzzing with Moose Javians of all ages today as SaskEnergy announced a four-year sponsorship commitment to the Saskatchewan Games Council during a community barbeque.

"SaskEnergy takes pride in supporting our athletes, coaches and officials, and is the first corporation to sign an agreement of this kind to provide long-term support to the Saskatchewan Games Council," said Warren Michelson, MLA, Moose Jaw North, on behalf of Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy. "SaskEnergy knows it's the volunteers that are the secret to the success of these games, which is why the Corporation will continue to be the 'Champion of Volunteers' at the 2010 Winter Games and the 2012 Summer Games, ensuring the more than 1,600 volunteers have rewarding experiences."

SaskEnergy's sponsorship will support the torch relay and volunteer components of the next Saskatchewan Winter and Summer Games with \$20,000 in cash and approx. \$20,000 in gift in kind for each games. In addition, SaskEnergy is providing the Saskatchewan Games Council with office space and furnishings for nearly five years. The total value of this commitment is approximately \$146,000.

Saskatchewan Games Council Chairperson, Brenda Dowling said, "The Saskatchewan Games Council staff is incredibly fortunate to have such comfortable office space and quality office equipment." Dowling also expressed the Council's excitement for the future of the Saskatchewan Games program. She said, "SaskEnergy's four year commitment will greatly enhance future Saskatchewan Games host community's ability to stage a successful games."

Prior to the official announcement grade five students from Ecole St. Margaret Elementary School burnt off some energy as they participated in modified versions of the 2010 Saskatchewan Winter Games Sport events.

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***About the 2010 Saskatchewan Winter Games:***

Young athletes, aspiring to become champions, come to the Saskatchewan Games to take their sport development experience to the next level. The games are a week long event divided into two halves with each half accommodating approximately 1000 athletes, coaches and managers. The 2010 Saskatchewan Winter Games will take place in Moose Jaw from February 14<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 1500 volunteers will be required to operate and deliver this event.