

Bordertown Shows How It's Done

The SaskEnergy road team ventured northwest to the Town of Macklin, situated along the Saskatchewan/Alberta border, for the fifth project day on the 2010 Home Energy Efficiency Project (HEEP) tour.

Macklin was also this year's third recipient of a \$5,000 grant, as part of our HEEP Rural Community Initiative.



Macklin, Saskatchewan, "Home of the World's Largest Bunnock"

On Wednesday, October 13th, the SaskEnergy road crew arrived at the Macklin New Horizon Senior Centre, where they found a whole HEEP of volunteers waiting to take part in a full-fledged project day. In addition to local volunteers, SaskEnergy employees from the areas of North Battleford and Unity joined in to help make homes in Macklin more energy efficient.

Thanks to the incredible volunteer support, thirteen teams of four to five people were able to make efficiency upgrades to 78 homes in Macklin in just a single day!



Scenes from the HEEP Project Day in Macklin.

After a solid morning's work, the volunteers and community residents came together for a community barbeque, hosted by the Villa Marie Assisted Living facility, to raise funds for a new heating system there. As usual, a large, natural gas barbeque was on hand, manned by one of our Service Techs from Unity, who cooked countless hotdogs and burgers for the many hungry people on hand.

Many residents of the Villa Marie Assisted Living facility were on hand to witness the cheque presentation. The \$5,000 grant from SaskEnergy, along with the \$435 made at the barbeque, will be put to a very good use -- replacing the Villa Marie's present boiler system with a brand new one.



Thanks to everyone who made the day a huge success!

"The local volunteers appreciated the time and effort by the SaskEnergy staff -- thank you for the effort put into the training and education you provided," says Kim Gartner, Project Coordinator for the HEEP event in Macklin. "Many of the volunteers commented on what a huge benefit this program will have on the community. It was a joy to visit with many homeowners in such a short time. The appreciation for not only the energy saving devices but the free product was overwhelming. It was a great day!"