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Regina, SK - A journey of many years was realized today with the official opening of mâdawêyatitân centre* in Regina's North Central neighbourhood.

Initially conceived in 2003 as the North Central Shared Facility, mâdawêyatitân centre brings together many public and community services aimed at building, strengthening and celebrating North Central, its residents and all Regina citizens who may live, work or play in the neighbourhood.

A Cree word meaning "let's be all together," mâdawêyatitân (pronounced ma-ma-waya-ta-tan) speaks to the shared use of the building and the cooperation of the partners. The centre is the first of its kind in Canada and will be offering integrated services in one central place to build and enhance the community. It brings people together to connect, to learn, to play and to develop skills and to celebrate culture.

"This centre stands today as a realization of a vision imagined by community partners and the North Central neighbourhood over a decade ago," Jeff Barber, Chair of mâdawêyatitân owners' group committee said. "Through hard work, consultation, and an ongoing commitment to that vision we are now all together in a unique, one-of-a-kind community-focused facility of which the community can be proud."

Although many individuals and organizations contributed towards to the project, there are three partners who contributed financially to the total approximate cost of \$41 million: Regina Public Schools, with the support of the Government of Saskatchewan; the City of Regina; and Regina Public Library.

Currently, tenants of mâdawêyatitân centre include:

- Scott Collegiate, Regina Public Schools
- City of Regina
- Regina Public Library's Albert Branch
- Regina Police Service
- Scott Infant and Toddler Centre Inc.
- Chili for Children
- North Central Community Association
- The neighbourhood food store provided by REACH (Regina Education Against Child Hunger)

The centre includes the high school, library, community policing centre, daycare, recreational complex and gymnasias, community centre, multipurpose room, and Elders' room. Outdoor plans for māmawēyatitān centre include a garden, basketball court, soccer pitch and a cultural space with elements drawn from Indigenous traditions. Many of the indoor rooms and facilities will be available for rental/use by all citizens of Regina.

An outdoor greenspace called the “Heart of the Site” will offer a natural sanctuary and gathering place for the community. Made possible through a generous donation from the Mosaic Company, the Heart of the Site will provide a natural learning environment for cultural teachings and storytelling, as well as create opportunity for Indigenous Knowledge Keepers and Elders to share their knowledge about care, upkeep and use of native grasses, plants, trees and shrubs.

Community programming at māmawēyatitān centre will be a mix of individual programming from the partners and tenants as well as integrated programming with contributions from a variety of partners, tenants and community organizations. The Saskatchewan Roughriders Football Club is one such community partner, and will be providing programs at the Centre for area residents.

All partners and tenants in the building will leverage the shared space to offer programs and integrated services under one roof that may have not been available before. Many of the indoor rooms and facilities will be [available for rental/use](http://regina.ca/mamaweyatitan) by all citizens of Regina, and can be accessed at: Regina.ca/mamaweyatitan.

P3 Architecture Partnership designed the building and Quorex Construction is the main contractor responsible for building the centre.

**A note on word use and spelling. There is no capitalization in the Cree language. To honour the tradition and use of the Cree language, māmawēyatitān centre will not be capitalized. Additionally, the pronoun, “the” will not be used in identification of māmawēyatitān centre.*

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