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To: Sport, Culture and Recreation Stakeholders,

The Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport has merged the Sport, Recreation and Stewardship Branch with the Cultural Planning and Development Branch to create the new ***Sport, Culture and Recreation Branch***. This merger has been in development since 2017, and officially put into operation April 2018. I will be the Executive Director of the branch and continue to support and lead our group of managers and analysts.

The primary mandate of the new Sport, Culture and Recreation Branch is consistent with the prior branches:

- Provide policy advice and regulatory services on arts, culture, recreation and sport.
- Provide and administer financial assistance to organizations and communities that contributes to the province's plan for growth.
- Develop partnerships and represent the province's interest in arts, culture, sport and recreation across provincial, federal and territorial levels of government.

Within the new Sport, Culture and Recreation Branch there are two units:

Stewardship Unit – Develops and maintains practices supporting the accountability for investments made through our third party organizations and community partners.

This includes:

- Establishing oversight processes to assure compliance to legislation, regulations and agreements.
- Reviewing of reports, planning, evaluation and impact reporting.
- Managing of routine processes such as preparing Orders in Council for board appointments and payments to third parties.

The Stewardship Unit Manager is Elizabeth Verrall (elizabeth.verrall@gov.sk.ca, 306-787-5734). Joining her in this unit are Jamie Toth, Gaya Livingston and Adam Tonita.

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Policy and Engagement Unit - Works with partners and stakeholders to develop policy and strategies to advance the sport, culture and recreation sectors.

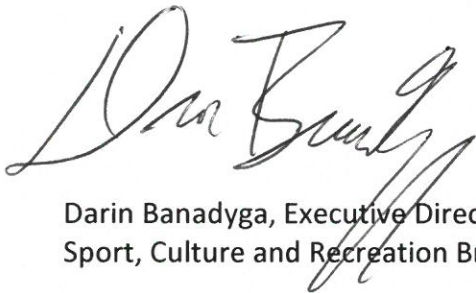
This includes:

- Participating at Federal-Provincial/Territorial Tables to ensure Saskatchewan representation.
- Consulting with third parties to promote national policies and develop, advance and/or renew Saskatchewan sector-wide policies, ensuring alignment throughout programs for greater impact.
- Conducting various reviews to ensure relevance, effectiveness and efficiencies of programs.
- Oversight of the Athletics Commission of Saskatchewan.

The Policy and Engagement Unit Director is Tracy Morey (tracy.morey@gov.sk.ca, 306-787-0691). Joining her in this unit are Dale Measner, Luke McConnell, Robert Hanna, Melanie Baumann and Augustina Osaseri.

Both units work collaboratively to support our stakeholders and the sport, culture and recreation sectors. Please call if you wish to discuss further. We look forward to working with you and your organization into the future.

Sincerely,



Darin Banadyga, Executive Director
Sport, Culture and Recreation Branch