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## Communities of Tomorrow facilitates innovation

Communities of Tomorrow is a not-for-profit enterprise that is working to foster the development and commercialization of innovative sustainable infrastructure solutions for the global marketplace. Communities of Tomorrow focuses on helping industry and researchers discover socially, economically and environmentally sustainable solutions for sewer, water, roads, bridges, waste disposal and other infrastructure systems in Saskatchewan and around the world.

Over the next 30 years, the world's population is expected to increase by 2.4 billion people. Innovative solutions will be required to meet the growing infrastructure demand, and Communities of Tomorrow is working to bring industry, researchers, municipalities and other organizations together to ensure that Saskatchewan becomes a world leader in the development and commercialization of sustainable infrastructure solutions.

Through Communities of Tomorrow, industry and researchers have access to a variety of services that will help them develop and commercialize their products and technologies. These services include market intelligence, commercialization support, financial assistance and access to the "living lab" where researchers and industries can test their products and technologies in a real environment.

By capitalizing on this unique opportunity, Communities of Tomorrow is facilitating an economic development initiative that will generate jobs, expand and create new businesses and relocate businesses to the province. Western Economic Diversification Canada, Saskatchewan Enterprise and Innovation, the City of Regina, the National Research Council and the University of Regina are all founding partners in this initiative.

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*Communities of Tomorrow fosters the development and commercialization of innovative infrastructure solutions for the global marketplace, while creating a significant economic impact in our community. The focus is to assist industry and researchers by providing research and development support leading to innovative and cutting edge products, strategies and technologies in the sustainable infrastructure sector.*

## Commercial vaccine production begins at SRC

The Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) has chalked up another first. The SRC Biosafety 2 Fermentation Pilot Plant is the only research facility in the country to receive regulatory approval to produce animal vaccines on a contract basis. Production of a new vaccine for the hog industry is already underway.

The vaccine, Coliprotec, was developed by a small Quebec based animal health company, Prevtex Microbia Inc. Coliprotec effectively controls post-weaning diarrhea in piglets that hits about one quarter of Canadian pig farms at some point in time.

Prevtex and SRC started working together in 2006 to carry out the pre-licensing testing required to secure regulatory approval by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). SRC's laboratories had to demonstrate they could produce a consistent product by testing for purity, potency and identity on three different batches of vaccine. The product was safety tested in animals using facilities at nearby VIDO (Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization).

The first commercial batch of three million doses of Coliprotec is in production at SRC's facilities and will be completed in the next few weeks. Coliprotec is the first live animal vaccine in the past decade to be developed, validated and produced entirely in Canada.

Dale Kelly, Vice President of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Food at SRC, is looking forward to more opportunities for SRC to collaborate with industry. "It's not only economic activity for Saskatoon, but it builds on our expertise and our ability to sell Saskatoon as a science centre for other clientele."

SRC's Biosafety Level 2 Fermentation Pilot Plant is located in the Atrium Building in Saskatoon. For more information about the facility, go to [www.src.sk.ca](http://www.src.sk.ca) and look under Labs/Facilities.



*(from left to right)*

*Hon. Lyle Stewart (Minister Responsible for SRC), Michel Fortin, (Prevtex CEO), Amy Friesen (SRC Research Scientist), Dr. Eric Nadeau (Prevtex Researcher), Dale Kelly (Vice President Agriculture, Biotechnology and Food) and Dr. Laurier Schramm (President and CEO, SRC).*

## Welcome to new clients

**Associated Engineering**  
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A recent addition to the Forest Centre in Prince Albert and now to the Concourse in Saskatoon, Associated Engineering specializes in the water, transportation, infrastructure and environmental sectors.

**FPIInnovations**  
104A - 116 Research Drive  
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FPIInnovations is capitalizing on Canada's fibre attributes and developing new product and market opportunities within a framework of environmental sustainability.

**Iron Solutions LLC**  
221 - 116 Research Drive  
Saskatoon

Iron Solutions LLC provides online information for heavy equipment buyers and sellers as well as an online appraisal system, guides and other equipment information.

**Saskatchewan Cancer Agency**  
(Administrative Office)  
248 - 111 Research Drive  
Saskatoon

The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency strives for excellence in patient care and cancer control by delivering effective and sustainable research, education, prevention, early detection, treatment and supportive care programs.

## Website revamped



[www.innovationplace.com](http://www.innovationplace.com)

The Innovation Place website has received a flashy upgrade.

Want to book squash courts in Saskatoon? Just head to the Fitness Centre under Community.

Looking to book meeting rooms? Head to the Meeting Rooms section under Services.

You can also use the animated maps to navigate the parks or to find the location of a specific client.

Those are just a few examples. Give the site a test drive and send in your thoughts and feedback to [webmaster@innovationplace.com](mailto:webmaster@innovationplace.com).

## Entrepreneurial Foundation of Saskatchewan Small business booster

Saskatchewan's hot economy is a "double edged sword" according to the CEO of the Entrepreneurial Foundation of Saskatchewan, Ben Voss. "On the plus side there's plenty of optimism and there's investment dollars coming out of the woodwork. On the downside, with so many good corporate jobs out there, people don't have the same incentive to start their own company."

While the lure of a regular pay cheque may distract some potential entrepreneurs, many others are hoping to jump on the boom bandwagon with their own venture. If they've got a great idea, determination and a solid business plan, the Entrepreneurial Foundation may be able to help them secure that last final ingredient - cash.

Since its inception in November 2005, the non-profit, independent organization has provided advisory services, training and mentorship to almost 350 individuals looking to start or expand their own business. The Foundation was able to help 17 entrepreneurs secure a total of \$11.7 million in investment capital from 21 different investors.

"There's no one dominant sector or location for the companies we've worked with," says Voss. The businesses have ranged from traditional manufacturing and agriculture related companies, to oil and gas service providers, IT and financial services. Sixty percent of the companies are in rural areas.

Voss says the Foundation is always looking for more opportunities to invest in and he'd like to see more science and technology related companies. "It's times like this, when the economy is booming, that we need to take the wealth we're creating and invest in more diversified areas so when the natural resources economy fades, we have other areas to go to."

The Entrepreneurial Foundation of Saskatchewan has offices on the second floor of the Concourse building at Innovation Place in Saskatoon, and in downtown Regina. For more information, visit [www.efsk.ca](http://www.efsk.ca).

## Sustainable building recognition

Innovation Place continues to lead the way in sustainable building design and operation. The Terrace in Regina is now the third Innovation Place building to receive the Go Green Plus certification from the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA). The Terrace, the Concourse in Saskatoon and the Forest Centre in Prince Albert are the only buildings in the province to receive this level of certification.

The BOMA Go Green program is a national environmental recognition and certification program for commercial buildings in Canada. It provides the tools to enable building owners to reduce energy consumption and operating costs, as well as improve waste management.



*Cathy Hallett, President of BOMA Regina, presents Ken Loepky, Vice President Research Park Operations for Innovation Place and Myron Exner, Maintenance Supervisor, Innovation Place in Regina, with the Go Green Plus certificate.*

*Below: A view of the Terrace as fat flakes of snow cover the landscape.*



## Join the fun with YIPEE!

The events are fun, sometimes even silly. But sharing a laugh is often the best way to form new friendships, and sometimes new friendships lead to new collaborative opportunities, new innovations and new business. That's the premise behind YIPEE! (Young Innovation Place Entrepreneur Exchange) found at Innovation Place in Saskatoon.

Approaching its second anniversary this spring, YIPEE! has grown in both membership and presence. Events held by the networking group have ranged from "designing" the next Innovation Place building, to barbeques, board game nights and holiday parties. Selling ice cream in the hot summer of 2006 and entering a team in the Innovation Place Slo-Pitch league have made YIPEE! an integral part of the Innovation Place community.

As part of YIPEE!'s evolution, a new Grand Council has been formed. Made up of six park client employees and two Innovation Place representatives, it is headed by YIPEE! President Fred Amaya, who is also the Innovation Place Client Services Representative.

"More people are getting involved in YIPEE! and that's helping us to expand our resources and idea bank," says Amaya. "We're planning some new events that will get people interacting in new ways, including bringing in speakers of particular relevance for young professionals."

If you are interested in meeting new people and having a good time, you are invited to find out more about YIPEE! at [www.innovationplace.com](http://www.innovationplace.com) under Community, or contact YIPEE! at [yipee@innovationplace.com](mailto:yipee@innovationplace.com).

### ***Did you know?***

There are a lot of young people working at Innovation Place facilities. According to the May 2007 general client survey 44.3 percent of people working at Innovation Place in Saskatoon are under 36 years of age; 35.9 percent in Regina and 16.1 percent in the Forest Centre in Prince Albert.



*Six of the eight YIPEE! Grand Council Members: (left to right) Fred Amaya, Jordan Rutherford (as Santa), Ashley Ponak, Kalindi Dill, Darcy Pawlik and Jaime Clifford. (missing) Chris Dmytruk and Dave Palibroda.*

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