

Home & yard

SIRC looking to score fundraising support

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Although the ice may be melted at the Warren arena, there are still bills to be paid and plans are in the work for the South Interlake Recreation Centre (SIRC) to plant its annual fundraiser crop.

A group of local farmers have been pitching in to raise funds to keep the facility functioning since 1999.

The fundraiser crop initially came to fruition in the early stages when community members were raising funds to build the Sunova Arena in Warren.

The fundraiser crop helped finance the initial build and has since helped fund continued improvements and kept sports at the arena more affordable for all users.

The generosity of current landowners, the Balan family, the support of crop input supply companies and local farmers aid in the success of the fundraiser that has raised in excess of \$700,000 over the past 22 years.

The fundraiser crop has all inputs

associated with the annual crop production donated by local crop supply companies and area farmers. Over the years, numerous crop supply companies have donated seed, crop protection products, fertilizer and custom application. Local producers have also contributed to input purchases and provided equipment, fuel, and time to make sure the crop is seeded, sprayed, harvested, and delivered to the elevator.

The land rented for the crop at the current field and the previous field provided for many years by the Kotelko family is rented at a favourable rate for the project to provide a strong return.

A large gathering of harvest equipment is the usual means to finish off the year and haul the harvested crop to the elevator for sale.

With so much of the costs of production generously donated, the fundraiser crop nets a healthy contribution to the arena's finances. This income



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A group of local farmers celebrate a successful fundraiser crop harvest just north of Warren in 2019.

being a much needed cash injection to keep the facility moving forward.

The SIRC plans to grow soybeans this season. For producers interested in volunteering equipment for seeding, rolling, spraying or harvest and to find out how you can contribute at your local crop supply retail or directly to the project please contact Craig Riddell 204-227-5679 or [\[dellseed.com\]\(mailto:dellseed.com\).](mailto:craig@rid-</p>
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With the uncertainty of the ongoing pandemic, the success of the 2021 fundraising crop is more important than ever to help the SIRC to operate the facility.

The SIRC is grateful to the generous sponsors and contributing farmers and has their sights set on scoring another successful crop return.

SOUTH INTERLAKE PLANNING

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- Is attached to a building; or
- Has walls or a roof; or
- Is intended to support a structure such as a hot tub or pergola.



You do **NOT** need a permit for an unenclosed or detached deck less than two feet in height, or for an unenclosed attached deck of 50 ft² or less in floor area.

Permits help ensure that buildings and structures meet the *Manitoba Building Code*, which in turn increases the level of safety for everyone.

If you are unsure whether your project requires a permit or not, or if you have any questions, please contact the SIPD office at 204-467-5587 and we'd be happy to assist you! More information is also available on our website: www.sipd.ca

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