

# Premier keeping promise in Lorette

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Premier Wab Kinew visited Lorette on Aug. 23 to announce his pre-election promise is still going through.

Last September, Kinew promised his government would give \$5 million to the new Tache Community Centre if they were elected. Now that they have a majority in the legislature, he assured the town that it's still happening.

The premier, Tache Mayor Armand Poirier, Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations Ian Bushie and several other MLAs held a press conference at the site where shovels are set to hit dirt this fall.



ALEX LAMBERT THE CARILLON - Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew came to Lorette, to deliver on an election promise.

"We're very honoured to say that we've been hard at work, and we decided to come back here today to make good on a commitment, and we're bringing the \$5 million to get this arena built," Kinew said.

Work is expected to start before winter, with completion planned for Spring 2026.

Kinew highlighted why he thinks recreation centres are so important, not only to stay active but to make memories.

"As a hockey parent, as a fellow sports parent just like so many Manitoba families, I can tell you that so many of the most special moments that we spend with our kids, happen in places like this," he said.

"Whether it's watching that first goal, whether it's being there to console after a tough loss, or it's just standing around the concession stand in between periods. So many of the special moments in our lives as Manitobans happen in facilities like this, and that's really what we're investing in."



ALEX LAMBERT THE CARILLON - Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations Ian Bushie speaks in Lorette, Man. about the new arena in town.

"We hope that we can come back very, very soon to see a beautiful new facility in full operation," said Kinew. "The way we're building this arena in Lorette (is) very demure, very mindful."

Bushie said the government acknowledges how long the community has been wanting a new arena. He also explained why it's important that the new one is almost here.

"Our government realizes the need for this new facility to meet the current and future needs of your community," said Bushie. "So that youth have opportunities to play sports, learn new skills and experience new things."

Poirier said he's very happy to see the donation come in, and he's very grateful for the financial help.

"On behalf of the Rural Municipality of Tache, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Premier Kinew and Minister Bushie for their continued support and for the significant financial contribution to our community," Poirier said. "We're truly grateful for the investment you're making on the future of our region."



ALEX LAMBERT THE CARILLON - RM of Tache Mayor Armand Poirier speaks at the new site of the Lorette arena in Lorette, Man. on Aug. 23, 2024.

The teams who play out of Lorette will continue to play out of the old arena until the new centre opens. The old arena will be torn down eventually, although no timeline was given.