



Bayer Canada
Crop Science Division
900 – One Research Road
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3T 6E3
Phone (204) 985-1046
Fax (204) 488-1577

Local Aquatic Centre Makes Upgrades with Support from the Bayer Fund

Hamiota Aquatic Centre is a recipient of last year's Canada's Farmers Grow Communities program.

July 8, 2019 – Hamiota, MB – Local swimmers will notice a welcome upgrade to the pool thanks to support from the Bayer Fund. The Hamiota Aquatic Centre was awarded \$2,500 through the Bayer Fund's 2018 Canada's Farmers Grow Communities (CFGC) program to make renovations to the facility.

"Our Hamiota facility has over 500 kids come from all over for swimming lessons every summer," says Bonnie Michaudville, recreation director at Midwest Recreation District. "When I got the email that we had won, I was in shock,"

With support from the Bayer Fund, the aquatic centre has invested in fixing the pool liner, which had become brittle due to aging and was separating from the pool's foundation. A portion of the funds also went towards new non-slip flooring in the changing rooms, as well as a new pool pump.

The Canada's Farmers Grow Communities program is aimed at strengthening rural communities by equipping local non-profit organizations with funds to carry out much needed community work. The aim is for farmers to help improve the lives of many people living in rural communities.

"Bayer recognizes the value of having thriving rural communities across Canada," said Trish Jordan, Director of Public & Industry Affairs at Bayer CropScience.

"The Hamiota Aquatic Centre is an important fixture in the community, enjoyed by citizens all ages, and we are proud to support these renovations."

Dale Little, a local canola, wheat, and oat farmer who nominated the aquatic centre for the grant, was out in his fields when he found out the news. Little said he was in disbelief that the aquatic centre had been chosen to receive the grant.

"I nominated this organization because sports and physical activity are a very large part of our small community," said Little. "Very few communities can boast such a great facility and keeping it operational is beneficial in our community and beyond."

The Bayer Fund, the philanthropic arm of Bayer, has funded the Canada's Farmers Grow Communities program to provide a total of 66 grants, each valued at \$2,500, to charitable and not-for-profit groups nominated by farmers.

For more information, media may contact:

Trish Jordan
Industry and Public Affairs Director
(204) 985-1005
trish.jordan@bayer.com