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## **SOMERSET COMMUNITY HALL RECEIVES FUNDING FROM WESTOBA INSPIRE**

**Somerset, MB** – The Somerset Community Hall Committee is thrilled to receive \$15,000.00 from the Westoba Credit Union Inspire Program to create accessible washroom facilities at the Somerset Community Hall.

The funds will be used to update the hall facilities to meet current accessibility requirements. "The current handicap stalls are not large enough for a person in a wheelchair to be able to use the washroom and the sinks are also not accessible for someone in a wheelchair," said Rick Sierens President of the Somerset Community Hall Board.

"We host a number of community events such as the Fall Supper, Hall Walking for Seniors, Daycare events such as a Halloween Carnival, Casino Social Night, Dance fundraisers for couples, Grad events and more, said Sierens. "Almost every event includes people who are elderly or people who are disabled and need handicap washroom access."

Westoba Branch Manager for Swan Lake and Pilot Mound and resident of Somerset, Jackie Shoemaker said these projects are an important part of the community well-being.

"It is so important to give back to our local communities for their projects to keep our towns alive and thriving," said Shoemaker. "Being part of a cooperative is just that- giving back; I am very excited to be able to be part of this exciting news and we look forward to being involved in more Somerset events."

The funding from Westoba Inspire is part of Westoba's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and will be used to upgrade the washroom facilities in the hall with completion of the project aimed at fall of 2023.

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### **ABOUT INSPIRE AND WESTOBA CREDIT UNION**

Westoba is a full-service financial cooperative centralized in Brandon, Manitoba employing approximately 200 people with 13 branch locations. Westoba Inspire is Westoba's community investment program available to projects that support community infrastructure and promote staying, participating, and engaging in an enriched community.

2023 marks 60 years of business success for Westoba. To show appreciation to the members and our communities, Westoba is giving away \$60,000 in Inspire funding this year. Next application intake is September 1 – 30. Visit [www.westoba.com](http://www.westoba.com) for details.

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