



Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie

SOUTHPORT FIELDHOUSE INFORMATION

Community Sports & Recreation Hub – Fieldhouse Overview

The City of Portage la Prairie, RM of Portage la Prairie, and Southport Aerospace Centre Inc. have partnered to develop a conceptual design for a new regional fieldhouse, creating exceptional recreational opportunities for our region. This partnership, which began in 2025, has recently received tremendous support from the Province of Manitoba, contributing \$5,000,000 toward construction. The Fieldhouse is envisioned as a vibrant community hub where athletes, families, and residents of all ages can stay active, connect, and thrive. While additional approvals are still required to move the project forward, stakeholder engagement remains a key part of the process to ensure the right decisions are made for the long-term benefit of our region. Together, this project represents a bold step toward enhancing recreation, wellness, and community engagement across the region.

Recreation doesn't stop at city boundaries, and access shouldn't either. Southport Aerospace Centre Inc. sits within the RM, just 5km south of the City of Portage la Prairie. It's central, accessible, and positioned to serve the entire region.

Southport has experience operating and managing recreational facilities. Adding a fieldhouse to existing recreation spaces creates something bigger than a single building; it creates a hub, a multi-use, multi-generational centre for activity and connection.



Why a Fieldhouse?



In Manitoba, our long winters naturally support indoor sports like hockey and basketball, while field sports such as soccer, football, and baseball are limited to a short outdoor season. At the same time, interest and participation in these field sports continues to grow.

Across the province, communities are responding by building indoor turf facilities (fieldhouses) to provide year-round access to training, recreation, and competition space. However, the majority of these facilities are located in Winnipeg, leaving much of rural Manitoba without similar opportunities.

This presents a clear opportunity. By developing a fieldhouse in the Portage la Prairie region, we can create a year-round sports and recreation facility that currently does not exist within an 80 km radius — expanding access, supporting local athletes, and strengthening our regional community.

The fieldhouse will be located just South of Central Plains RecPlex (Southport), with an adjoining hallway to the RecPlex.

Fieldhouse Specks:

- Current conceptual designs of the fieldhouse include a turf (field) of approximately 21,500 sq feet. To accommodate a 7 v 7 soccer game, or two 5 v 5 games
 - These current measurements set this facility to be the largest indoor fieldhouse in the province, outside of Winnipeg
- Ground level (tiered bleacher style) seating for approximately 100-150 spectators is planned as a spectator space
- Supporting spaces such as washrooms, changerooms, supply rooms, multipurpose room, etc. estimated at 11,000 sq ft
- Total sq ft: 32,500 sq feet

The Fieldhouse will be available for:

- Field sport tournaments, games and practices
- Land training
- Exercise clubs and camps
- Youth programs
- Walking clubs
- Hard floor banquets and conferences with a temporary hard floor system

Expected Operating Hours and Pricing:

- The facility will be open 7 days a week, all year round. Hours are expected to match the Central Plains RecPlex (8:00 am - 10:00 pm), although subject to change based on community need
- A new parking lot is planned to support patrons of the new fieldhouse facility
- Rental rates will be based on market value in the surrounding area. The facility will have prime and non-prime hours with rates set accordingly. Additionally, the facility will offer full field or half field rates

Estimated Taxpayer Impact:

The anticipated impact for Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie taxpayers is outlined below:

Property Classification	Residential	Commercial	Agricultural
Total Property Assessed Value	\$350,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Estimated Annual Increase in Municipal Taxes to Fund Portage Regional Fieldhouse	\$60/year	\$250/year	\$100/year
Duration of Municipal Tax Increase	20 years		
Estimated Total Contribution for Over 20 Years	\$1,200	\$5,000	\$2,000

The Future Aircrew Training at Southport or other significant growth in the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie may reduce these amounts in the future.

Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie taxpayers can request their anticipated impact by contacting the office by email at info@rmofportage.ca or by calling (204) 857-3821.