



SASKATCHEWAN COUNCIL FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INC.

NEWS RELEASE

SCCD adopts new bylaws and elects youth board member

Saskatoon (November 16, 2006) – The Saskatchewan Council for Community Development Inc. (SCCD) approved a new set of bylaws and three amendments to its articles of incorporation while electing a new youth-designate member to the Board of Directors at a Special General Meeting held on Monday, October 23 in Saskatoon.

SCCD, the secretariat for the Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food Saskatchewan (ACAAFS) and Biofuels for Producers Initiative (BOPI) programs funded by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), adopted three amendments to its articles of incorporation. Those amendments include shifting to one class of membership, a requirement for directors to be full members of SCCD, and the adoption of a flexible number of directors who may sit on the Board, which is now six to twelve.

“Our members are dedicated to the future of SCCD and addressed our inconsistencies and structural weaknesses,” said Garth Patterson, SCCD Chair. “SCCD is now a stronger organization and we are more representative of the agriculture and agri-food sector, which will allow us to play a significant role in development of Saskatchewan communities.”

The adoption of the new set of bylaws allowed SCCD to hold an election for the new youth designate position on the Board of Directors. Jason Dean of the Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association was elected among three outstanding candidates. The election of the youth designate allows SCCD to fulfil a requirement of AAFC for all provincial and territorial industry councils delivering the ACAAF program to have a youth position on their board.

Jason Dean joins the current board for a three-year term, at the expiry of which he may run for another three year term. He joins an SCCD Board of Directors that includes:

- Mr. Garth Patterson, Chair – Saskatchewan Pulse Growers
- Ms. Valerie Pearson, Vice Chair – Saskatchewan 4-H
- Dr. Ashley O’Sullivan – Ag-West Bio Inc.
- Ms. Celine Favreau – Saskatchewan Economic Developers Association
- Mr. Darrell Schneider – Saskatchewan Food Processors Association Inc.
- Mr. Neil Ketilson – Saskatchewan Pork Development Board
- Mr. Murray Purcell – Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities

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“SCCD will still take an active role in community development in Saskatchewan, although we are now more focused on community and agricultural development challenges and opportunities,” said Patterson. “The Board will be developing a strategic plan for SCCD, and we are convinced that SCCD will evolve into an organization that is attentive, flexible and strategically responsive to the issues and priorities of the agriculture and agri-food sector and communities in Saskatchewan.”

The ACAAF program is a five year, \$243 million program designed to position Canada’s agriculture and agri-food sector at the leading edge to capture new opportunities. Saskatchewan’s share of the ACAAF program is \$3,227,845 annually, with an additional \$484,177 for Collective Outcome projects.

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