



## **ICIP COVID South River Machar Arena Grant Announcement – Jun 2021**

The Village of South River and the Township of Machar are pleased to announce we have received \$160,000 from the Government of Canada and \$40,000 from the Province of Ontario. This \$200,000 contribution will be used to install backup generators and update the kitchen in the South River Machar Arena and Community Hall.

The Village and the Township are very appreciative of this grant for generators that will allow our citizens, businesses, clubs, user groups and many others to use the facility with confidence without the worry of any potential power disruption.

The generators will also be available should the facility need to act as an emergency shelter. The upgrades of kitchen equipment and counters will allow community groups to continue hosting events and also be available should an emergency require cooking facilities.

These upgrades had been desired for many years but were not financially possible without support from the Province and Canada.

*“On behalf of the South River Council and the residents in this community I would like to express our sincere thanks to both the Federal and Provincial Governments for this combined grant of \$200,000 for capital projects at the South River-Machar Arena. This will be a great help to both our community and the Township of Machar as we undertake our work.”* said Mayor Coleman

*“We’re thrilled to recognize this substantial funding achieved through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program ~ Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream to be used for generators and kitchen upgrades at the Arena. Machar Council has long been a proponent of these upgrades and actively pursued these improvements to the facility for our citizens and user groups. We’re extremely thankful to the Provincial and Federal Governments for their investment in our community.”* ~ Mayor Lynda Carleton