

i-plex History

The earliest construction on the Centennial Civic Centre started in 1967, the year of Canada's centennial. The building of the Civic Centre placed Swift Current among the foremost cities with comfortable rink facilities. In addition to a modern ice arena, the facility also provided a venue for a number of teen activities and spectacular events for the adults. These ranged from a band stand to a banquet room with a 450 person seating capacity. The site was approximately 30-acres and provided plenty of space for parking, outdoor games, and a park with picnic facilities with the building. The construction of the Centennial Civic Centre was said to be the most ambitious of the projects in the province that year.

Before a full decade of the Civic Centre history passed, it went through a state of destruction. In 1976 a terrible wind storm tore through Swift Current, opening both ends of the arena. The City Council agreed to build an additional section on the Civic Centre following the storm in July. The addition would include two new dressing rooms, a room to house the zamboni, and a storage area.



In the next 30 years of operation, the Civic Centre played host to many fabulous events including the Red Carpet Showcase of the Visual Arts and the Gala Arts Festival Ball. At the time many events were also lined up to take place at the Civic Centre including the Shriner's Ball, the Lions Rodeo, the RCMP Ball, the Firefighter's Ball, square dancing and hockey for all ages, and the New Year's Eve Party.

In the first 40 years of its existence the facility saw many changes but nothing compared to the \$15 million expansion that started in August of 2006. It all began when Swift Current City Council announced that the expansion was set to begin with the official sod turning in September 2006. March 15, 2008 marked the Grand Opening of the completed Credit Union i-plex. To view details on the expansion that took place visit the Expansion Project page.

