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THERE'S A LOT GOING ON BACKSTAGE AT THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

Construction crews are concentrating efforts on the interior

Camrose, AB - The Performing Arts Centre in Camrose is well on its way to completion. The Centre is on schedule to recognize substantial construction completion mid-June of 2014. The crews moved indoors with the onset of winter and the changes to the interior of the building are substantial and impressive.

"The pouring of the concrete floors was a huge milestone in the construction," says General Manager Kerry Rajotte. *"You can really get a sense of the scope of the space in the lobby, the audience chamber and the stage area, and get an idea of how impressive the building is."* 240 cubic meters of concrete was poured and the floors have been polished to perfection. The floors are currently covered to protect them during the final stages of construction.

The next big step will be when they flip the switch and turn on the photovoltaic array. The photovoltaic panels covering the fly tower is the largest integrated array in Canada. The installation of the panels was completed some time ago and the crew is now waiting for the appropriate approvals. Since the facility is located this far north, the engineers were able to use all four sides of the fly tower to help generate power. How exciting is it going to be to turn on the power at this facility? When it does happen later this month, the facility will be sending 122 Kw of power onto the grid.

"I cannot wait to see what the meter does when they flip the switch. It is going to be a really exciting day for everyone involved. The truly extraordinary thing is, most fly towers are really unattractive; in our case the PV panels became a part of the exterior design of the facility so they are practical and beautiful." The fly tower can be seen from several points around Camrose and is destined to become a part of the brand-mark of the venue. *"Wait till we get the LED halo at the top of the fly turned on. It will be a welcoming beacon to all comers!"* says Rajotte.

"Camrose residents have built something really unique," says General Manager Kerry Rajotte, *"The community can be proud of this amazing accomplishment!"*

Camrose and area residents will have a chance to finally see what their commitment has built later this year when the facility opens officially in October. Until then Rajotte hopes everyone will keep an eye out for updates and announcements about the facility. *"We think everyone is as excited as we are anticipating the opening. It is going to be a proud moment for the community."*

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