



## **For Immediate Release**

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### **250 Grade Three Students to take Bike Rodeo Safety Program**

The second annual Yorkton Bicycle Rodeo will teach basic bike safety skills to over 250 grade three students, covering all eight Yorkton elementary schools, said Mayor Bob Maloney. The Mayor was speaking at the launch of the program today at Yorkdale Elementary School. The program runs from May 13 – May 17<sup>th</sup>.

The program is an initiative of the local RCMP detachment, who will be donating a bike helmet and bike lock to all participants in the week long program. Canadian Tire, the major sponsor of the event, is donating four bicycles as prizes for participants as well. Two bicycles will be given away to winners of a colouring contest by the grade three students, while two will be given as prizes at a new Community Bike Rodeo event at the Gallagher Centre Saturday, May 17, 10 am – 2 pm. The Yorkton Active Transportation Collaborative will also be donating a bike to each school for a school raffle.

“Parents are invited to come out to the community event with their children and go through a special course as a family to learn more about bike safety together”, said Const Pierre-Hughes Lortie, key organizer of the event. There will be a Barbeque at the Saturday event and prizes for all participants who take part. Canadian Tire will also have new bikes on hand for people to test drive.

In addition to Canadian Tire, partners in the event this year include the Saskatchewan Prevention Institute. GX94 and the Fox radio, SGI, the Sunrise Cycle Club, Parkland Victims Services, the Yorkton Active Transportation Collaborative and the Yorkton Fire Department.

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