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Southport Annual General Meeting

June 28th, 2017 – Southport, MB

Southport's Board of Directors and General Members gathered at the Hilly Brown Building at Southport on June 28th to review the 2016-17 fiscal year at Southport's 25th Annual General Meeting.

Highlights of the meeting included a positive financial report, an update on the events from the previous year and plans for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

The highlights from 2016-16 included the grand opening of the Central Plains RecPlex, the addition of two new tenants (Sawmill Tea + Coffee Co. and Portage Day Care), capital improvements around the site, and hosting a variety of events, including the first annual Manitoba Precision Agriculture Workshop in December.

It was announced that Paulette Connery will remain as Board Chair for 2017/18 and BDO will remain as auditors for 2017/18.

Southport CEO, Peggy May commented on the year, stating: "Southport continues to be an economic driver in the region, as can be seen in the positive financial results and the economic impact study completed in 2016. Southport directly contributes \$111 million in economic output, \$67 million in GDP, and 570 jobs on site."

As 2017 marks Southport's 25th anniversary, guests were informed of events held to celebrate this milestone. In April, Southport held a special event to dedicate the new "gate guardian," a tutor aircraft painted in the Golden Centennaires colours which will be installed in the interpretative park. A community barbeque with live music and fireworks will also be held on August 30th to celebrate Southport's 25th Anniversary and Canada's 150th Anniversary.

Southport has been successful for the past 25 years and looks forward to the exciting opportunities that the future has in store.

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