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2010 Christmas Message from Mayor Jim Scarrow

As we end the first decade of the 21st Century, there is cause to take a moment to acknowledge that Prince Albert has much to be thankful for.

It's no secret that the real strength of Prince Albert is her people. In a province known for its volunteerism, our city stands out through its caring, generous and respectful citizens. Our volunteers make neighbourhoods friendly and safe. They build not only facilities like the Alfred Jenkins Field House but the lives of our children, seniors and those who are the least, the lost and the lonely among us.

One needs only to have attended the Olympic Torch Relay arrival on January 11th to witness the positive energy and attitude when Prince Albert people plan and work together. When devastation strikes, one need only witness the power of Prince Albert people clearing and cleaning up after the massive wind storm that struck our City and Cooke Municipal Golf Course in early July.

Prince Albert's school systems provide an exceptional level of education and our health care providers, especially our physicians, have made Prince Albert the health centre for Central and Northern Saskatchewan. Our churches and faith based organizations contribute to a strong foundation to our city.

By working in partnership with our Federal and Provincial representatives, as well as our surrounding Rural Municipalities, we have been able to address major infrastructure needs such as our 24 million dollar upgrade to Prince Albert's water system.

I am pleased to acknowledge and thank the City of Prince Albert's Police and Fire Services and all those City employees who bring their skills and commitment to plan, build and maintain Prince Albert, one of Canada's truly great cities. I have witnessed first hand the dedication that many of the City's employees bring to their work.

It is the positive attitude of our business leaders and local entrepreneurs that have led to over double the number of business starts compared to just two years ago. This spirit has

once again made Prince Albert one of the Top Entrepreneurial Cities in Canada moving from 10th to 4th place in the past year. It is what also led to record housing and business construction values in 2010: numbers that have not been seen in 20 years.

On behalf of Councillors Greg Dionne, Charlene Miller, Lee Atkinson, Jayne Remenda, Cheryl Ring, Martin Ring, L. Darren Whitehead and Ted Zurakowski, I wish all those who are proud to call Prince Albert “home” a very Merry Christmas and a healthy happy prosperous New Year.

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