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## **Keystone Centre and Brandon Wheat Kings Reach Agreement on Private Suites**

BRANDON, MB – Keystone Centre Board Chairperson Ken Fitzpatrick announced today that the Board of Directors of the Keystone Centre have reached an agreement with the Brandon Wheat Kings. The agreement will result in the hockey team making a significant investment in the private suite project in Westman Place that will allow for the construction of all seven private suites, as originally planned.

“It has always been our hope to have seven suites built,” Fitzpatrick says. “The Wheat Kings have come to the table and have made a significant investment in the facility something that the Keystone, given its financial state, could not do. I believe this demonstrates that the Wheat Kings are a partner with the Keystone Centre and want to remain here for the foreseeable future.”

Keystone Centre General Manager Dan Robertson indicated that original pricing resulted in the complete Memorial Cup upgrade project exceeding the budgeted \$5 million dollars and required cost reductions to the private suite project to get within the budget. “This agreement with the Wheat Kings ensures that all seven suites will be constructed and will benefit both the Keystone Centre and Brandon Wheat Kings.”

“This investment supports the importance of the Memorial Cup coming to our facility and the City of Brandon, and as well, will serve the needs of the Wheat Kings and the Keystone Centre for many years to come,” says Wheat Kings’ owner Kelly McCrimmon.

“It allows us to maximize the contributions already made by both the City of Brandon and the Province of Manitoba which is important to everyone.”

The scheduled completion date for the Luxury boxes is January, 2010.

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