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Hon. Claudette Tardif (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, it was with great pleasure that I attended the 31st annual Carnaval de Saint-Isidore in Alberta, which was held from February 15 to 17 at the Saint-Isidore cultural centre and adjacent outdoor sites.

The Carnaval de Saint-Isidore is a large French-language winter festival that attracts over 3,000 people every year, including groups of students from French-language and French immersion schools.

The carnival's theme this year was: "Lego carnival: come help build a legacy."

I am very pleased to learn that, this spring, a large construction and renovation project will begin at the Saint-Isidore cultural centre. This is very good news that responds to the community's growing needs.

I had often heard about how big this carnival is. When I visited, I was impressed to see the wonderful work being done by about a hundred volunteers, the great decorations and outdoor facilities, the performances by artists who showcase the community's

uniqueness, the energy and enthusiasm of participants and a program that was well suited to the participating schools.

The carnival has a huge impact on the community and the entire region. Saint-Isidore is a small, vibrant community in northern Alberta that is committed to attracting partners and organizers who are interested in providing fun, traditional winter activities for all ages.

The carnival is known throughout the province and, over the years, it has become a must-attend event.

The carnival contributes to the development of the community and the entire region. It is a key event for the promotion of the French language and culture in Alberta.

I am proud that this large French-language winter festival is such a success and that it provides the opportunity for people to get together with family and friends and participate in a wide variety of fun activities, while taking advantage of the joys of winter.

I would like to congratulate all the organizers and volunteers whose energy and generosity helped to make the carnival such a great success again this year.

Congratulations and all the best to the Carnaval de Saint-Isidore.
