

## 2019 RED DEER CANADA WINTER GAMES

### Highlights

- In September 2014, Red Deer was announced as the host city for the 2019 Canada Winter Games.
- The Canada Games is one of the largest multi-sport events in the world and create lasting legacies in the community including physical, economic, social and cultural benefits that impact participants, volunteers, spectators and the community.
- Hosting the 2019 Canada Winter Games requires construction of new facilities, and several facility upgrades and enhancements in Red Deer and, which will contribute to our community amenities.
- Construction, upgrades and enhancements funded by the capital budget will allow for:
  - Biathlon and cross country skiing to be hosted at River Bend Golf and Recreation Area.
  - Freestyle ski and snowboarding to be hosted at Canyon Ski Resort.
  - Short track speed skating to be hosted at Great Chief Park.
  - Long track speed skating and squash to be hosted at Red Deer College Centre for Health, Wellness and Sport.
  - Cultural events and community activities to be hosted at a Downtown Games Plaza or other Canada Games Legacies.
- The total capital budget relating to the 2019 Canada Winter Games is \$26,009,000.
- Funding of \$6,000,000 will be provided by Provincial and Federal grants.

### Project Overview

There are several key projects previously approved by Council that are associated with the 2019 Canada Winter Games. They are:

- Contribution toward the construction of a short track speed skating oval and four squash courts at the Red Deer College Centre for Health, Wellness and Sport: Valued at \$11.5 million with budget needed in 2017-2024.
- Upgrades at Canyon Ski Resort: Valued at \$2 million with budget needed in 2015-2019.
- Enhancements for River Bend Golf and Recreation Area: Valued at \$730,000 with budget needed in 2016-2018.
- Changes to Great Chief Park, which include a long track speed skating oval and artificial turf: Valued at \$9.7 million with budget needed in 2015-2018.
- Games Plaza (location to be determined): Preliminary cost of \$1.5 million.
- Several small investments to local sport venues and major sporting equipment purchases: Each valued at less than \$500,000.

### Budget Requirements and Council Decision Points

On June 9, 2014, Council approved the total amount of \$26,009,000. During Capital Budget deliberations, Council will only be approving the borrowing bylaw for the remainder of funds not covered by grants, totaling \$20,009,000.

### Funding Sources

The costs for these projects highlighted will be sourced from various funds, including Provincial and Federal grants and debt funding.