

Sidelines

Sport & Recreation Community News

**SPRING
2021**

Important Dates

- Community Recreation Enhancement Grant Deadline
- April 1st @ 12:00 pm
- Fall/Winter Ice User Group Meeting
- April 8 @ 5 pm
- Fall/Winter Pool User Group Meeting
- April 15 @ 5 pm
- Fall/Winter Dry Space User Group Meeting
- Date TBC; Contact facilitybookings@reddeer.ca
- Xplore Sport Day - May 8
- More info to come at a later date

Application Deadlines

Check Sport Calgary and the Edmonton Sport Council for a variety of funding information.

NEW 2019 Canada Winter Games Host Society recently announced the Legacy Fund

[City of Red Deer's Community Recreation Enhancement Grant \(CREG\) deadline - April 1, 2021.](#)

News from The City of Red Deer

Welcome to the Spring 2021 edition of the Sidelines Newsletter. With winter in the rear view mirror, (hopefully) we are excited to have longer days to begin thinking about sunshine and springtime.

A recent Ipsos poll conducted on behalf of Canadian Tire Jumpstart stated that a 52% of providers of sports programming saying they are concerned about the permanent closure of their organization. Although this is an alarming statistic, we wanted to remind you that we are here to help. Whether this is for assisting your group with interpretation of COVID 19 restrictions, grants writing, or access to various resources, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if we can assist navigating these difficult times

Yours in sport,

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Facility News and Updates

The City of Red Deer - COVID-19 has dramatically impacted the sport, physical activity and recreation community. The City of Red Deer continues to monitor the situation and takes their direction from the Government of Alberta's reopening plan.

The Government of Alberta - Recently announced [The Path Forward](#), the 4-step process that explains the next steps to openings that impact sport and recreation. Additionally, a [tool](#) has been developed to support schools, activity organizers, employers, businesses and facility operators in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among attendees and staff.

Government of Canada - Own the Podium Canada has developed a series of resources to assist in the return to sport for all amateurs, including recreational and community based organizations. The [COVID-19 Return to High Performance Sport Framework](#), includes a Risk Assessment for Sport and a Mitigation Checklist.

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Resources, Webinars and Workshops

Board Governance – Succession Planning

Recognizing the importance of attracting and engaging highly qualified leaders on your volunteer board, Volleyball Canada has created a customized approach to succession planning to strengthen not for profit boards. Check out this and other relevant sport resources at the [Sport Information Resources Centre](#)

Community Development Unit- Government of Alberta

Offering services, such as strategic planning, board governance, building leadership capabilities, fund development and grant writing, evaluation, public and stakeholder engagement, developing partnerships, and collaborative relationships that are tailored to your community groups, non-profit organizations, and volunteer teams. A couple upcoming free virtual webinars:

□Positive Body Image In Sport (for Athletes): [March 23](#)

□Neuromuscular Training Warm-up Protocol: [March 24](#) & [April 21](#)

□Occupational Health and Safety Compliance: Through a COVID-19 Lens [March 24](#)

□Courageous Confidence – a Blueprint for Growth: [March 24](#)

[Additional workshop dates and information from the Community Development Unit can be found here.](#)

Resources, Webinars and Workshops Cont'd

HIGH FIVE national is introducing a new virtual on-demand training for sport coaches across Canada!

Learn more about how to keep the game fun for your players while having a quality sport experience and earn professional development points towards your National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP).

This FREE learning opportunity has been made possible through a partnership with Canadian Parks and Recreation Association.

[Pre-register to get exclusive access to HIGH 5 Sport](#)

Partnership Spotlight

Central Alberta Cricket, G.H. Dawe School and City Parks Department partner to bring a new look to the school and sport field.

In 2019, an idea emerged to grow local fruit in the Cricket Batting Cages located near the G.H Dawe Centre. The G.H. Dawe Community Orchard was born and continues to provide educational opportunities for students and the local community to learn more about practice of sustainable living. Central Alberta Cricket graciously allowed the usage of their batting cage for this project to occur. Moving into its third year, this popular community orchard has grown sour cherries, saskatoons, grapes and haskaps.



Funding Opportunities

Canadian Tire Corporation (CTC) Jumpstart Sport Relief Funding

Thanks to the CTC, a generous gift of \$12 million, will allow the Sport Relief Fund to continue to provide much needed financial support to sport organizations to help build back sport and play through 2021. For grant guidelines, eligibility and timelines please [click here](#).

Other Funding Opportunities Available

There are some fantastic grant and funding opportunities that exist within Alberta for Sport and Recreation groups. [Sport Calgary](#) and the [Edmonton Sport Council](#) do an excellent job of highlighting these grants and other resources available throughout the province to Sport and Recreation groups. Additionally, the 2019 Canada Winter Games Host Society recently announced the [Legacy Fund](#), which was established for the development of local, provincial and national sport. Lastly, don't forget about the City of Red Deer's [Community Recreation Enhancement Grant \(CREG\)](#) which opens for a new round of intakes on April 1, 2021.

Facility News and Updates

Sports Field Spring Opening

Depending on how Mother Nature cooperated, we are anticipating sports fields to begin opening in early May, weather dependant. We know that you will be anxious to get outside but please keep off the sports fields until you hear official word from the City that fields are open.

2021 Capital Construction

Spring and Summer 2021 will be jam packed with various capital improvements to local facilities and amenities. The following table identifies which major projects will be underway this Spring/Summer and outlines what is happening, where, when, and how it might impact your group.

Note: information provided here is subject to change based on construction progression.

Westpark Middle School Sport Fields

- Increased # of Diamonds from 2 to 4
- Currently still under construction
- Estimated completion is 2022

Glendale Junior High Football Field

- Drainage repair and turf/soil upgrades
- Field is closed
- Closure is slated to last from July to September

Motorworks East Field (at St. Joseph's High School)

- Drainage and slope remediation work including top dressing of the full field
- Field is closed
- Closure is slated to last from July to September

