

# Sidelines

Sport & Recreation Community News

**SUMMER  
2021**

## Important Dates

- Community Recreation Enhancement Grant Deadline  
- October 1 @ 12:00 pm
- G.H. Dawe Facility Closure  
- July 26 - August 31
- Virtual User Group Meetings  
- Ongoing

## Application Deadlines

City of Red Deer's Community Recreation Enhancement Grant(CREG) deadline - Oct 1, 2021.

[www.reddeer.ca/recreationgrants](http://www.reddeer.ca/recreationgrants)

## News from The City of Red Deer

Welcome to the Summer 2021 edition of the Sidelines Newsletter. With COVID-19 protocols lifting for the summer session, our sport and facilities are welcoming the community back together again. With this change comes an exciting summer ahead.

As you look to jump start your organization again, we are here to help you in your reactivation. Contact us for resources, guidance and support.

Yours in sport,

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## Facility News and Updates

**The City of Red Deer** - The COVID-19 pandemic has had a lasting impact on our community. We are happy to open our facilities and amenities to regular public use again as provincial restrictions ease. Visit our website for facility hours of operation as they work to get back to full function.

To book a sport field or amenity contact our booking specialists at [facilitybookings@reddeer.ca](mailto:facilitybookings@reddeer.ca).

**The G.H. Dawe Expansion Project** - The G.H. Dawe is undergoing construction. The facility will close between July 26 and August 31. When it re-opens, here is some of what you can expect:

- Two NHL standard ice surfaces
- Expanded fitness areas, including a running track
- Outdoor spray park with washroom facilities
- Additional north entrance + site access from 67 Street
- Additional parking



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## Resources, Webinars and Workshops

### Canada Community Revitalization Fund

Applicants in Western Canada may be eligible to receive [non-repayable contributions](#) of up to \$750,000 to help revitalize community and cultural centres, parks or community gardens, recreational trails and public outdoor sports facilities, multi-purpose centres, and increase accessibility to public spaces.

### ARHA Community Initiative Grant

The Next Stride's #HockeyVacciNation campaign was created as a platform for positivity and celebration of individual and community contributions. It is meant to recognize, unite, and engage our fellow Canadians as we overcome the challenges of COVID-19 together and get one stride closer to playing the sport or activity we love!

There is a light at the end of the tunnel, and we'll get there through our effort as one team.

The Next Stride is CARHA Hockey's new community outreach initiative. [Click here to find out more.](#)

## Volunteer, Recruitment

Volunteers are an invaluable resource in community sport and are the backbone of many community sport organizations. Finding – and keeping – volunteers, however, can be difficult. Sport organizations need to take an active approach to volunteer management to recruit, retain, retrain and recognize high-quality volunteers.

Volunteers contribute to the social and economic value of sport, especially at the community level. Smaller clubs, in particular, rely on their generous contributions to keep the cost of sport accessible to the community. Many sport organizations would not be able to run without volunteers who fill critical roles including coaches, officials, managers, administrators, and board and committee members.

### Here are a few of many ways to recruit volunteers:

- Advertise positions online or at events
- When advertising your positions, highlight the benefits of volunteering with your organization
- Approach your members about volunteering
- Ask your current volunteers to spread the word

The Sport Information Recourse Centre (SIRC) has identified [12 ways to engage virtually with community sport volunteers](#) during the pandemic. SIRC suggests, among other ideas, developing a regular social calendar, updating your club website regularly and using social media campaigns as way to promote and reinforce club values or a specific initiative. Using tactics like these can help in both the recruitment and retention of volunteers by creating consistent communication that, in a virtual world, is essential.



## COVID-19 Provincial Update

### Government of Alberta: Guidance for Sport, Fitness and Recreation for Stage 3

Alberta has developed information and resources to support operators/organizers of sport, fitness and recreation activities and/or facilities and entities in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among attendees (including players, coaches, trainers, instructors, recreation organizations and other staff). The guidance provided outlines public health and infection prevention and control requirements specific to these settings and activities.

For more information please visit the [Government of Alberta Sector Specific site here](#)

## Meet Our Red Deer Olympians

### Molly Simpson - BMX

At only 18 Molly Simpson has been selected as the Women's BMX alternate for the Tokyo Olympics. In her first year as an elite pro Molly has been bashing bars and taking the the hole shots on race courses all over Canada and the USA, against past Olympians. Every race she has entered in the USA National series she has been in the main event, on the podium a handful of times standing along side past Olympic gold medalists. She is proving she is well on her way to earn her spot in future Olympics in 2024 and 2028.



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### Rebecca Smith - Swimming

"Rebecca Smith has been a key contributor to Canada's recent relay success at the FINA World Championships. In her debut in 2017, she swam the butterfly leg in the prelims of the mixed 4x100m medley relay that would go on to win bronze, earning her a medal as well. Smith came home from the 2019 Worlds with three bronze medals from the women's 4x100m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle, and 4x100m medley relays. Individually, she posted a top-10 finish in the 100m butterfly." \*

\*Olympic.ca - [for the full bio click here.](#)

### Tammy Cunnington - Paralympic Swimming

"Tammy Cunnington set a personal best time in a third-place finish in the 150-m individual medley at the 2018 Pan Pacific Para swimming championships held in Cairns, Australia.

She burst on the international stage in 2015, with a triple medal performance at the Parapan American Games in Toronto. At the 2016 Paralympic Games she raced in four events.

Cunnington was six years old when she was struck by an airplane at a Ponoka, Alta., air show in April 1982. She went through 17 surgeries and numerous blood transfusions. The accident left her a paraplegic with the full use of her right arm, plus her core and shoulders." \*

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