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Message from the Chair

The first few months of the year started fast, as they usually do, with several Canada Cup, North American Cup and World Cup events in speed skating, skeleton, bobsleigh, luge, and freestyle moguls. Alberta Sport Connection (ASC) was busy as well, leading up to the 2019 Canada Winter Games in Red Deer, our country's largest multi-sport games and cultural festival.

The 2019 Canada Winter Games Host Society, led by Chair, Lyn Radford and CEO Scott Robinson, the City of Red Deer, the Canada Games Council and Team Alberta delivered big-time at the Canada Games, more details on the success of the Games are in this issue.

ASC and the Coaching Association of Canada welcomed many of our provincial and national sport partners to the Safe Sport Summit on April 1st at the River Cree Resort in Edmonton. Please see the story in this edition for more details on this important event.

We are also excited to be hosting the 2019 Alberta Sport Leadership Conference, May 2-4, at the River Cree Resort.

The annual Alberta Sports Hall of Fame induction banquet is in Red Deer, May 31, 2019. We are excited about Team Alberta participating in the 2019 Western Canada Summer Games in Swift Current, SK, August 9-18 and the inaugural Alberta Masters Games, August 22-25, 2019 in Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County.

Beyond that I know there will be hundreds of quality events and sport competitions scheduled throughout our province this summer.

I would like to thank all of our sport partners in Alberta, and throughout Canada, for everything you do to promote and enhance sport development.

We know the contribution that sport makes to quality of life for individuals, communities and society and recognize how it supports economic diversification and creates jobs in our province.

2019 Alberta Sport Leadership Conference



May 2 - 4, 2019, River Cree Resort in Edmonton

ASC is looking forward to hosting our local, provincial and national sport sector partners and stakeholders at the 2019 Alberta Sport Leadership Conference. With a program designed around Inclusion, Diversity and Organizational Effectiveness, aligning with the Alberta Sport Action Plan, we will be celebrating Diversity in Alberta Sport (women in sport, LGBTQ, Indigenous and para-sport) throughout the conference and recognizing the accomplishments of Albertans.

A pre-conference symposium on provincial sport tourism will start things off on Thursday, May 2, with the Alberta Sport Recognition Awards Banquet, honouring our Athletes and Teams of the Year and top coaches, sport volunteers and officials, on Friday May 3.

The conference program is designed around five elements including:

- sport is led by quality coaching;
- sport organizations demonstrate excellence;
- sport reflects the principles of athlete development;
- sport is safe and ethical;
- sport is inclusive and accessible to diverse populations.

For more information please see: [2019 Alberta Sport Leadership Conference](#)

2019 Alberta Safe Sport Summit



photos: (l to r) Lorraine Lafrenier, CEO, CAC; Erica Wiebe, Olympian & ASC Board Member; Aaron Lavorato, ASC; delegate discussion; Vickie Lemire, CAC; Marvin Dobish, ASC

Monday, April 1, 2019

Alberta Sport Connection (ASC) and the Coaching Association of Canada(CAC) hosted a Safe Sport Summit, April 1, 2019, at the River Cree Resort in Edmonton.

It was part of a Safe Sport Summit Series being hosted throughout the country. This half-day event helped to contribute to the development of a national harmonized code of conduct and sanctions. The attending delegates focused on the challenges of implementing a pan-Canadian code.

The cross-Canada summits focused on various forms of abuse and incorporated working sessions to review existing codes and develop recommendations. Each Provincial/Territorial report developed through the Safe Sport Summit Series will be incorporated into a national report and will set the stage for a National Safe Sport Summit to be held later this year. The upcoming national Safe Sport Summit will be hosted in collaboration with a National Safe Sport Task Force.

2019 Alberta Masters Games

REACH YOUR PEAK
August 22 to 25
multi-sport event
no qualifiers • age 30+
outdoor concerts

2019 ALBERTA MASTERS GAMES
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE
CLEARWATER COUNTY

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2019 Alberta Masters Games
Rocky Mountain House – Clearwater County
August 22 to 25

ARCHERY	BASKETBALL 3 on 3	CANOE/ KAYAK	CYCLING
CURLING	DARTS	GOLF	HOCKEY Male
INDIGENOUS GAMES	PICKLEBALL	SLO PITCH	SOCCER Female
TRIATHLON	TRAIL RUN	TRAIL RUN Para	

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2019 OUTDOOR ALBERTA CONCERTS
MASTERS GAMES
AUGUST 22-24, 2019
North Saskatchewan River Park, Rocky Mountain House

BLACKIE TOM COCHRANE
Scenic Route to Alaska

& THE RODEO KINGS & Red Rider
Dennis Bouwman

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Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County are tuning up to host the first-ever Masters Games August 22-25

The Town of Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County are hosting the Alberta Masters Games, August 22-25, 2019, providing an opportunity for individuals 30 years of age and older to compete in 14 sports in a province-wide multi-sport competition.

Online participant registration is now open.

In addition, evening outdoor concerts will be held in conjunction with the Alberta Masters Games. Organizers have recently announced some impressive musical headliners for the cultural and entertainment series including: Tom Cochrane and Red Rider, Sass Jordan, Blackie and the Rodeo Kings, Russell deCarle, and other performers who will entertain the 1,200 participants, families and music fans expected to visit the area. Registered Games participants and volunteers will receive discounted concert ticket pricing.

Sport is an important part of Alberta's culture, encouraging active lifestyles and bringing communities together. ASC is looking forward to this inaugural event and welcoming athletes and visitors from across our province to Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County this August.

For Games registration, volunteer opportunities, outdoor concert tickets and more information please see: [2019 Alberta Masters Games](#).



Did you know 82% of Albertans believe participating in or attending sport events is important to quality of life... Source: 2018 Survey of Albertans

2019 Canada Winter Games, February 15 - March 2



Team Alberta's Gold medal women's hockey team celebrating their semi-final win



photos: (l to r) entering stadium; Hee Won & Brendan Yamada; Host Society delegation - Ottawa torch relay

Best-Ever Canada Winter Games

Team Alberta had their best-ever performance at the 2019 Canada Winter Games held February 15 -

March 2, 2019, in Red Deer, earning 100 medals, including a record 36 golds and finishing third overall.

In addition to the 36 gold medals, Team Alberta earned 33 silver and 31 bronze at the Games, which were hosted in Alberta for the first time in more than 20 years (Grande Prairie, 1995).

The 17-day competition, featuring the best young athletes in Canada, saw our 250 athletes proudly representing their province, competing hard, demonstrating true sportsmanship, and delivering many personal bests and team performances. Team Alberta won the Centennial Cup for the team showing the greatest improvement and were also presented the Jack Pelech Award for the Team best combining competitive performance, good sportsmanship and a spirit of fair play, cooperation and friendship.

Congratulations also to the Red Deer 2019 Canada Games Host Society, City of Red Deer, all organizers, volunteers and residents of Red Deer for your warm hospitality in hosting the 2019 Canada Winter Games. You impressed the country, 3,600 athletes and coaches and approximately 20,000 visitors. Over 5,000 amazing volunteers were incredible ambassadors for the Games, Red Deer and our province.

The legacy of the Canada Winter Games will continue for decades to come from the new and upgraded sport infrastructure, including: the Gary W. Harris Canada Games Centre; Big Chief Speed Skating Oval; cross-country skiing and biathlon trails; Athletes Village/student residences at Red Deer College; Celebration Plaza; the Arts and Culture Centre; the expansion of the Red Deer Airport; and the upgrade of the QE2 highway interchange.

For more information please see: [2019 Canada Winter Games](#)



The Alberta Sport Connection 2018 Athlete and Team of the Year awards, recognizing and celebrating the significant achievements, performances and contributions of Alberta's amateur teams and athletes, will be presented on Friday, May 3rd at the 2019 Alberta Sport Leadership Conference. For more information please see: [Athletes and Teams of the Year](#)

Coach, Official and Volunteer Awards



Honouring our coaches, officials and volunteers that make Alberta sport great

These biennial awards recognizing and celebrating the coach developers, coaches, officials, and sport volunteers who impact our sport system will be presented on Friday, May 3rd at the 2019 Alberta Sport Leadership Conference. Categories include:

- Coach Developer Recognition Awards;
- Coaching Recognition Awards;
- Officiating Recognition Awards;
- Sport Volunteer Recognition Awards.

For more information please see: [Alberta Sport Recognition Awards](#)

Did you know Canadian children spend an average of almost 8 hours per day in front of TV, video games, iPhones and computer screens... as much time as their parents spend at work.

Source: Active Healthy Kids Canada Report Card

Support your favourite sport



Alberta Sport Connection Donation Fund

The Alberta Sport Connection Donation Fund Program assists eligible provincial sport organizations in obtaining financial support. Donations are eligible for tax-deductible receipts and the full amount of each donation goes directly to support sport development.

For details and eligibility criteria please see: [ASC Donation Fund](#)

Upcoming Events

- [2019 Alberta Sport Leadership Conference](#) - May 2-4 - River Cree Resort, Edmonton
 - [2019 Alberta Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet](#) - May 31 - Sheraton Hotel, Red Deer
 - [2019 ITU World Triathlon](#) - July 20-21 - Hawrelak Park, Edmonton
 - [2020 Cross Country World Cup](#), March 20-22 - Canmore
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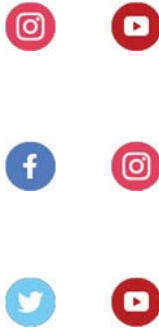
Upcoming Alberta Games

- [2019 Alberta Masters Games](#), August 22-25 - Rocky Mountain House & Clearwater County
- [2020 Alberta Winter Games](#), February 14-17 - Airdrie
- [2020 Alberta Summer Games](#), July 23-26 - Lethbridge

Upcoming Inter-Provincial/Territorial and International Games

- [2019 Western Canada Summer Games](#), August 9-17 - Swift Current, Saskatchewan
- [2020 Arctic Winter Games](#), March 15-21 - Whitehorse, Yukon
- [2020 Summer Olympic Games](#), July 24 - August 9 - Tokyo, Japan
- [2021 Canada Summer Games](#), July - Niagara Region, Ontario
- [2022 Winter Olympic Games](#), February 4-20 - Beijing, China
- 2022 Arctic Winter Games, March - Alberta North (TBD)
- [2023 Canada Winter Games](#), February - Prince Edward Island





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