

#### 2023 ALBERTA SUMMER GAMES MONTHLY UPDATE

#### Issue

The 2023 Alberta Summer Games Monthly update for January 2023 is presented to Council as information.

## **Motion Proposed by Administration**

That the 2023 Alberta Summer Games Monthly Update for January 2023 be accepted as presented.

# **Report, Analysis and Financial Implications**

The Alberta Summer Games (ASG) Executive Committee Board of Directors have been leading the planning and organization of the 2023 Alberta Summer Games to be held in the Towns of Okotoks and Black Diamond. While the name of Black Diamond recently changed to Diamond Valley; due to the amalgamation of the Towns of Black Diamond and Turner Valley; it was agreed that the name of the summer games would continue to refer to "Okotoks and Black Diamond".

The ASG games will be hosting the majority of the sports in Okotoks, one sport will be hosted in Diamond Valley. The main hub of the games will be the Okotoks Recreation Centre, with the food service centre located there as well as three sports.

The summer games sport legacy in Okotoks is beach volleyball, while in Diamond Valley it will be the mountain bike track.

Joint use agreements are in place for accessing non-town owned/operated facilities including Crystal Shores Beach House, Seaman Stadium for the opening ceremonies, and local schools for sports as well as athlete accommodations.

It has always been the commitment of the ASG Board of Directors to ensure that both communities are highlighted as well as ensuring the young athletes have a positive experience as they return to high performance competition. The last summer games were hosted in Grand Prairie in 2018 – with a five year break between games the athletes have had limited competitive opportunities. Where better to compete than in Okotoks and Black Diamond?

Initial Budgets have been developed, however due to current inflation rates and post COVID economic challenges the Executive Committee is working hard to identify additional revenue sources as well as cost saving measures wherever possible to produce an updated budget.

## **Strategic Plan Goals**

	Responsibly Managed Growth		Demonstrated Environmental
$\boxtimes$	Strong Local Economy	$\boxtimes$	Leadership Enhanced Culture & Community
$\boxtimes$	Organizational Excellence		Health

## **Equity/Diversity/Inclusivity Impacts and Strategy**

Para-athletes are included with up to ten athletes competing in the Athletics events. These events include 100m and 200m sprints, seated shot putt, and discuss throw. Swimming could have up to 32 para-athletes or Special Olympic swimmers.

# **Environmental Impacts**

n/a

# **Governing Policies/Bylaws/Legislation or Agreements**

n/a

## **Public Participation Strategy**

n/a

### **Alternatives for Consideration**

n/a

#### **CAO Comments**

This is the first monthly report from the summer games committee. As we are now in the year of the games, it is important to start building excitement and momentum for the upcoming games.

## Attachment(s)

1. 2023 Alberta Summer Games Budget

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