

Tourism and Sport Office of the Minister

MLA, Cardston - Siksika

Her Worship Tanya Thorn Mayor Town of Okotoks PO Box 20 Okotoks, AB T1S 1K1

Dear Mayor Thorn:

As Minister of Tourism and Sport, I am pleased to invite your municipality or band council to submit a bid to host either the 2028 Alberta Winter Games or 2028 Alberta Summer Games.

I encourage your municipality or band council to consider this invitation and the many benefits of hosting one of these events. The 2024 Alberta Games provided an economic impact of approximately \$1.4 million to the host community. A successful host municipality or band council is offered the opportunity to showcase its community and talents to approximately 3,000 participants from all regions of the province, along with many spectators and guests.

Municipalities and band councils with populations less than 10,000 are encouraged to collaborate with neighbouring communities to submit a joint bid or consider the smaller modified games format. The municipalities or band council awarded a 2028 Alberta Games will receive a \$525,000 operating grant.

Tourism and Sport must receive a letter of intent to host either the 2028 Alberta Winter or Summer Games, together with a letter of support from your municipality or band council, by June 30, 2025. Completed bids must be received by August 29, 2025.

If you have questions about the bid guidelines or need assistance with the bid, please contact Suzanne Becker at 403-297-2709 (for a toll-free connection, first dial 310-0000) or at <u>suzanne.becker@gov.ab.ca</u>.

Sincerely,



Hon. Joseph Schow Minister

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