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Red Deer Selected as 2019 Canada Winter Games Host City

To borrow a sports metaphor, the Lethbridge 2019 Canada Winter Games Bid team left “everything on the field” in their efforts to win the Games for Lethbridge and southwestern Alberta.

Today in Calgary, the Canada Games Council announced their decision to award the 2019 Canada Winter Games to Red Deer.

“We did our absolute best to try and win the right to host the 2019 Canada Winter Games. For that, every one of us should be immensely proud,” said Lethbridge Mayor Chris Spearman.

“I want to thank our Bid Committee, the Lethbridge Sport Council, our major community partners and the thousands of people in Lethbridge and our partner communities in southwestern Alberta who signed up to volunteer in 2019. Your community spirit and willingness to serve others are a tremendous example to our entire region.”

“I also want to acknowledge Red Deer for putting forward a successful bid to host the 2019 Canada Winter Games. We are looking at today’s announcement as a win for Alberta. With all of our fellow Albertans, we will support Red Deer as they invite Canadians to celebrate our best young athletes at the Canada Winter Games in 2019.”

Spearman said the bid effort -- nearly a year in the making -- has raised the profile of sport in Lethbridge and southwestern Alberta, and has already provided some significant spinoffs.

“Our effort has in no way been wasted. The enhanced relationships we have gained by working together on this project are victories for our region that are worth celebrating.”

A complete list of partners and supporters of the Lethbridge 2019 Canada Winter Games bid will be posted at www.lethbridge2019.ca and published in the Lethbridge Herald.

Additional information about the Canada Games Council can be found at:
<http://www.canadagames.ca>

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