

MEDIA ADVISORY



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National MNP Canada Games Torch Relay Visits Lethbridge, AB

(Lethbridge, AB) - As part of the official MNP Canada Games Torch Relay, the Canada Games Roly McLaren Torch is stopping in Lethbridge, AB and the 2019 Canada Winter Games is inviting members of the media to attend the festivities. The Torch Relay kicked off in Ottawa where the torch was lit by the Centennial Flame on Parliament Hill with the Honourable Kirsty Duncan in attendance for the ceremony. For the first time in the Canada Games' 52 year history, the torch is now making its way across Canada and stopping in nearly 50 communities along the way.

Lethbridge previously hosted the Canada Winter Games in 1975.

Please join local Member of Parliament Rachael Harder, local Member of the Legislative Assembly Maria Fitzpatrick, Lethbridge Mayor Chris Spearman, five-time Canadian Boxing Champion Rick Duff, Senior MNP accountant Aaron Moore, Director of Player Development with the Lethbridge Hurricanes Bob Bartlett, Executive Director of the Lethbridge Sport Council Susan Eymann, President of Youth One Jordan Schellenberg, 2020 Paralympic hopeful Lowell Taylor, local speech pathologist Julie Taylor, Sundance Brave Society member Kogen Wells, and local volunteer Perry Neufeld as they carry the Roly McLaren Torch through Lethbridge.

Date: January 16, 2019

Time: 3 p.m. (Relay) | 3:30 p.m. (Celebration)

Location: ENMAX Centre, 2510 Scenic Drive S, Lethbridge

Come cheer on our local torchbearers and volunteers as the first-ever coast-to-coast torch relay for the Canada Winter Games stops in Lethbridge on its way to the 2019 Games in Red Deer.

Please join us for street curling, face painting, hot chocolate, and popcorn.

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About the 2019 Canada Winter Games: From February 15 until March 3, 2019, the eyes of the nation are on Red Deer, Alberta as we host the 2019 Canada Winter Games - the largest multi-sport and cultural event for youth in Canada and the largest event to be hosted in Red Deer's history. Featuring over 150 events in 19 sports and a major arts and cultural festival, the 2019 Canada Winter Games welcomes up to 3,600 athletes, managers and coaches and more

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than 100,000 spectators, with a significant forecasted economic impact. The 27th edition of the Canada Games, the 2019 Games is set to provide a stage for Canada's next generation of national, international and Olympic champions to compete and leaves a legacy for athletic and leadership greatness in Red Deer and central Alberta. This is our moment.

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RSVP: Members of the media who are planning to attend the event are asked to RSVP to Mélanie Paré at mpare@2019canadagames.ca by **January 15, 2019**.

Media availability: To schedule an interview with the 2019 Canada Winter Games representatives or torchbearers, please contact:

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You may also refer to the attached media package for more information.

