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LETHBRIDGE AWARDED 2012 ALBERTA SUMMER GAMES

LETHBRIDGE, AB: Lethbridge Sport Council is pleased to announce that Lethbridge has been successful in their bid to host the 2012 Alberta Summer Games.

The Lethbridge Sports Bid Committee, City of Lethbridge, and numerous Lethbridge organizations combined resources to put in the successful bid in October 2009. Dr. Gary Bowie, Chair of Lethbridge Sport Council said, "We are excited about Lethbridge being honoured to host the 2012 Alberta Summer Games. It will be a positive event for Lethbridge's calendar providing opportunity for athletes and sport organizations continued growth and development. There will be an increase in the legacy of sports, volunteers, equipment, and the updating of facility stock. What a positive event to motivate physical activity as part of our citizens thinking in helping in developing a culture that keeps physical activity foremost in mind."

Kevin Kvame, Chair of the Sports Bid Committee commented, "The Bid Committee felt it was the right timing for Lethbridge to place a bid for the Alberta Summer Games. It will be a great opportunity for the community to showcase our new Community Stadium and our other tremendous sports facilities plus our abundance of volunteers and community pride that will surround the event. This is a major honour for the City of Lethbridge to receive and we know the sports community will embrace the event and produce a Games to remember. It is a major event that builds upon our desire to be a sports tourism destination of choice."

The Lethbridge Sport Council wrote and submitted the bid in partnership with Lethbridge sport organizations and tremendous support from the business community. They also received support of City Council at a meeting in October. Susan Eymann, Executive Director of the Lethbridge Sport Council said, "Having the 2012 Alberta Summer Games in Lethbridge will provide similar experiences for our local athletes as the 2010 Vancouver Olympics did for Canadian athletes. What a superb opportunity for Lethbridge to showcase our athletes, our facilities, and our thriving sport community."

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