

## **Priorities Committee Meeting\_Jan29\_2019**

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### **STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**

#### **2021 Special Olympics Alberta Summer Games Update**

##### **Report Purpose**

To provide Priorities Committee an update on the 2021 Special Olympics Alberta Summer Games.

##### **Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

Goal 1 - Build strong communities to support the diverse needs of residents

Goal 5 - Foster collaboration through regional, community and governmental partnerships

Goal 6 - Provide facilities and services that are available and accessible to residents

##### **Report**

Strathcona County submitted a bid to host the 2021 Special Olympics Alberta Summer Games following Council approval in 2017. The games were awarded to Strathcona County in July 2017. The games will build excitement and engage the community over the next three years in anticipation for the 2021 Special Olympics Alberta Summer Games. Hosting a provincial event will provide an opportunity to showcase Strathcona County across Alberta and create sport tourism initiatives that will provide a legacy that will live on in the community for many years to follow.

Over 1400 athletes compete in ten different sports including: swimming, track and field, bocce, soccer, basketball, golf, powerlifting, 10-pin bowling, rhythmic gymnastics, and softball.

The mission of Special Olympics Alberta is to enrich the lives of Albertans with an intellectual disability through sport. There are 3178 athletes in Alberta, 469 coaches, and over 1089 volunteers involved in over 140 communities across Alberta. Strathcona County, through Robin Hood Association, has over 220 athletes.

The 2021 Special Olympics Alberta Summer Games are based on values of inclusion, accessibility and fairness. The games will encourage health, active living and build a stronger community through youth leadership, volunteerism and community engagement.

##### **Council and Committee History**

February 21, 2017 Council approved the submission of a proposal to host the 2021 Special Olympics Alberta Summer Games.

##### **Other Impacts**

**Policy:** N/A

**Legislative/Legal:** N/A

**Interdepartmental:** Economic, Development and Tourism, Transportation and Agricultural Services, Transit and Utilities.

**Master Plan/Framework:** N/A

##### **Enclosure**

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