

2026 Alberta Games

Council Presentation
July 18, 2023

Bid process and timeline

- Strathcona County submitted a letter of interest for the bid to host the 2026 Alberta Summer Games.

Timeline

- Bid due August 31, 2023
- Site tour September 2023
- Games awarded November 2023

About the games

- Provides an opportunity for athletes ages 11 – 17 to compete in a multi-sport event and reach their athletic potential.
- The 4-day long Games welcome up to 2,500 athletes, coaches, officials and chaperones and require 1,500 volunteers to support the program.
- Based on recent games, the event provides a regional economic impact of approximately \$2.1 million.

Budget

- Requires the use of Strathcona County and partner facilities. Costs to Strathcona County are estimated to be \$1.9 million.
- Final budget will be included in the Bid Package due August 31, 2023.
- Host municipalities receive a \$420,000 operating grant. The Games may be eligible for additional grants or casino funds. Other revenue would be from sponsorships and Municipal support.
- Partnership has been confirmed with Elk Island Schools as both the athletes' village and sport hosts.

Organizing the games

- The Alberta Games are coordinated by a Games Organizing Committee.
- Mayor and Council of the host community is required to select a Games Chairperson, and the Games Chairperson, with input from the municipal council, will choose the Board of Directors.

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Proposed Alberta Summer Games (13 sports)

Summer sports		
Athletics	Baseball	Basketball
Mountain Bike	Lacrosse	Rugby
Soccer	Softball	Swimming
Triathlon	Beach Volleyball (tentative)	Tennis
Handball (request)		

Bid Highlights

- Athlete experience
 - Food service plan
 - Transportation plan
 - Athlete and guest accommodations
 - Medical and security plan
- Previous games experience
- Organizational structure
- Budget
- Proposed sports and locations
- Media and communications plan
- Tourism experiences



Bid Highlights

- Millennium Hub (Millennium Place, Centennial Park)
- Central (Broadmoor / Strathcona and Salisbury Athletic Parks)
- Ardrossan Hub (Ardrossan and partners)

Questions

