



## Fact Sheet

# Fort St. John 2020 BC Winter Games

The BC Winter Games provides a competitive multi-sport environment that supports the development of athletes, coaches, and officials as they move on to higher levels of competition. The BC Games contribute to the development of sport and communities through infrastructure updates and improvements, volunteer engagement and skill enhancement, and large-event hosting experience.

### Fort St. John 2020 BC Winter Games

- February 20 – 23, 2020
- 30<sup>th</sup> BC Winter Games

### Participants

- There will be up to 1277 athletes, 313 coaches and 211 officials attending the Games (total of 1801 participants)
- Participants compete for one of eight geographic zones
- 15 sports are included in the BC Winter Games; Alpine Skiing, Archery, Badminton, Basketball – Wheelchair, Biathlon, Cross Country Skiing, Curling, Figure Skating, Gymnastics, Judo, Karate, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Ringette, Speed Skating
- The age range is specific to each sport. The youngest athletes will be 9 years old (Gymnastics and Figure Skating) and oldest (able bodied athletes) will be 16 years old in a variety of sports.
- Athletes with a disability will compete in Basketball - Wheelchair, Figure Skating (Special Olympics), Skiing - Cross Country (Para), Speed Skating (Special Olympics)
- Para athletes and Special Olympians range in age from 14-45 years
- One coach with each zone team is Competition Introduction Certified (or equivalent to NCCP Level 2) to coach in the sport they are coaching at the Games.

### Major Games Events

- Opening Ceremony – Thursday, February 20
- Competitions – Friday, February 21 – noon Sunday, February 23
- Closing Ceremony – Sunday, February 23

### Volunteers

- President Darren Snider and Vice President Dee-Anne Stickel will lead a team of 14 Board Directors and form the Host Society (local organizing committee)
- Directors will recruit and coordinate up to 100 volunteer Chairs to take on volunteer leadership positions, each of whom have committees of volunteers responsible for different aspects of the Games planning and operations.
- Approximately 1,800 volunteers will be involved.

### Funding

- Base funding of \$560,000 is provided by the Province of BC through the BC Games Society
- BC Games Society Powering Potential Fund will contribute an additional \$40,000 to sport infrastructure / equipment based on the region's requirements and the needs of the BC Winter Games

- The City of Fort St. John will provide \$50,000 cash and \$50,000 in-kind services to the Games
- Peace River North School District #60 will provide classrooms as dorms, facilities for sport venues, buses for transportation and close schools for two days of the Games.
- Corporate Partners provide cash and in-kind services
- Friends of the Games (local business and industry) contribute cash and in-kind services/goods

### **Corporate and Funding Partners**

- Province of BC, City of Fort St. John, and Peace River North School District #60
- Global BC, Coast Capital Savings, Black Press

### **Legacy of the BC Games**

- A community celebration and pride
- Trained and enhanced skill development of community volunteers
- Facility upgrades and investment in sport and community programs
- Approximately \$1.6 million economic impact to the host community (study conducted at the Mission 2014 BC Winter Games).

### **Sport Development Legacies**

- Development platform for BC athletes, coaches and officials towards national and international competition
- BC Games alumni are successful on the national and international stage.
  - BC Games alumni represented Canada at the 2018 Olympics and Paralympics including Denny Morrison (Speed Skating) and Kelsey Serwa (Ski Cross)
  - 55% of the Team BC athletes who competed at the 2019 Canada Winter Games were BC Games alumni.

### **Interesting Tidbits**

- Volunteers will prepare over up to 20,000 meals in four days
- Over 1300 medals will be awarded
- 3500 foam mattresses will be used as beds for the participants
- This is the second time Fort St. John has hosted the BC Games. The city previously hosted the 1984 BC Winter Games.