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## Alberta Sport E-News

### Message from the Chair

With the coming of fall, I am excited to be leading the ASC, with its vision of making Alberta the premier sport delivery system in the country. Fall is a special time of the year, when many high-profile sports

overlap, and for everyone from the casual observer to our dedicated athletes, stakeholders and partners... it's a great time to be involved in Alberta's sport sector and have the opportunity to contribute and benefit from the impact sport has on the quality of life in our province.

For many, fall feels like the start of a new season, with families and students returning to class, the start of many fall sport programs and leagues and the feeling of focus and getting back into a routine that includes renewal improvement and new challenges after a short and well-earned summer break. I know the coming months are going to be busy ones for our sport sector, and their members with new activities, schedules and events to prepare for, as we roll along towards the end of another calendar year.

The summer months were active ones for Alberta Sport Connection and we helped coordinate Team Alberta's efforts at the 2017 Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg; celebrated another successful Alberta's Future Leader's program with our host Indigenous communities and sponsors; enjoyed the Tour of Alberta; and started planning for the busy fall season, as 2017 begins to wind down.

I want to thank all of our sport partners in Alberta and throughout Canada for everything you do to promote and enhance sport development and the quality of life through sport in our communities.

Sport and maintaining an active lifestyle has always been an important part of my life and I know the difference it can make to individuals, communities and society. Sport can help us improve the well-being of Albertans, contribute to economic diversification, create jobs and play an important role in helping to make Albertans healthier, while reducing long-term health care costs.

I know that by working together and pulling in the same direction, our sport sector can do great things by increasing the awareness of the value of participating, supporting and investing in sport and the positive impact it can have on the quality of life in Alberta.

Andrew Ference

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CELEBRATION OF  
**SPORT**



photos left to right: Olympic champions Erica Wiebe & Catriona Le May Doan; Lieutenant Governor, Lois Mitchell; Chethan Lakshman (left) (Shaw) , Kenton Boston (centre) (Corus), Ron Southern Bus & Sport award winners; Wayne McNeil, Sheldon Kennedy (centre), (Respect Group), Leadership in Sport award; Sean Van Kesteren, (Patron Group), Local Event of the Year; Ricardo Miranda, Minister of Culture and Tourism, and attendees

## 2017 Celebration of sport

Hosted October 12th by Sport Calgary at WinSport

Sport Calgary, together with WinSport, ASC, Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and many other sponsors and partners ([see complete list](#)) were honoured to help celebrate Alberta's athletes and the people and organizations in Calgary that support and inspire our sport system.

Attended by approximately 500 sport partners and supporters from the Calgary area and throughout Alberta, the event featured the:

- Ron Southern Business & Sport Award, recognizing outstanding and innovative business support to sport in Calgary, presented to: Shaw Communications Corus Entertainment;
- Calgary Leadership in Sport Award, for positive contributions to sport by a local sport organizations, presented to: the Respect Group; and the
- Calgary Sport Tourism Authority Award for the Event of the Year, was presented to: the Patron Group for the Shaw Charity Classic golf tournament.

Also part of this year's event was a Hot Stove interview panel discussion, hosted by Olympian, Catriona Le May Doan, featuring Olympic Champion wrestler, Erica Wiebe, and a presentation on the upcoming 2019 Canada Winter Games, being hosted in Red Deer, February 15 - March 3, 2019.

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## 10 reasons to attend

### 2017 Petro-Canada Sport Leadership Sportif Conference - Calgary, AB

The [Petro-Canada Sport Leadership Sportif Conference](#) (SLS17) is Canada's conference for coaches, researchers, sport executives, and administrators. Organized by the Coaching Association of Canada, the annual conference consists of three days of learning, professional development, and networking with the top minds and leaders of the Canadian sport, business, and education communities.

Here are 10 reasons to attend #SLS17, which takes place in Calgary from November 2-4 at the Westin Calgary. [READ MORE](#)

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## ASC and Sport Partners meet in Calgary

### Working together to improve quality of life in Alberta through Sport

Alberta Sport Connection was pleased to meet with Calgary sport leaders, September 18, 2017, at WinSport to discuss the benefits of sport to individuals, communities and society and how the sport sector can work together through shared initiatives to encourage investment and participation to improve Albertan's quality of life through sport.

Above photos, left to right: Dr. Penny Werthner, Dean, Faculty of Kinesiology, U of C; Lloyd Bentz, CEO, ASC; Erica Wiebe, Olympic athlete, ASC Board of Directors; Dale Henwood, Pres & CEO, Cnd Sport Institute, Calg; Barry Heck, CEO, WinSport; Andrew Ference, Chair, ASC Board of Directors; ASC staff & attending delegates; Barry Heck, Murray Sigler, CEO, Sport Calgary; Dr. Marty Clark, Professor, Health & Physical Education, Mount Royal University

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Team Alberta at the 2017 Canada Summer Games



## July 28- August 13, 2017, Winnipeg MB

Team Alberta had an impressive 2017 Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg, Manitoba, earning 97 medals and finishing fourth overall.

“Congratulations to all our young athletes, coaches and mission staff on their outstanding performance at the Canada Summer Games,” said Ricardo Miranda, Minister of Culture and Tourism, responsible for sport in Alberta. “We are very proud of Team Alberta’s accomplishments, which are a testament to their passion, fantastic coaches, and amazing community support.”

Team Alberta captured 26 gold, 38 silver and 33 bronze medals at the Games and many of our athletes achieved personal bests.

The 17-day competition, featuring the best young athletes in Canada, saw Team Alberta proudly representing their province, competing hard, reflecting the spirit of good sportsmanship, and delivering, day-in and day-out on the field of competition with many outstanding individual and team performances.

“We couldn’t be prouder of Team Alberta’s performance, their sportsmanship, and the outstanding job they did representing our province at these Games,” said Andrew Ference, Chair of the Alberta Sport Connection (ASC). “We know that for many athletes, the Canada Games are an important step in their journey to representing Canada at future international competitions, and we look forward to supporting them and following their careers in the years to come.”

For the medal standings, individual and team results, please visit [Team Alberta](#) on the ASC website. You can also find information on Team Alberta on Twitter [@GoTeamAB](#), Instagram [@GoTeamAB](#), and Facebook at [TeamAB](#).

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## Alberta Future Leaders (AFL) Community Sponsor & Recognition Day

August 23, 2017

On August 23, 2017, a Community Sponsor and Recognition Day was held to honour all of the Alberta's Future Leaders programs partners, including: mentors, host communities, government agencies, corporate sponsors and community supporters.

[Alberta's Future Leaders program](#) is an Alberta Sport Connection community and youth development program that provides leadership opportunities to Indigenous youth across Alberta. The program, which was in nine communities this summer, has been in over 40 communities across Alberta since its inception in 1996.

Using sport, recreation, arts and leadership activities, AFL promotes active, positive and healthy lifestyles, physical literacy, builds friendships and challenges youth through leadership training and new experiences to guide them in realizing their potential. AFL partners include the Alberta Foundation for the Arts; Indigenous host communities, Alberta Indigenous Relations, the RCMP and corporate sponsors.

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## Sport Development Update

### Coaching Training

NCCP Multi-sport Modules [Schedule](#)

### 2019 Canada Winter Games Apprentice Coaching Opportunities

**Aboriginal Apprentice Coach Program** - Provides the opportunity for each province and territory to send two coaches of aboriginal ancestry to the Canada Games in apprentice ship roles. [Learn more](#)

### Women in Coaching Canada Games Apprenticeship Program

Provides the opportunity for each province and territory to send two female coaches to the Canada Games in apprenticeship roles. [Learn more](#)

### Concussion Baseline Testing

Read [Parachute's Statement on Concussion Baseline Testing in Canada](#) and download the [Fact Sheet](#).

### Sport for Life

#### [LTAD Lunches](#)

The theme to round out 2017 is Quality Sport.

November 1 - Quality of Sport at the community level, where does it live? What is the role of the PSO?

What is the current relationship? How do we all benefit? Presentations from City of Edmonton -

Community Leagues and Sport for Life, Cochrane. [Catch up on previous LTAD Topics](#)

Tuesday at Percy Page

Learn more or book time with our in-house LTAD expert, [Dr. Vicki Harber](#).

### Coaching Athletes with a Disability

With support from the Canadian Paralympic Committee and Special Olympics Canada, the Coaching Association of Canada is pleased to launch the latest in its series of National Coaching Certification Program eLearning modules: ***Coaching Athletes with a Disability***

To celebrate Canada's 150th, Coaching Athletes with a Disability training is available free of charge throughout 2017! To learn more or to enroll [click here](#)

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## Canada 150

Still time to register and participate

More info on [PARTICIPATION 150 Play List](#) programs

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## Upcoming Events

- [Men's Alpine World Cup](#), November 25-26, 2017 - Lake Louise
  - [Women's Alpine World Cup](#), December 1-3, 2017 - Lake Louise
  - [Luge World Cup](#), December 1-2, 2017 - Calgary Olympic Park
  - [Long Track Speed Skating World Cup](#), December 1-3, 2017 - Calgary Olympic Oval
  - [Para Nordic World Cup](#), December 8-17, 2017 - Canmore Nordic Centre
  - [Freestyle Moguls World Cup](#), January 6-7, 2018 - Calgary Olympic Park
  - [Ski Cross World Cup](#), January 20-21, 2018 - Nakiska (TBC)
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## Upcoming Alberta Games

- [2018 Alberta Winter Games](#), February 16-19, 2018 - Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
- [2018 Alberta Summer Games](#), July 19-22, 2018 - Grande Prairie

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## Upcoming Inter-Provincial/Territorial Games

- [2018 Winter Olympics](#), February 9 - 25, 2018 - PyeongChang, South Korea
- [2018 Arctic Winter Games](#), March 18 - 24, 2018 - South Slave - Fort Smith & Hay River, NWT
- [2019 Canada Winter Games](#), February 15 - March 3, 2019 - Red Deer, AB
- [2019 Western Canada Summer Games](#), August 9 - 17, 2019, Swift Current, Saskatchewan







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