



**Calgary**

Jyoti Gondek, Mayor

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Hon. Joseph Schow, M.L.A.  
Minister of Tourism and Sport  
103 Legislature Building  
10800 - 97 Avenue  
Edmonton AB, T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Schow,

**RE: Calgary Multisport Fieldhouse**

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I'm writing to share exciting news from The City of Calgary (The City) on progress to bring Calgary's Multisport Fieldhouse to life and highlight the opportunity for the provincial government to be part of this transformational project. In your August 3, 2023, letter to the Alberta 2030 Commonwealth Games Corporation regarding the provincial government's decision to not move forward with a bid, you articulated a willingness to consider capital projects slated to be part of the Games. The Multisport Fieldhouse not only fits this criterion, but also propels your ministry's mandate to develop and implement a long-term tourism strategy.

The Multisport Fieldhouse will comprise Calgary's only competition-capable indoor track and field facility with spectator seating capacity, a gymnasium feature court (3,000 seat capacity), six single courts and two multi-activity courts, a FIFA regulation indoor soccer field with additional flexible turf area and supporting amenities including a fitness facility, lease space for sports-related uses (e.g. sports therapy, offices for sport organizations, etc.) and food and beverage concessions for spectators and participants. The Multisport Fieldhouse will provide a range of recreation and amateur sport uses for the community and fill a void in athletic training and competition facilities in Southern Alberta.

The Multisport Fieldhouse will provide year-round opportunities for Albertans to play, compete, train, and gather. Once completed, it will provide social infrastructure and boost the economy through job creation and tourism opportunities flowing from hosting national and international sporting events. Investment in the Multisport Fieldhouse is projected to boost Calgary's GDP between \$20 million and \$63 million.

This summer Calgary's Council approved the Multisport Fieldhouse Amenity Refinement Study, confirming that the proposed mix of amenities and usage for this project is the right one to serve this community, and ensuring equitable access to sport and recreation opportunities. We have now moved on to the detailed design phase, with construction to follow.

The City is seeking \$127 million of the total \$380 million projected cost from the Government of Alberta as part of a one-third funding partnership to ensure the Fieldhouse can move from design to construction and operations without delay. Our current plan for the project delivery, with associated provincial investment cash flows is as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Provincial Investment</b>	<b>Project Phase</b>
2024	\$11.9 million	Detailed Design
2025	\$20 million*	Permitting and site Preparation
2026-2028	\$86.7 million*	Construction begins
2029	\$8.4 million*	Construction completion and occupancy

\*Subject to detailed design, supply and inflationary pressures

I look forward to meeting with you at your earliest convenience to further discuss this keystone project and the tremendous benefits it brings to Calgary, Alberta, and Canada.

Sincerely,



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Mayor, The City of Calgary

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