

# ALBERTA - BRITISH COLUMBIA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

## SHARING OF OLYMPIC TRAINING AND COMPETITION FACILITIES

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**THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** executed this 18th day of March, 2005.

**BETWEEN:**

**ALBERTA MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
as represented by the Minister of Community Development  
(hereinafter called "Alberta")

and

**BRITISH COLUMBIA MINISTRY OF SMALL BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
as represented by the Minister of Small Business and Economic Development  
(hereinafter called "British Columbia")

**WHEREAS** British Columbia and Alberta agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to share Olympic and Paralympic training and competition facilities, develop strategies to jointly enhance the development of high performance athletes and cooperate in the promotion of sport tourism initiatives;

**THEREFORE** consistent with the framework established within the Intergovernmental Relations Accord, Alberta and British Columbia agree as follows:

**PURPOSE:**

To provide access to training and competition facilities and programs for athletes, coaches and officials in targeted summer and winter sports.

**ACTION PLAN:**

The parties acknowledge that an action plan will be developed that is consistent with the purpose of this MOU that further identifies options and opportunities within each of the following areas:

Athlete Development

- Joint initiatives to promote and develop athletes, coaches and officials by providing access to world class facilities for training and competition.
- Support to Alberta and BC Team high performance athletes with an emphasis on Olympic and Paralympic winter sports and venues.
- Facilitate the development of joint use agreements with facility owner/operators.
- Facilitate joint research projects, information sharing and agreements related to the construction and operation of sport and recreation facilities.

Sport Tourism

- Joint sport and tourism strategy for enhancing planned competitions and attracting major competitions to both jurisdictions to take advantage of sport infrastructure.
- Facilitate sport tourism marketing partnerships to attract visitors to the two jurisdictions.
- Joint initiatives to facilitate media familiarization tours to Alberta and BC.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

The signatories to this MOU will each name an individual to co-chair an operating committee (the "Operating Committee") to implement actions under this MOU, and the co-chairs will develop a work plan within four months of the date of being named.

The Operating Committee will submit periodic reports to the respective Ministers on progress, and, at least six months prior to the expiry of this MOU, will provide an assessment to the respective Ministers of the value of the MOU.

**NO LEGAL OR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS CREATED:**

This MOU is not intended by the Parties to create any legal or contractual rights or obligations and is not to be construed as imposing any financial obligations on either of the Parties but rather is intended as an expression of record of the purpose and intention of the Parties with respect to intergovernmental relations between them.

**AMENDMENTS:**

This MOU may be amended at any time by the written mutual consent of the Parties.

**DURATION:**

This MOU shall come into effect on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005, and shall terminate on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2011, but may be extended by agreement of the Parties.

This MOU may be terminated by either party by providing 60 days notice in writing.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the Parties have hereto executed this MOU by their duly authorized representatives on the dates indicated

**SIGNED:**

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The Honourable Gary Mar  
Minister of Community Development  
Government of Alberta

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The Honourable John Les  
Minister of Small Business and Economic Development  
Government of British Columbia