



## News Release

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### **Town of Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County selected to host Alberta Masters Games in 2019**

(Rocky Mountain House, AB) – The Town of Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County received notification from Alberta Sport Connection of being selected to host the first-ever Masters Games in Central Alberta.

This event will have approximately 1,200 participants, their families and spectators attending the Games where masters-aged athletes will compete in a provincial multi-sport competition.

In support of the 2019 Alberta Masters Games, the Alberta government will provide \$200,000 funding through Alberta Sport Connection (ASC). The Town of Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County agreed to cost-share the Games bid, committing \$75,000 each, along with the commitment for the Games to use County/Town funded facilities at no cost to Games organizers (in-kind cost estimated at approximately \$280,000).

“Multi-sport Games are an important part of Alberta’s culture, inspiring Alberta’s masters athletes, encouraging active lifestyles and bringing communities together,” said Ricardo Miranda, Minister of Culture and Tourism, responsible for sport. “Congratulations to the Town of Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County and all those who worked together on the successful bid to host these Games. I am confident that the volunteers, sponsors and supporters will do an amazing job in 2019 on Alberta’s first Masters Games.”

“Congratulations to the Town of Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County on hosting our province’s inaugural Masters Games”, said Kelly Blackshaw, Vice Chair of ASC. “These Games are a tremendous opportunity for our province’s masters-aged athletes to participate and stay active while competing in a province-wide multi-sport competition. ASC is looking forward to working with all the host communities to stage this event and welcoming athletes from across our province to the 2019 Alberta Masters Games.”

“The Town of Rocky Mountain House is honoured to host this spectacular event in our community along with our partnering municipality, Clearwater County,” said Mayor Tammy Burke, Town of Rocky Mountain House. “We anticipate increased community and volunteer development, more visitors to the region and will be working hard planning for a successful event. Thank you to the Alberta Sport Connection for selecting our municipalities to host the Alberta Masters Games.”

“Clearwater County is pleased that we were selected along with our municipal partner, the Town of Rocky Mountain House, to host the Alberta Masters Games in August 2019,” said Reeve John Vandermeer, Clearwater County. “With a wide variety of sports facilities and range of amenities in the region, we feel we are an ideal location to host the inaugural Masters Games next year. The culture of our west-central region encourages active lifestyles and adventure, so we absolutely welcome the opportunity to be a part of this historic multi-sport games that promotes athletic excellence.”

For more information on what sports will be included or about Alberta Masters Games, visit <https://albertasport.ca/alberta-masters-games/>. Registration will open on line in spring 2019 on a first come, first serve basis.

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