

## Important Dates

- [Community Recreation Enhancement Grant](#)  
Deadline: April 8, 2022
- [Pandemic Relief and Recovery Grant](#)  
Deadline: April 8, 2022
- [Canadian Tire Jumpstart Sport Relief Fund](#)  
Deadline: July 15, 2022
- [Community Initiatives Program \(CIP\) Grant Program](#)  
Deadline: May 15, 2022
- [Community Enhancement Facility Program \(CFEP\) - Facility and Infrastructure Grant Program](#)  
Deadline: May 15, 2022
- [The Challenges of Governance](#)  
Info session  
June 15, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
- [Paralympic Sport Development Fund](#)  
Deadline: April 7, 2022
- [Xplore Sport Day](#)  
Saturday, May 7 2022  
Contact [Rob Meckling](#) to have your sport organization participate

## News from The City of Red Deer

This spring, City of Red Deer recreation facilities are operating without additional public health restrictions. The majority of our facilities and programs have reverted to a near pre-pandemic state of operations. As of Tuesday, March 1, 2022, the provincial government has removed the mandatory masking order in indoor public spaces, and the provincial Restrictions Exemption Program has been removed.

We look forward to welcoming all Red Deerians back to City facilities, and ask visitors to proceed with kindness and patience as the community may adjust to these changes in different ways.

For more information on the provincial easing of restrictions, please visit: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-public-health-actions.aspx>

Yours in sport,

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## Facility News and Updates

### [West Park Baseball Diamonds](#)

The City of Red Deer continues to work with RDMBA to complete the construction of two new competitive baseball diamonds north of the West Park Middle school.

Phase 1 of the project is now complete as most of the site grading work, fencing and underground utility work is finished. Phase 2 of the project will commence spring 2022 where grass sod will be installed in the fields as well as score boards, dugouts and base line material. RDMBA, West Park Middle School and The City of Red Deer are excited to gain these two new baseball field assets.



## Meet our Olympians

### Maddison Pearman - Speed Skating

Maddison Pearman, a member of the Red Deer Lions Speed Skating Club since 2001, is currently competing at the Olympics in Beijing. Maddi has been focused on this goal for some time. Her accolades include a gold at the 2008 Alberta Winter Games, and participation in numerous National Championships including the 2011 Canada Winter Games in Halifax, 2013 Junior World Championships in Italy, 2015 Junior World Championships in Poland, and the 2021 World Cup in Calgary. Maddi's placement at the World Cup in Salt Lake City this fall solidified her place on the Canadian Women's Long Track Team. Congratulations on making it to your first Olympics and making Central Alberta proud!

### Jocelyn Peterman - Curling

In the winter of 2011, Red Deer's Jocelyn Peterman was at a curling camp and got a visit from Olympian Cheryl Bernard. Bernard skipped Canada to silver at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver and came out to speak to the young curlers. Peterman was a teenager at the time but distinctly remembers what one coach told the group after that meeting.

Come full circle 11 years later and Jocelyn Peterman made her Olympic debut at Beijing 2022. She joined Team Jones in 2017-18. Team Jones — which includes skip Jennifer Jones, third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jocelyn Peterman, lead Dawn McEwen, headed to China as one of the favourites in the field.



Photo by: Canadian Olympic Committee

## Programs and Training

### NEW: Physical Literacy Instructor Program

The Sport for Life Society, Coaching Association of Canada, and HIGH FIVE® have come together to support recreation leaders, coaches, and others in becoming a Physical Literacy Instructor. The Physical Literacy Instructor Program is a blended eLearning and in-person training experience that provides the opportunity for an individual to become a recognized Physical Literacy Instructor. The purpose of the four training modules is to equip front-line physical activity workers with the ability to design and deliver quality programs which effectively enhance the development of physical literacy. Upon completion of the Physical Literacy Instructor Program, participants will be able to recognize, use, and implement quality physical activity programs which support the development of physical literacy.

Recreation and sport organizations are able to market and offer more diverse range of programming options Managers and supervisors can utilize the PLIP as part of long-term learning and development plans for staff, coaches, and volunteers. [For more information click Here](#)

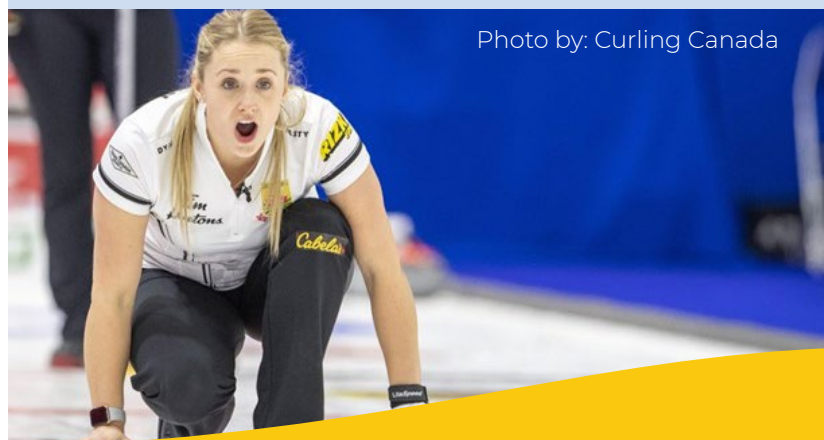


Photo by: Curling Canada

## Community Grants

### \*Pandemic Relief & Recovery Funding

The City of Red Deer has developed a one-time grant opportunity supporting local arts, culture, heritage, recreation, and sport organizations that have experienced and continue to face operational challenges due to the pandemic. This grant may be used to offset current and/or retroactive expenses incurred after March 10, 2020 to December 31, 2022. Look For application details in the new year .

### Mom's Got Game: Community Activation Grants

SIRC is pleased to launch a new Mom's Got Game grant program, supported by the Government of Canada. Up to 10 total SIRC grants – valued from \$500 to \$2,500 each are available for eligible organizations. [More information is available here.](#)

### KidSport Alberta

Join KidSport Alberta for their Diversity & Inclusion in Sport Discussion Series to learn about the importance of quality, safe sport and the advantage of inclusive programming for all of our communities' children.

This includes nine, 90 minute virtual sessions moderated by INclusion INcorporated. Every session will include experts in that field and is being provided to you at no cost or our better than free option you will find on the registration page. [For more information and how to register please click here.](#)

## G.H. Dawe Expansion Project

Foundations are complete on the GH Dawe facility and we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the precast panels which should be starting to roll in soon.

Before precast goes up, there are various structural steel components that will need to be installed on site. We have recently completed the large task of removing a big precast beam. The work took place around the existing front entrance desk at the G.H. Dawe facility. CANA worked to ensure that the demolition happened safely for staff and patrons.

If you visit the site, you will see some shoring posts by the cashiers desk, this is the temporary structure that was installed to support the roof so that the beam could be demolished. A new steel beam will go in its place very soon and the temporary shoring will be removed. We've continued with electrical and mechanical rough-in work and started slab preparation for one of the new rink surfaces.

We are excited to see this building start to take form! For more information about the project, please visit [reddeer.ca/daweproject](http://reddeer.ca/daweproject).

