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Subject: [External email] Regina to Host 2022 Saskatchewan Winter Games

Good afternoon:

On behalf of the Saskatchewan Games Council, I would like to acknowledge the support received to date by the City of Regina in bringing the 2022 Saskatchewan Winter Games to Regina for the first time in program history.

The Saskatchewan Winter Games will take place in Regina from February 20th – 26th, 2022. The Saskatchewan Games are the largest biennial sporting event in the province. This weeklong multi-sport event, which will mark the 50th anniversary of the Saskatchewan Games, will see participation from 1,800 youth athletes, 200 coaches and officials, and upwards of 5,000 spectators from every corner of our province, bringing with them a significant economic impact. Additionally, 1,200 local volunteers will donate their time, energy, and skills to ensure the success of the Games. The Saskatchewan Games inspire dreams and build champions and are a key developmental tool for athletes, coaches, and volunteers, with Olympians, world champions, and countless community leaders counted among the ranks of Games alumni.

Each edition of the Games crafts lasting legacies, with the 2022 Games in Regina being no exception. In addition to significant sport and volunteer legacies, the 2022 Saskatchewan Winter Games is placing a major focus on developing female and Indigenous leadership. The Games are chaired by an all-female core leadership team, with the vast majority of the Games operational committees steered by women and Indigenous volunteers -- individuals who represent our future generation of community leadership here in Regina. Diversity and inclusion will be at the forefront of these Games!

With an operating budget of \$2 million dollars, community sponsorships are a vital component in ensuring the financial and operational viability of the Saskatchewan Games. As a result, the recent motion proposed by Regina City Council to prohibit sponsorships from fossil fuel companies has significant potential to negatively impact the youth and future leaders of our province. While we understand the Council's important agenda to become an exemplary city focused on environmental sustainability, we suggest a more measured approach that does not negatively affect our youth or impact the significant and far-reaching benefits that can be accrued from hosting events such as the Saskatchewan Games. The Saskatchewan Games Council is committed to work closely with our host communities to ensure environmental sustainability and we value the City or Regina's commitment to this important agenda.

In closing, I would like to reiterate our commitment to an ongoing positive and mutually beneficial relationship with the City of Regina. The local Regina Host Organizing Committee will continue to work cooperatively with the City to ensure that the 2022 Saskatchewan Winter Games serve as an important, impactful event that will assist in Regina's economic recovery post-pandemic and its reignition as a major event hosting centre long into the future.

I thank you for taking the time to listen!

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