

Venues and facilities is one of five topics we would like to hear from you about.

Venues and facilities includes existing buildings that need upgrades and new buildings proposed in Calgary 2026's Draft Hosting Plan Concept. If we host the Games, do these proposed upgrades and new venues fit into what Calgarians think is important for community and recreation facilities?



Calgary 2026's Draft Hosting Plan Concept What's proposed for Calgary and surrounding areas

New venues and facilities

Multi-sport complex/fieldhouse

During the Games, the proposed centre would host figure skating, short track speed skating, and wheelchair curling.

After the Games, the proposed multi-sport complex would allow for community use; host regional, provincial and national competitions; and provide:

- 400m indoor track
- FIFA-sized soccer field
- Volleyball courts
- Batting cages
- Dry-land training space
- In-field for throwing and jumping sports
 - Basketball courts
- Badminton courts
- Climbing wall
- Removable spectator seating for events

Mid-size/community arena

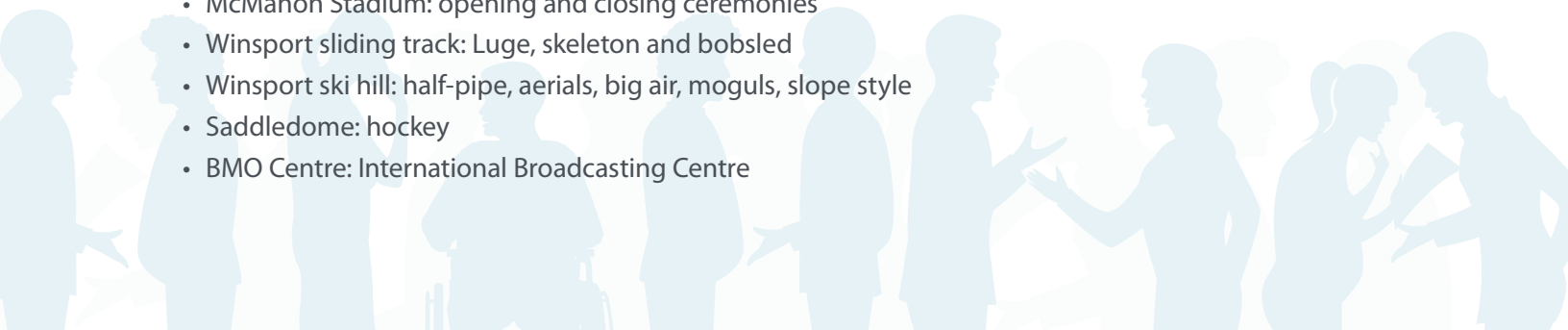
During the Games, the proposed 5,000-seat, two-ice sheet arena would host some hockey games, the para-hockey games and training.

After the Games, the proposed arena would host regional, provincial and national competitions. It would also be used by athletes and the community for training, competition and recreation, giving Calgary two new ice sheets.

Upgraded venues and facilities

The draft hosting plan proposes upgrades to a number of existing facilities. The proposed upgrades allow these facilities to continue serving Calgary's recreation and athletic community into the future. The following facilities would be upgraded to host events:

- Olympic Oval: long-track speed skating
- McMahon Stadium: opening and closing ceremonies
- Winsport sliding track: Luge, skeleton and bobsled
- Winsport ski hill: half-pipe, aerials, big air, moguls, slope style
- Saddledome: hockey
- BMO Centre: International Broadcasting Centre



- Big Four building: Main Press Centre
- Max Bell arena: training
- Canmore Nordic Centre: cross country skiing and biathlon
- Nakiska Ski Resort: downhill ski events

Potential benefits and risks of hosting the Games

Benefits

- A multi-sport complex/fieldhouse is a top priority in several City plans and aligns with the proposed redevelopment of Foothills Athletic Park
- The mid-size/community arena is part of the Foothills Athletic Park Concept Plan
- Upgrades extend the life of existing facilities, improve access for Calgarians and help keep Calgary as a destination for winter sport
- Hosting the Games means fast-tracking investment in existing and new sport, recreation and community facilities
- New and upgraded venues provide event-ready infrastructure. This allows us to host national and international sport competitions, conferences and events, which can generate economic benefits
- Proposed legacy fund to operate and maintain legacy facilities and to fund initiatives like youth and Indigenous programs

Risks

- Investing in Games-related infrastructure potentially means fewer capital dollars to invest in other priorities
- Investment in Games-related infrastructure is not currently in The City's One Calgary (2019-2022) four-year budgeting and investment plans, which Council is reviewing in November
- Funding for operating and maintenance costs associated with the two new facilities (mid-size community arena and multi-sport complex) will need to be confirmed and determined.

Aligning with City priorities

The City is reviewing the proposed draft hosting plan to see how well it fits with Citizen Priorities, Council Directives, City policies, strategies and our long-term capital and financial plans.

The City has six Council-approved principles for investing in infrastructure (buildings, roads, etc.):

1. Support the delivery of City of Calgary services, at approved service levels
2. Promote the well-being of communities, environment and economy
3. Build an adaptable, resilient and smart city
4. Enhance the long-term value of City assets
5. Integrate, coordinate and optimize The City's investment
6. Optimize financing and funding sources

The Council Directives linked to this topic are: *A healthy and green city* and *A prosperous city*.

