

# Report to Council



**Date:** April 28, 2025  
**To:** Council  
**From:** City Manager  
**Subject:** 2026 BC Summer Games - Board of Directors  
**Department:** Sports & Events Services

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives for information, the report from the Sport & Event Services Department dated April 28, 2025, with respect to assembling a Board of Directors for the 2026 BC Summer Games in Kelowna;

AND THAT Council appoints Alan Budde, Devin Rubadeau, Gail Given, Gail Prokopchuk, Jackie Dueck, Jacqui Notfall, Jenelle Hynes, Jennifer Callow, Jennifer Naiman, Jock Tyre, Kevin Van Vliet, Melina Moran, Michael Saad, Renata Mills and Rick Oliver as members of the 2026 BC Summer Games Board of Directors.

## **Purpose:**

To appoint the Board of Directors responsible for organizing and hosting the 2026 BC Summer Games on behalf of the City of Kelowna.

## **Background:**

The BC Summer Games are a biennial celebration of sport and community in British Columbia, bringing together approximately 3000 emerging high-performance athletes, coaches, and officials. These multi-sport events provide opportunities for athletes to develop their skills and compete at a higher level, while also promoting participation in sports and community development. Kelowna was selected to host the 2026 BC Summer Games, scheduled for July 22-26, 2026, and preparations are now underway. Supported by the BC Games Society, the 2026 BC Summer Games will be led by a local Board of Directors appointed by Council.

## **Discussion:**

A nominations committee was established to recommend and recruit a list of candidates to serve on the Board of Directors that will form a new Society, under the Societies Act of BC, responsible for organizing and hosting the Games. Based on the work of the nominations committee, the following people were

nominated, and have agreed to serve in one of the sixteen (16) portfolios identified for the 2026 BC Summer Games' Board of Directors (Biographies attached):

- President – Devin Rubadeau
- Vice President – Gail Given
- Access Control – Alan Budde
- Accommodation – Rick Oliver
- Administration – Jackie Dueck
- Ceremonies & Special Events – Renata Mills
- Food Services – Jock Tyre
- Friends of the Games – Jenelle Hynes
- Logistics – Kevin Van Vliet
- Marketing – Michael Saad
- Participant & Volunteer Services – Jacqui Notfall
- Protocol – Melina Moran
- Sport – Jennifer Callow/Jennifer Naiman
- Transportation – Gail Prokopchuk

Recruitment continues for two director portfolios (Medical Services and Technology) and these additional directors will be added by the Board of Directors for the new Society as soon as possible.

**Conclusion:**

Games preparations will begin immediately for Board members with the "Games & Guidelines Session" and "Directorate Specific Meetings" scheduled to take place in May. City staff will liaise with and support the Board of Directors, and provide progress updates to Council throughout the planning process.

**Internal Circulation:**

Active Living & Culture

**Considerations applicable to this report:**

***Financial/Budgetary Considerations:***

On February 8, 2021, Council committed \$110,000 from the Major Events Program, as the City of Kelowna's financial contribution to the 2026 BC Summer Games

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

***Legal/Statutory Authority:***

***Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:***

***Existing Policy:***

***Consultation and Engagement:***

***Communications Comments:***

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**Approved for inclusion:**

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**Attachments:**

2026 BC Summer Games – Board Biographies

2026 BC Summer Games – Powerpoint

cc: J. Gabriel, Divisional Director, Active Living & Culture