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New Sport Development Centre to Assist Calgary Region Athletes

Emerging athletes in the Calgary region are now able to access important support services closer to home, thanks to a partnership of the AB Sport/Recreation/Parks/Wildlife Foundation & Mt Royal University. The “AB Sport Development Centre/Calgary Region”--will operate within MRU, providing a range of athletic services such as nutritional counseling, physiotherapy, psychological preparation, & access to advanced coaching. The regional centre is the latest in a provincial



network that includes Grande Prairie, Fort McMurray, Medicine Hat, Red Deer, the Capital Region, & Lethbridge. The facility will work with the Canadian Sport Centre (Calgary) to provide services to AB athletes competing at a provincial or Canada Games level; & the services complement those currently available through national & provincial sport institutions. The ABSRP&W Fdtn will provide \$110,000 to operate the centre in 2009/10, & MRU will provide operational support. (It is a non-profit Crown corporation--supported by the AB Lottery Fund. It provides support for participation in sport, recreation, & physical activity, athletic excellence, & the preservation & recreational use of natural environments in AB.)

MLA Dave Rodney with Athletes During the \$100 Million COP/Canmore Announcement—in 2008: to allow for 2 years of preparation for the Vancouver 2010 Olympics!

AB Supports Unique Youth Wellness Partnership

Building on collaboration with *UpStart Champions for Children & Youth*, Calgary school boards, & the City of Calgary, the AB gov't is contributing funds to assist with a two-year pilot project to provide children & youth in Calgary & area with recreational & cultural opportunities. *UpStart*--an initiative of United Way that helps all kids reach their full potential--will enhance opportunities for children & youth to help reduce high-risk behaviours, increase public awareness of the value of communities using school facilities, & reduce cost barriers for youth programs taking place in school facilities. The program will help to build strong, healthy communities by exposing youth to positive role models, developing life skills, & providing cultural & recreational opportunities for young AB's. The \$1.5 million provided by AB will subsidize the cost of the school facilities that provide recreation programs, & support a recreation coordinator position to ensure the programs offered are meeting the needs of the communities. Our AB gov't contribution to *UpStart* comes from its *Other Initiatives Program*. The OIP provides support to worthy projects that are unable to be

funded under the criteria or funding levels of other community investment grant programs. Our AB gov't has a wide variety of community investment programs that create stronger & safer communities. For more information, visit www.culture.alberta.ca



MLA Dave Rodney with Friends @ the Annual Calgary Diwali Celebrations

Directory of Seniors' Centres in AB

This updated resource helps AB's locate programs & services; & features over 280 seniors' centres. It is intended to limit seniors' isolation, promote active living, & highlight ways seniors can contribute to their communities. Please visit www.seniors.gov.ab.ca under *Publications & Forms*, or request your copy by calling the *Seniors Information Line* toll free: 800-642-3853.



MLA Dave Rodney with Russian Goalie Great & Parliamentarian Vladimir Tretiak at a Trade Mission for Canadian Business & the 2014 Sochi Russia Olympics (Mr. Rodney paid for all of his expenses himself.)



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