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Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am pleased to learn that the City of Calgary will continue exploring the potential of hosting the 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. I am always happy to see Canadian sport stakeholders and communities showing interest in hosting national and international sport competitions.

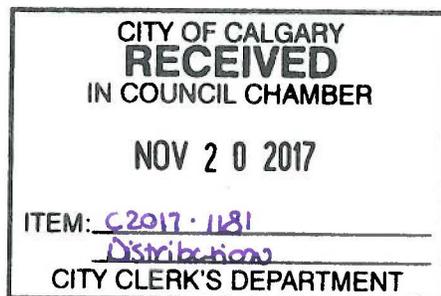
As the Prime Minister stated when recently asked about Calgary's current bid exploration, the Government of Canada is open to opportunities that showcase how extraordinary Canada is to the world. Moving forward, we are committed to continuing the federal government's engagement with the City of Calgary and other potential stakeholders around a potential bid, as a resource to support informed and accurate planning with respect to federal services, processes and timelines, as well as to share experience from past major sport events.

The Government will base any decision on potential support for bids in accordance with the *Federal Policy for Hosting International Sport Events*, as well as on other priorities and financial considerations. The City of Calgary has been provided with the federal requirements for a bid, a business case and other supporting material. If the City of Calgary decides to pursue and seek support for a bid through the submission of a business case, a bid and a transition plan, this information will be reviewed by Sport Canada and other federal departments, in order to respond to the request.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Kent Hehr, P.C., M.P.



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