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**CALGARY COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
YEAR IN REVIEW 2015**

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INTRODUCTION

The 2015 annual report, developed collaboratively by the Calgary Combative Sports Commission (CCSC) and Administration, highlights customer service and safety enhancements in 2015, including process improvements, ongoing technology enhancements, staff training and knowledge, a drug testing feasibility project, and drafting of Mixed Martial Arts Calgary Unified Rules.

The annual report also provides an activity summary including details of the sanctioned events held in Calgary over the last year, a financial overview with a statement of revenues and expenditures, and the CCSC proposed budget for the forthcoming year (Attachment 2), as required by the Calgary Combative Sports Commission Bylaw 53M2006.

BACKGROUND

CCSC has regulated combative sports in Calgary for over 100 years. The CCSC's mandate is to regulate, govern and control professional combative sporting events and contestants within the city of Calgary in order to ensure events are conducted in a safe environment for participants, officials and spectators.

Under Bylaw 53M2006, CCSC has the authority to control and regulate all aspects of combative sports events held in the city, such as the provision of officials and medical staff and the coordination of pre-event activities including weigh-ins.

CALGARY COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION MEMBERS

Member	Role	Current Appointment	Expiry Year
Ms. Shirley Stunzi (Chair)	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2007	2016
Mr. Toby D. Schultz (Vice Chair)	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2011	2017
Mr. Michael Gadde	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2015	2017
Mr. Shawn Hiron	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2014	2017
Ms. Allison Kavanagh	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2013	2017
Mr. TJ Madigan	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2012	2016
Ms. Kirstin Morrell	Member appointed by resolution of Council	2012	2016
Mr. Bob Cameron (non-voting)	Chief Licence Inspector Designate	2015	2016
Mr. Kent Pallister (non-voting)	Chief Licence Inspector	2015	2017

CCSC 2015 Highlights

In 2015, CCSC strengthened customer service and enhanced combative sport safety through a number of initiatives described below, including process improvements, ongoing technology enhancements, staff training and knowledge, a drug testing feasibility project, and drafting of Mixed Martial Arts Calgary Unified Rules.

Strengthening Customer Service

Administration continued supporting the Commission in making processes and tools more consistent, efficient and convenient for event promoters. The CCSC also began examining options to enhance service delivery to event promoters through further website enhancements, with a focus on increased accessibility of information. Additional staff training and knowledge in 2015 also contributed to stronger customer service as well as event safety.

Process Enhancements

Process improvements included online forms and plain-language checklists of responsibilities; standard layout maps and charts for event set-up; and a formal policy for hearings and disputes regarding rules. Additionally, public feedback meetings with stakeholders have been initiated to encourage feedback to improve event processes. This process has improved the relationship and partnership between the CCSC and promoter with promoters expressing increased satisfaction with the CCSC as a result of the improved processes.



Ongoing Technology Enhancements

The CCSC instituted further website improvements that made it easier for event promoters to access and submit information online. In 2015 project scoping began for a CCSC-specific website containing information and updates on combative sports rules, policies and requirements. Additional technology enhancements included the use of mobile technology at weigh-ins, sporting events, and Commission meetings to streamline operations and support customer service. The CCSC also purchased additional digital storage to accommodate event videos received from promoters. CCSC stores event videos for three years and reviews them to resolve disputes and to identify opportunities to enhance event safety.



Staff Training and Knowledge

The CCSC continued to enhance customer service through ongoing staff training on current practices in the combative sports industry and attendance at training events held by the Association of Boxing Commissions and the World Anti-Doping Agency. Through this additional combative sports training and education, the CCSC has also increased its knowledge of safety practices in areas such as technical standards, regulations, appropriate combative gear and wrapping techniques, dressing room inspections, MMA judges' training, and health and medical protocols for participants. This training and knowledge strengthens the CCSC's ability to ensure events are conducted safely and efficiently.



Enhancing Event Oversight and Safety

In 2015, the Commission further enhanced event safety through several initiatives, including standardizing safety protocols for promoters and improving processes that support the industry's ability to meet safety requirements. The CCSC developed several safety initiatives in 2015 which will be implemented in 2016, including conducting a drug testing feasibility project, and researching and drafting the Mixed Martial Arts Calgary Unified Rules. These initiatives will further enhance event safety and fairness, support the growth of combative sports in Calgary, and better align with international best practices.



Drug Testing Feasibility Project

CCSC began exploring regulations and developing an implementation plan for drug testing at a random number of events in Calgary. The testing will align with the World Anti-Doping Code, the core document that harmonizes anti-doping policies, rules and regulations within sport organizations and among public authorities around the world. In 2015, the CCSC completed initial research and implementation planning and contracted the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport to conduct a number of random tests in 2016. This will allow Calgary to host regional, national and international competitions that require drug testing. The drug testing program will also include an educational component to promote awareness of the ethical

aspects and health, legal and social consequences of doping.

Mixed Martial Arts Calgary Unified Rules

In 2015 CCSC began a project to develop Mixed Martial Arts Calgary Unified Rules, which will align with world standards and to provide equality, clarity and transparency for competitors and promoters. Unified rules for combative sports are a set of rules that have been generally adopted by combative sports regulators worldwide and have successfully protected competitors. Adopting unified rules in Calgary will ensure that the overall rules are consistent from one event to the next.

The Unified Rules include:

- Pre-bout physicals
- Weight classes
- Fouls
- Fighting area
- Equipment requirements (e.g., mouthpieces, gloves, hand wraps, groin protectors and other protective gear)
- Length of round and number of rounds for amateur and professional bouts
- Judging or scoring of a bout



The Mixed Martial Arts Calgary Unified Rules drafted in 2015 will be circulated to the public and stakeholders in 2016, including combative sports event promoters and competitors.

Activity Summary for 2015

Combative Sports Events

CCSC regulated 16 combative sports events in 2015, which are described in Tables 1 and 2, including information on the event promoters, dates, venues, and gate fees. These events include Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), boxing and Muay Thai events.

TABLE 1: History of Calgary Combative Sports Sanctioned Events

Year	Total Events	MMA	Boxing	Muay Thai
2015	16	8	6	2
2014	16	6	7	3
2013*	9	4	2	3
2012	18	10	3	5
2011	22	9	6	7
2010	19	7	7	5
2009	9	5	1	3
2008	17	8	4	5

*Fewer Events due to the Flood of June 2013

TABLE 2: List of 2015 Calgary Combative Sports Sanction Events

Event	Date	Venue	Gate Fee	Type of Event
Mike Miles Promotions	24-JAN-15	Bowness Sportsplex	6,000	Muay Thai
Hard Knocks Events	30-JAN-15	Century Casino	6,000	MMA
Hard Knocks Events	20-MAR-15	Century Casino	6,000	MMA
Teofista Boxing Series	03-APR-15	Deerfoot Inn and Casino	6,000	Boxing
Hard Knocks Events	22-MAY-15	Winsport	6,000	MMA
Teofista Boxing Series	29-MAY-15	Chinese Cultural Centre	6,000	Boxing
Hard Knocks Events	26-JUN-15	Century Casino	6,000	MMA
Thomas Fiddler	15-AUG-15	Stampede Corral	10,000	MMA
Empire Promotions	21-AUG-15	Century Casino	6,000	Boxing
Teofista Boxing Series	18-SEP-15	Deerfoot Inn and Casino	6,000	Boxing
Hard Knocks Events	25-SEP-15	Winsport	6,000	MMA
Dekada Corporation	16-OCT-15	Genesis Centre	6,000	Boxing
Journey Fight Series	17-OCT-15	Century Casino	6,000	Muay Thai
Hard Knocks Events	23-OCT-15	Winsport	6,000	MMA
Hard Knocks Events	13-NOV-15	Century Casino	6,000	MMA
Dekada Corporation	11-DEC-15	Genesis Centre	6,000	Boxing

2015 CCSC FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Calgary Combative Sports Commission (CCSC) 2015 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures	
(Dollars in Thousands)	
	2015 Actual
Revenues	
Gate Fees	\$100
Expenses	
Salary, Wage and Benefits	18
Regular Commission Meeting and Event Honorarium Expenses	31
2015 CCSC Special Meeting Honorarium Expenses	18
Business Expenses (including parking, meeting supplies, bank service charges, conferences, etc.)	17
Communication and IT Services (including computer, phone, printing, etc.)	3
	87
Net Surplus	\$13