



News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 31, 2018

KELOWNA 2019 55+ BC GAMES BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCED

In September 2015, it was announced that the City of Kelowna will be hosting the 32nd annual 55+ BC Games, formally known as the BC Seniors Games. The multi-sport event will be held in Kelowna from September 10 to 14, 2019.

“The City values and supports residents in having an active and vibrant lifestyle; whether that’s through events, programs or out in our stunning four-season playground,” said Mayor Basran. “We are excited to host an event geared towards the 55 plus community that helps to further our priority of having a healthy, safe, active and inclusive city.”

On behalf of the City of Kelowna, a volunteer Board of Directors will be organizing and hosting the 2019 Games. Council voted in favour of the appointment of the Board during the May 7 afternoon meeting based on the recommendation of the Nomination Committee.

“The Nomination Committee had the challenging task of selecting directors from Kelowna’s exceptional number of talented residents,” said Mayor Basran who chaired the Nomination Committee. “We were pleased to announce our recommendations to Council for their final approval, and we look forward to hosting a successful 55+ BC Games in 2019.”

BC Seniors Games Society is looking forward to working with this talented and diverse group to create a successful Games.

- President – David Graham
- Vice President/Administration – Hugh Gloster
- Administration – Keith Grayston
- Ceremonies – Lesley Spiegel
- Promotions – Valaura Vedan
- Registration & Results – Ron Forbes
- Friends of the Games – Willy Kovacic
- Sport – Lesley Driscoll
- Security/Transportation – Don Backmeyer
- Protocol – Tom Dyas/Dan Rogers
- Medical – Mark Fromberg
- Special Events – Renata Mills

“The BC Seniors Games Society is pleased to be returning to Kelowna (Zone 5) in 2019 for the 32nd year of the Games”, said Society President Cindy Simpson. “Kelowna's Games will contribute to the continued



participation of our 55+ athletes of all abilities in more than 20 sports over four days of competition. These Games will provide Kelowna with economic and social benefits leaving behind a legacy of trained community volunteers for future endeavors.”

The first official meeting of Kelowna’s Host Society Board and the BC Seniors Games Society took place on Monday, May 28 in Kelowna where they discussed the history of the 55+ BC Games and the planning process to prepare for the Games in September of 2019. Over the next months the Directors will be working to fill positions within their directorates and start the planning process. This will include a visit to the upcoming Kimberley/Cranbrook 2018 55+ BC Games being held September 11 – 15, 2018.

It is anticipated that there will be over 3,700 competitors and 1,500 volunteers to ensure the athletes enjoy an event with a good competitive experience while enjoying all the benefits of hospitality of the City of Kelowna and the Okanagan valley.

For more information about the 55+ BC Games, visit 55plusbcgames.org.

- 30 -

For more information, contact:

Doug Nicholas
City of Kelowna
Sport & Events Services Manager
250-469-8859
dnicholas@kelowna.ca

Cindy Simpson
BC Seniors Games Society
President
250.287.9827
president@55plusBCgames.org

55+ BC Games are proudly supported by:

