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## **BRONCONNIER ANNOUNCES \$300 MILLION INVESTMENT IN RECREATION**

(Calgary) Mayor Dave Bronconnier unveiled a proposal which would see The City of Calgary invest over \$300 Million into sports and recreation facilities over the next decade. The Mayor made his announcement this morning at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mayor's Breakfast Honoring Sport. Bronconnier said, "Everyone in this room is here because of your commitment to sport, recreation and a healthy community. The City shares that commitment. This is an investment in 'quality of life' infrastructure, because it is essential for a great city."

The Mayor's plan will see a number of projects currently at the proposal-stage receive funding, along with future regional centres and a fund for upgrades to existing facilities. The Mayor's plan includes:

- 3 new regional recreation centres with libraries located in the Northeast, Northwest, and Seton (Southeast) - **\$70 Million contribution each**;
- Establishing a future capital reserve fund to retrofit and upgrade existing recreational facilities throughout the city - **\$40 Million**;
- A partnership for a quad ice-rink facility with CODA at Canada Olympic Park (2 City ice surfaces to be built in conjunction with 2 by CODA) - **\$20 Million**;
- South Fish Creek Recreation Centre funding for 2 new ice rinks - **\$14 Million**;
- Development of a new athletic park in New Brighton including 4 tournament standard soccer fields - **\$8 Million**.
- Family Leisure Centre funding for a new ice rink - **\$9.5 Million**.

Bronconnier told the sold-out breakfast audience that this announcement could not have been possible two weeks ago. He said, "When Premier Stelmach and I signed our 10-year funding agreement, it gave our city the flexibility and the certainty to move forward with our infrastructure plans. Recreational facilities are one of those infrastructure priorities."

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