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STATE-OF-THE-ART SPORTS AND RECREATION COMPLEX WILL OPEN IN CALGARY

City of Calgary brings community together for grand opening of R. Simpson Sports and Recreation Complex

Dec. 2, 2017, CALGARY: The City of Calgary opens its new R. Simpson Sports and Recreation Complex today, located at 5055 Fourth Avenue. The state-of-the-art facility features an ice rink, an Olympic sized swimming pool and a small public library, among other recreational spaces that promote healthy living. The facility is named to honour the accomplishments of former NBA star and Calgary resident, Ralph Simpson.

"At the City of Calgary, we care about the well-being of our residents" says Mayor Joe Smith. "We believe that social and physical activity are important parts of building healthy individuals, and healthy communities. The Simpson Complex is an ideal location for sporting events and we hope to host many basketball tournaments, in honour of Ralph Simpson and his dedication to physical health."

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The City of Calgary invited four community groups to contribute to the planning process, which were the City Basketball Association, the Calgary Hockey Association, Swimmers Club, and the Simpson Foundation. Recreational programming for the City of Calgary will start on December 4, 2017. For any questions, residents can call (312) 555-5555 or visit the website at: www.calgary.ca/simpsoncomplex.

About R. Simpson Sports and Recreation Complex

The R. Simpson Sports and Recreation Complex, aims to provide residents of Calgary with a safe and welcome environment to make physical activity, learning and socialization a part of their everyday lives. Employing 1, 200 people, the Simpson Complex opened its doors in 2017, at 5055 Fourth Avenue, Calgary.

To learn more, call 312-555-5555 or visit <u>www.calgary.ca/simpsoncomplex.</u>

About the City of Calgary:

Calgary is the third largest municipality in Canada, home to 1.2 million people. The population is diverse, with 28% visible minorities and grows by 40,000 new people each year. The City of Calgary employs 13, 670 staff, and headquarters are located at 3219 4 St NW, Calgary, Alberta. The City of Calgary works for the benefit of the people of Calgary, with the mission of "making life better every day."

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