

MYTH BUSTERS

WHAT'S THE RIGHT ANSWER?



“CAN THE MONEY BE SPENT SOMEWHERE ELSE?”

Sport Canada has a policy that states the Federal Government will pay up to 50% of the total public funding for international sporting events twice every 10 years. If Calgary doesn't host, another city will receive the funding for an event. This is a way to get our transfer payment back.



“ARE BUDGET OVERRUNS A CERTAINTY FOR THE 2026 GAMES?”

There are two parts that make up the Games budget – the operational budget (the 50 days of Games) and the capital infrastructure budget. The HostCo operational budget is 91% paid by private revenue. Since 2000, a host city operational budget has either broken even or made a profit. Where you find cost overruns is when host cities decide to build massive infrastructure projects, like train lines, that aren't needed to host. Calgary has 85% of the venues needed to host the Games and will only build 2 new venues. The HostCo budget includes \$1.1B in contingency, and 4 insurance policies.



“DID CALGARY 2026 CUT THE SECURITY BUDGET?”

Calgary 2026 used a placeholder estimate in the September 11th Draft Hosting Plan Concept until RCMP released their finalized budget number. Their number was based on a bottom up budget, created over 5 months by over 40 members of RCMP, K Division, CPS, CEMA and others. It resulted in an accurate detailed estimate that was a lower number than the placeholder. Security was not compromised or cut. All security agencies are committed to a safe and secure Games.



“WHERE IS HOCKEY BEING PLAYED? ARE ALPINE SPORTS HOSTED IN WHISTLER OR BANFF?”

Hockey is going to be played in Calgary. All alpine events are hosted at Nakiska. There are no events scheduled for Edmonton. No sports will be hosted in Banff. Whistler will host Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined for 155 athletes, saving Calgarians \$40 million.



“WILL TICKETS BE AFFORDABLE TO CITIZENS?”

Calgary 2026 is committed to delivering a Games that all Calgarians, Albertans and Canadians can enjoy.

70% of event tickets will be under \$150.

20% will be under \$40.



“IS CALGARY 2026 DELIVERING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IT PROMISED?”

100% of planned affordable housing remains in the budget. Calgary 2026 is delivering 1850 housing units throughout the city and has only reduced the student housing portion outlined in the Draft Hosting Plan Concept. There have been no cuts to affordable housing.